

Echoes of Calvary

Weekly Newsletter - 29 | 26th July - 01st Aug '2026

Dear family in Christ,

Grace and peace to you as we enter the **Week of Living with Gratitude**. Every breath we take, every new morning, every answered prayer, and even every lesson learned through life's challenges is a reminder of God's abundant goodness. Gratitude is more than saying "thank you"—it is a way of life that recognizes God's hand at work in every circumstance.

When our hearts are filled with thanksgiving, our perspective changes. We begin to see God's blessings more clearly, trust Him more deeply, and reflect His joy to those around us. A grateful heart is a powerful witness to the hope we have in Christ.

Scripture of the Week:

"Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." —

1 Thessalonians 5:18

This Week's Practice: Cultivating a Heart of Thanksgiving

Lifestyle of Jesus: A Life of Thankful Dependence

Throughout His ministry, Jesus continually gave thanks to the Father. Before feeding the five thousand, He gave thanks for the loaves and fish. Before raising Lazarus, He thanked the Father for hearing His prayer. At the Last Supper, even as He prepared to face the cross, He gave thanks as He broke the bread.

Jesus teaches us that gratitude is not dependent on perfect circumstances but on unwavering confidence in the Father's goodness.

As His followers, we are called to cultivate thankful hearts in every season. This week, we pause and ask:

- What blessings from God have I overlooked or taken for granted?
- Do I thank God only in times of abundance, or also in times of waiting and difficulty?
- How can my gratitude encourage and bless those around me?

When gratitude becomes our daily response, our hearts grow closer to the One who is the source of every good and perfect gift.

Events that happened in 30th week (26th July – 01st Aug) of 2026 to seek the fruit of the Word sown in your daily prayers:

Sunday Worship on 26th July'26:

1st Service: Today's trilingual worship service, conducted in English, Telugu, and Hindi, focused on the transforming and delivering power of Jesus Christ. The message encouraged believers to fully surrender their lives to Christ, leaving no room for sin or the influence of evil, and to remain spiritually strong through consistent prayer, faith, worship, and God's Word. The congregation was reminded that no life is beyond the restoring power of Jesus and that true freedom leads to a transformed and holy life.



The meditation centered on the account of the demon-possessed man in Gospel of Mark chapter 5, whom Jesus completely delivered and restored. Once set free, the man became a witness, sharing what the Lord had done for him throughout the region. Through his transformation, believers were encouraged to trust Christ for spiritual victory, resist giving any foothold to the devil, and live as faithful witnesses of Jesus in their families, workplaces, and communities.

Bible Reading/ imp references: Chapter 5 from the Gospel of Mark is read as repetitive reading.

John 14:2–3	1	Thessalonians 4:16–17	1 Corinthians 15:51–53
Revelation 21:4		Mark 4:35–41	Mark 5:1–20
Ephesians 4:27		John 8:44	John 14:6
Psalms 34:18		Luke 19:10	Mark 16:15
Romans 10:14–15, 17		Hebrews 4:12	John 16:8
Mark 10:46–52		Luke 8:38–39	Acts 1:8
Revelation 12:11		Matthew 24:14	

Key notes from message:

- ✓ Jesus said, “**Let us go over to the other side,**” because there was one suffering person on the other side whom He wanted to reach.
- ✓ Jesus loved the crowds, taught them, and healed them, but He was also willing to leave the crowds and search for one lost person.

- ✓ There are many people who will never come to Christ by themselves because Satan has bound them; therefore, we must go searching for them with the Gospel.
- ✓ The demon-possessed man could not control himself, and even his family could not change his condition; some bondages are beyond human strength and require the delivering power of Jesus.
- ✓ The storm arose while Jesus was crossing the lake, but the opposition could not stop Him from reaching the suffering man on the other side.
- ✓ When we try to take the Gospel to people who have not heard it, obstacles will come because the devil does not want those lives to be reached.
- ✓ The Gerasene man lived among the tombs, cried day and night, wounded himself, and could not be restrained even with chains, showing how terribly sin and evil can destroy a human life.
- ✓ However terrible a person's bondage may appear, that person is still precious to Jesus and is worth crossing to "the other side" to reach.
- ✓ The man had suffered and struggled day and night for a long time, but when Jesus visited him, the bondage that human beings could not break was broken by the power of Christ.
- ✓ Jesus has authority over every evil power, and nothing that has bound a person for years is too difficult for Him to break.
- ✓ When Jesus delivered the man, the evil spirits left him and he was found clothed, sitting peacefully, and in his right mind—a completely transformed person.
- ✓ The Gospel does not merely improve a person's outward circumstances; Jesus can completely restore a life that has been ruined and rejected.
- ✓ The people of that region became more concerned about the loss of their pigs than about the restoration of a human life; even today people can value possessions and wealth more than precious souls.
- ✓ After experiencing deliverance, the man's immediate desire was to remain with Jesus; genuine salvation should create a desire to follow Christ.
- ✓ Bartimaeus also followed Jesus after receiving his sight, reminding us that when Christ truly touches our lives, our response should be to follow Him.
- ✓ Jesus did not allow the delivered man simply to remain with Him; He told him, **"Go home to your own people and tell them how much the Lord has done for you."**
- ✓ Your personal testimony is one of the simplest and most powerful ways to share the Gospel—tell others what your life was like and what Jesus has done for you.
- ✓ The man began with his own household but did not stop there; he went throughout Decapolis proclaiming what Jesus had done for him.
- ✓ Whether the people who hear our testimony immediately turn to Christ is not our responsibility; **our responsibility is to testify and give them the Word of God.**

2nd Service: Today's second bilingual worship service, conducted in Telugu and Tamil, focused on the importance of being spiritually prepared for the second coming of Jesus Christ. The message reminded believers that Christ came into the world, bore our sins, died and rose again, and ascended to heaven with the promise of His return. Since His coming will be sudden, the congregation was encouraged to remain watchful, holy, faithful, and ready at all times.



The meditation included **1 Corinthians chapter 5**, emphasizing the call to holy and disciplined Christian living. The message also reminded believers that what may seem like a delay in

Christ's return reflects God's patience and mercy, giving people an opportunity to repent and turn to Him. As we await the Lord's coming, believers were encouraged to remain faithful to God's Word, prepare themselves spiritually, and help others prepare for eternity. The service left the congregation with a searching question: **"Are we truly ready for the coming of the Lord?"**

Bible Reading & imp references: 1 Corinthians chapter 15 is read as repetitive reading.

1 Corinthians 15:50–53	Acts 1:3, 9–11	1 Corinthians 15:6
Luke 23:42–43	2 Peter 3:3, 8–10	Luke 21:34–36
2 Peter 3:11–14	Revelation 6:14–17	Isaiah 2:10–11
1 John 2:18	Matthew 24:24	Philippians 2:12

Key notes from message:

- ✓ The Word of God must not merely be read; it must be written on our hearts, remembered, meditated upon, and lived out in our daily lives.
- ✓ Human beings are earthly and mortal, but God has prepared an eternal and heavenly Kingdom for those who belong to Him.
- ✓ Jesus Christ came into this world, took on human flesh and blood, and became like us so that He could accomplish salvation for us.
- ✓ Christ bore our sins, carried our burden to Calvary, suffered and died in our place, and became the sacrifice for our salvation.
- ✓ Jesus truly died, was buried, rose again on the third day, appeared to His disciples and many others, and was finally taken up into heaven.

- ✓ The ascension of Christ is not a story or imagination; it is presented as a real event witnessed by His followers.
- ✓ Because Christ has gone to heaven and will return, believers must be prepared for His coming at all times.
- ✓ The transformation at Christ's coming will happen suddenly, in the twinkling of an eye; our mortal bodies will be changed into glorious and imperishable bodies.
- ✓ The believer's hope is not limited to this earthly life; there is a glorious future in the presence of the Lord.
- ✓ The coming of Christ and the events surrounding His return will be sudden and unexpected, so there will be no time to prepare at the last moment.
- ✓ The message of Christ's return should not create fear in a true believer but should produce confidence, readiness and the desire to remain with the Lord.
- ✓ The world may not understand the reality of Christ's coming, but believers are called to trust God's Word concerning what is yet to happen.
- ✓ God is patiently waiting because He desires people to repent and not perish; His apparent delay is an expression of His mercy and patience.
- ✓ God's patience should never be treated as permission to continue in sin. His patience is an opportunity for people to turn back to Him.
- ✓ The day of the Lord will come unexpectedly, like a thief, and therefore believers must remain spiritually awake and prayerful.
- ✓ Believers are called to live holy and godly lives while waiting for the coming of the Lord.
- ✓ The present heavens and earth will ultimately pass away, but God has promised a new heaven and a new earth where righteousness dwells.
- ✓ The future Kingdom of God will be a wonderful and peaceful Kingdom, free from the corruption, injustice, sin and suffering of the present world.
- ✓ The most important preparation is to know the Lord personally and to make sure that our own lives are ready before trying to prepare others.
- ✓ Everyone must examine their own life and ask whether they are truly prepared for Christ's return.
- ✓ Christ's return will be visible and undeniable; even those who rejected Him will recognise Him when He comes.
- ✓ The signs of the last days—including wars, earthquakes and increasing turmoil—are continually being fulfilled, reminding believers that Christ's return is drawing near.
- ✓ The final warning is that this is not a time to postpone repentance or spiritual preparation; **the question is whether we are ready when the Lord comes.**

One-Day Get-Together in Delhi – A Blessed Gathering of Faith and Spiritual Renewal

In the midst of many challenges and hindrances, the Lord graciously opened the way for a **One-Day Get-Together at YWCA Hall, Delhi, on 29th July**. Two blessed sessions were held at **2:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.**, bringing together Hindi- and Telugu-speaking viewers of the ministry's television and social media programmes. We give all glory and praise to God, whose grace made this gathering possible.



The meeting became a joyful time of **worship, fellowship, prayer, and the sharing of testimonies**. Many who attended expressed how the Word of God, received through the ministry over the years, had strengthened them

in times of difficulty, encouraged them in their faith, and brought transformation into their lives. Their testimonies became a beautiful reminder that the seed of God's Word, when faithfully sown, continues to bear fruit in the hearts and lives of His people.



Strengthened to Walk by Faith

In the first session, **Dr. N. Jayapaul Ayyagaru** ministered from the **Gospel of John**, encouraging believers to place their complete trust in Jesus Christ. The message called the congregation to hold firmly to faith even when circumstances are difficult, reminding them that the Lord remains faithful and worthy of our trust in every season.



The believers were encouraged not merely to hear God's Word but to **walk by faith, depend upon the Lord in prayer, and allow His Word to guide their daily lives.** The gathering became a time of spiritual encouragement and renewed confidence in God's promises.

Growing Strong in Christ

The second session saw a special gathering of many **Telugu-speaking believers.** Dr. Jayapaul encouraged them to become spiritually strong, preserve their faith, and follow the footsteps of Jesus in every area of life.



The message emphasized the need for **prayer, God's Word, obedience, holy living, and spiritual discipline.**

Believers were reminded that spiritual strength does not come merely through knowledge but through a life that continually remains close to Christ.

They were encouraged to grow in

spiritual maturity and become faithful witnesses whose lives bring glory to God and encouragement to others.

A Burden for North India

Beyond the gathering itself, the meeting renewed the deep burden for the people of **North India.** The testimonies of those who have been strengthened through television, social media, prayer, and the preaching of God's Word were an encouragement to continue reaching more lives with the Gospel.

The gathering reminded us that **God can use every available means to reach a searching heart.** A television programme, a social media message, a prayer, or a word from Scripture can become the means through which someone encounters the love and saving grace of Jesus Christ.

The meeting concluded with thanksgiving to God for every life He has touched and every testimony He has brought forth. Prayer continues that the Lord will **establish these believers firmly in His Word, deepen their prayer lives, strengthen their faith, and raise them as faithful witnesses and soul winners.**

May the Lord continue to open doors across North India, raise committed servants for His Kingdom, and use this ministry to proclaim the Gospel, strengthen His Church, and lead many more people into the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.

To God alone be all the glory, honour, and praise!

Friday Fasting Service 31st July'26: Today's fasting prayer encouraged believers to choose faith over fear, trusting in Jesus as their refuge and strength even in times of opposition, uncertainty, and suffering. The message called the Church to remain spiritually vigilant in these challenging times, stand firmly in prayer and evangelism, and take responsibility for strengthening families and guiding the younger generation in godly values.



The gathering also drew lessons from **David's response to betrayal and personal trials**, highlighting the importance of prayer, forgiveness, humility, and trusting God's

justice rather than seeking personal revenge. Believers were reminded to guard their hearts against pride, jealousy, and selfishness, recognizing prayer and forgiveness as powerful means of spiritual victory and healing. The service concluded with a strong reminder that **the presence of Jesus is sufficient in every circumstance**, giving strength, peace, and hope beyond what the world can offer.

Bible Reading and imp references: Psalm 55 is read as repetitive reading.

Romans 1:28–32	John 15:5, 18–19	Matthew 5:44
Romans 12:15	Psalm 119:130	Nehemiah 1:4
Matthew 24:12	John 8:36	Psalm 55:1–22
Psalm 56:1–13	2 Samuel 14:33	2 Samuel 15:5–6, 10, 12, 14, 30–31
2 Samuel 16:7–8, 10–12	Exodus 33:14–15	Psalm 121:1–2
Isaiah 49:15	1 Corinthians 5:6	Philippians 2:5

Key points from message:

- ✓ The world is filled with confusion, fear, violence, injustice, and increasing wickedness, and these conditions should awaken the Church spiritually.
- ✓ In these difficult days, believers must guard the purity of their hearts and refuse to be shaped by the sinful ways of the world.
- ✓ There must be a burden in every Christian for souls who are being destroyed and for people who are being crushed under the power of Satan.

- ✓ The Gospel must shine as a light to those who are walking in darkness and do not understand where their lives are heading.
- ✓ God's Word brings light; when the Word is revealed, people can see their true condition and understand where they are going.
- ✓ The tools that the world uses for harmful purposes, including social media and television, should be surrendered and used for God's Kingdom to bring people towards Christ.
- ✓ The Church should not remain silent while an entire generation is being drawn away from God; we must pray, intercede, and proclaim the Gospel.
- ✓ The younger generation is increasingly growing without the fear of God, respect for parents, righteousness, holiness, knowledge, and natural love.
- ✓ Parents have a serious responsibility before God to raise their children for Him rather than leaving them to grow according to the ways of the world.
- ✓ Knowing that something is sinful and still approving of those who practise it is a serious spiritual danger.
- ✓ When God has no place in a person's heart, Satan gains room to influence and control that life.
- ✓ As God's children, our first desire must be to become like Christ, showing love, mercy, compassion, righteousness, justice, and holiness.
- ✓ When we see people perishing around us, we should fall before God and intercede for them rather than simply criticising them.
- ✓ We must proclaim the Gospel of Christ whether people listen or refuse to listen; our responsibility is to faithfully shine the light.
- ✓ Nehemiah's example teaches us to look at the condition of people and respond with tears, fasting, prayer, and deep spiritual burden.
- ✓ The Delhi gathering showed that even when there are obstacles, people will come with hunger for God's Word, and their testimonies should encourage us to continue the work.
- ✓ A Christian should not live without a burden; especially, there should be a burden for souls and for those who do not yet know Christ.
- ✓ David's Psalms show that the prayers and songs he wrote came out of real experiences, pain, betrayal, and struggles in his own life.
- ✓ Psalm 55 shows the deep pain of being betrayed not by an enemy but by a close companion, friend, and fellow worshipper.
- ✓ David's response to betrayal was not to take revenge but to cry out to God continually and place his burden in the Lord's hands.
- ✓ The story of Absalom shows how someone close to David gained the people's hearts through outward affection while secretly working against him.

- ✓ When Shimei cursed David, David refused to fight back and recognised that God remained sovereign even over the painful circumstances he was facing.
- ✓ David's great strength was not that he never failed or never experienced pain; he knew his own weakness, maintained a broken and contrite heart, and continued trusting God through every situation.
- ✓ The final call is to stop fighting every battle in our own strength, bring every burden and every conflict to God, remain faithful to Him, love even those who hurt us, and trust that God can turn our troubles into something good.

Upcoming Events to add in your daily prayers

- Monday, Zoom live session – 9:00 PM
- Get-together, Bengaluru, 02nd September 2026.
- Wednesday Fasting Prayer — 7:00 PM.
- Friday Fasting Prayer — 7:00 PM.
- Kids Retreat, Calvary Church Chennai 08 August 2026.
- All India Youth Retreat, Chennai, 15th August 2026.
- Sunday services – 8am and 2pm onwards.

**May the Lord teach you His ways and strengthen you
to walk as Jesus walked! Amen!**

**With love,
Dr. N. Jayapaul,
Calvary Church Chennai.**