

Echoes of Calvary

Weekly Newsletter - 34 | 31st Aug - 05th Sep '2026

Dear family in Christ,

Grace and peace to you as we enter the **Week of Listening to God**. As we grow deeper in prayer, we are reminded that prayer is not simply about bringing our requests before God. It is also about becoming still, attentive, and willing to hear what He is saying to us.

In a world filled with constant noise, opinions, notifications, and distractions, learning to listen to God has become especially important. God speaks to us through His Word, guides us by His Spirit, and gently directs our hearts according to His will.

Jesus demonstrated a life of attentive obedience. He did not simply act according to what seemed right in the moment; He continually sought the Father's will. His life teaches us that hearing God and obeying God belong together.

Scripture of the Week:

"My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me." — **John 10:27**

This Week's Practice: Becoming Still and Attentive

Lifestyle of Jesus: A Life of Listening and Obedience

Jesus often withdrew from the crowds to spend time with the Father. In the quietness of prayer, He remained connected to God's will and received strength for His mission. Listening to God requires a willing heart. Sometimes we want God to confirm what we have already decided, rather than allowing Him to change our direction. True listening means coming before Him with an open heart and saying, **"Lord, speak; Your servant is listening."** Listening may also require waiting. God does not always answer immediately or reveal the entire path at once. Sometimes He gives us enough light for the next step and asks us to trust Him for the rest.

This week, we pause and ask:

- Am I making enough room in my life to listen to God?
- Am I willing to obey when His direction is different from what I want?
- Is there something God has already shown me that I have been delaying in obeying?
- What distractions are preventing me from being attentive to His voice?

A heart that learns to listen becomes a heart that is ready to obey.

Events that happened in 35th week (31st Aug – 05th Sep) of 2026 to seek the fruit of the Word sown in your daily prayers:

Weekly Zoom Fellowship – A Time of Prayer, Testimonies and Live interaction on Monday 31st Aug'26 - "The Lord Is Coming Soon":

Today's weekly Zoom fellowship began with thanksgiving for the daily ministry of God's Word, followed by a meaningful time of interaction, testimonies, and prayer with people joining from various places. Several shared how the Word had



strengthened, corrected, encouraged, and drawn them closer to God, while testimonies of answered prayer, healing, and God's faithfulness brought great encouragement. One testimony shared how a desire to read the Bible grew over the years despite limited education, eventually leading to completing the entire Bible.

The message then focused on the **Second Coming of Jesus Christ**, reminding everyone that Christ came, died for our sins, rose again, ascended to heaven, and has promised to return. The signs of the last days were considered as a call not to fear but to **repent, pursue holiness, remain faithful, and prepare our hearts and families for the Lord's coming**. The message concluded with **Revelation 22** and the solemn reminder that the Lord is coming soon, urging everyone to live spiritually prepared and remain faithful until He comes.

Some of the Testimonies/Prayer requests Shared by participants.

- + **Tabitha / Ramesh – Visakhapatnam:** Shared joy after returning to the meeting and expressed gratitude for the ministry and prayers for their children.
- + **Usharani – Vijayawada:** Requested prayer for healing and recovery after knee surgery.
- + **Prescilla:** Testified that God's Word has strengthened her and given her a desire to read the Bible.
- + **Aradhya and her sister (Kids) – Hyderabad:** Requested prayer for her studies.
- + **Phanindra, CCC – Japan:** Shared about his work and living situation and was encouraged to continue trusting God for His provision.
- + **Anuradha:** Requested prayer for complete healing following surgery and radiation treatment.
- + **Sri Satya – Hyderabad:** Requested prayer for her family's salvation and restoration of her marriage.

- ✚ **Nagamani:** Requested prayer for the salvation and well-being of her children and shared that the Word has strengthened her.
- ✚ **Muthappa – Karnataka:** Requested prayer for his wife, children and entire family to remain strong in the Lord.
- ✚ **Ratnamma – Sangareddy:** Testified that the daily Word regularly speaks to her heart with encouragement and correction.
- ✚ **Ruth – Charlotte, USA:** Requested prayer for healing from pancreatic cancer and strength to continue her medication.
- ✚ **Raj, Pastor – Dallas, USA:** Requested prayer for God's guidance regarding starting a prayer group and taking the next step in ministry.
- ✚ **Sree Sekhar – Proddatur, Kadapa:** Shared that the Word spoke personally to her and requested prayer for perseverance, health, strength and greater usefulness in God's work.
- ✚ **Chandana – Bengaluru:** Shared that the Word and prayer gave her great courage and requested prayer for relief from her family's financial debt.
- ✚ **Kiran Kumar – Rajahmundry:** Testified that a family member for whom prayer was requested has significantly recovered and is now walking better.
- ✚ **Ramalakshmi – Ganapavaram:** Requested prayer for her 24-year-old son concerning his marriage.
- ✚ **Karun venkatesh– Nalgonda:** Requested prayer for God to open the way for him to come and participate.
- ✚ **Vimala – Gooty:** Testified that her daughter conceived after prayer and was eight months pregnant.
- ✚ **Kamalarekha – Hyderabad:** Requested prayer for the sale of their old house and for her child's healing from fever.
- ✚ **CH Bhanu:** Requested prayer for complete healing of her child Philip from prolonged vomiting and weakness.
- ✚ **Participant –** Submitted kids Moshe and Manvita to Ministry...seeking prayer...
- ✚ **Siva –** Thanking for the ministry and waiting to meet in person in Vizag get-together.
- ✚ **Ruth Parimala, Bhimavaram –** Prayer and general communication
- ✚ **Hepsi jetti, Vijayawada –** First-time zoom attendee, seeking husbands' salvation and for gift of children.
- ✚ **Ananta Lakshmi, Rajahmundry –** seeking prayer for kids.

Bible references: Revelation 22:12 and several other known verses from Bible.

Key notes from message

- ✓ The fulfilment of the signs around us should awaken us to the reality that **Jesus is coming again** and stir us to prepare our lives rather than remain spiritually careless.
- ✓ The increasing lawlessness, hatred, broken relationships and loss of love around us should lead us to examine whether the **fear of God, righteousness and genuine Christ-like love** are alive in our own hearts.
- ✓ The love of Calvary should become the standard for our relationships—a love that **does not seek its own benefit, is not easily angered, does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but bears, believes and endures**.
- ✓ In a time when many teachings emphasize blessings, prosperity and earthly success, our hearts should hunger for the **truth that brings repentance and heart purity**, because a purified heart is essential for seeing God.
- ✓ Even when hatred, persecution or opposition comes because of our faith, we should **hold firmly to Jesus, protect our faith and continue in hope**, remembering that the world's rejection of Christ should not make us abandon Him.
- ✓ The delay in Christ's coming should move us toward **repentance and readiness**, knowing that God is giving people an opportunity to turn to Him rather than using the delay as a reason for spiritual negligence.
- ✓ Preparation for Jesus coming is a matter of the **heart**: anger must be replaced with forgiveness, sin must be confessed and forsaken, unbelief must be brought to God in prayer, **and areas of repeated failure must be confronted through prayer and fasting**.
- ✓ The coming of Jesus should make us conscious that **our life and our work before God matter**. Every opportunity, every warning and every conviction of conscience should be taken seriously as we consider the reward prepared according to our works.
- ✓ Having received salvation should awaken in us a greater desire to **pray, read God's Word, preserve a good conscience, serve God, win souls and become a witness**, rather than settling into spiritual inactivity.
- ✓ God's Word should be **read, treasured and stored deeply in the heart** while we have the freedom to receive it, because circumstances may change, but the Word hidden in the heart can continue to guard our lives.
- ✓ Above every righteousness and calls us to **heart-searching and holiness**: before going to sleep, we should examine our lives before God, confess what is wrong, pursue purity and righteousness, and live every day with the awareness that **Jesus may come at any moment**.
- ✓ **The real question is not whether we can identify every detail of the end times, but whether we have a living relationship with Jesus and are ready to meet Him**. Our earthly life is temporary; our true hope is to belong to Christ and enter His eternal kingdom.

One-Day Get-Together in Bengaluru, 02nd Sept'26:

Gathered in His Presence – Renewed by His Word, Transformed by His Love

The **One-Day Get-Together in Bangalore**, held on **2nd September 2026 at Hudson Community Centre**, brought together people from different places and church



backgrounds in two blessed sessions at 2:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. The gathering became a beautiful time of worship, fellowship, testimonies and spiritual encouragement, beginning with a reminder that our God is **El Roi—the God who sees us—and Jehovah Shalom—the God who gives us peace**. More than 25 testimonies from around 12 places reflected how

God has faithfully used the ministry through radio, television, fasting prayer, daily meditation, and digital outreach to touch and transform lives. The first session carried a strong call to go beyond simply knowing about Christ and to truly know Him, serve Him faithfully, make our homes places of prayer and spiritual influence, stay connected to the local church, live by God's Word and discover the purpose for which He has called each one. It was a time of renewed vision, reminding everyone that an ordinary life surrendered to God can become a powerful instrument in His hands.

The second session turned the focus to the **daily cleansing and transformation of the heart**, drawing from Jesus washing His disciples' feet, and then unfolded the beauty of genuine **Christ-like love** from 1 Corinthians 13. Through practical teaching on marriage, family, forgiveness, patience, humility, gratitude and overcoming anger, the gathering challenged everyone to allow the love of Christ to become visible in everyday relationships. A moving testimony of a mother who prayed faithfully for 12



years for her husband's transformation beautifully demonstrated the power of persevering love and prayer. The day concluded with a deeply personal time of surrender, praying for transformed lives, stronger families, salvation, restoration, and the grace to carry Christ's love to others. **It was more than a meeting—it was a time to be refreshed, challenged and reminded of God's purpose. Gatherings like these give us the opportunity to worship together, hear God's Word, share what He has done and encourage one another in the journey of faith.**

Key notes from message in session 1

- ✓ Knowing **about Jesus is not enough**; the believer's greatest pursuit should be to know Him personally, experience His power and allow that relationship to transform everyday life.
- ✓ A growing believer should never become satisfied with past spiritual experiences. Like Paul, there should always be a fresh hunger to **know Christ more deeply, learn more, grow more and press forward** toward God's calling.
- ✓ The Word of God should move from **theory into practice**. True spiritual maturity is seen when what we learn from Scripture becomes visible in our decisions, relationships, conduct, and daily life.
- ✓ Every believer should recognize that **Christian service begins with the people closest to us**. Our homes should become places of prayer, peace, and spiritual influence, where our families are brought together to know and serve the Lord.
- ✓ The life of a Christian should carry a **burden for those who are perishing**. Wherever we are—in our workplace, college, neighbourhood, or family—we can show Christ's love, pray for people, and lead them toward the Saviour.
- ✓ God's calling is greater than personal comfort or financial gain. A believer should seek to **live for God's purpose**, allowing time, abilities, resources, and opportunities to be used for His kingdom.
- ✓ The Word should become **daily spiritual food**. Regular reading, meditation, and prayer are essential for remaining spiritually strong, discerning God's direction and walking in holiness.
- ✓ God's work often begins with something small, but **faithful labour is never wasted**. What is done prayerfully and sacrificially for Christ can reach lives far beyond what we are able to see.
- ✓ Every believer should be willing to **take up the cross and follow Jesus**, understanding that genuine ministry involves sacrifice, perseverance, tears, labour and a willingness to put Christ above personal gain.
- ✓ The church should be more than a place where we receive teaching; believers should become **active participants who pray, serve, encourage others, and strengthen the congregation**.

- ✓ When the Holy Spirit brings conviction or reveals something that needs to change, the right response is **immediate surrender and prayer**. A spiritual decision repeatedly postponed can become an opportunity repeatedly lost.
- ✓ Above everything, every believer should seek to discover **"Why has Christ called me?"** and then pursue that purpose wholeheartedly living not merely to pass through this world, but to glorify Jesus, bring others to Him and hear Him say, **"Well done, good and faithful servant."**

Key notes from message in session 2

- ✓ Remain faithful to God's purpose for your life even when the world looks attractive. The greatest evidence that we belong to Christ is not merely what we **say or know**, but whether **His character is becoming visible in our lives**.
- ✓ Daily contact with the world can quietly bring its attitudes, attractions, and influences into our hearts; therefore, we need continual cleansing through **prayer, confession and the presence of God**.
- ✓ A peaceful home does not happen automatically. **The words we speak, the way we treat one another and the respect we show within the family** determine much of the spiritual atmosphere of our homes.
- ✓ The presence of Christ should make us **gentler, more respectful, and more peaceful**, not merely more knowledgeable about the Bible.
- ✓ True Christian love is not merely attraction, friendship or affection that changes with circumstances; **agape love remains faithful even when feelings and circumstances change**.
- ✓ Love does not become jealous when another person is blessed. **Another person's prosperity should become an occasion for rejoicing rather than a reason for bitterness or comparison**.
- ✓ Spiritual service loses its beauty when it becomes a platform for self-glory. **What is offered to God should be offered humbly, without demanding recognition or praise from people**.
- ✓ Gratitude protects the heart from continually asking, **"What has God done for me?"** Remembering His mercies, protection, life, health and provision should awaken thanksgiving.
- ✓ The love of Christ is **sacrificial rather than selfish**. It does not constantly ask, "What will I receive?" but willingly considers the welfare and needs of others.
- ✓ Marriage needs more than affection; it needs **honour, respect, patience and a willingness to protect the dignity of one another**, especially in front of others.
- ✓ Parents can either strengthen or weaken their children's future through their example. **Children often learn more from what they see in their parents than from what their parents tell them**.

- ✓ Anger must not be allowed to settle in the heart. **Unresolved anger can become bitterness, hatred and even destruction; reconciliation should be sought before resentment takes deeper root.**
- ✓ Love does not maintain a permanent record of another person's failures. **Forgiveness means allowing past wounds to be healed instead of repeatedly reopening them.**
- ✓ Yet genuine love is not careless permissiveness. **Children need loving correction and discipline so that they learn what is right rather than interpreting every indulgence as love.**
- ✓ The suffering or failure of a loved one should not immediately make us lose hope. **Persistent prayer and Christ-like love can continue believing in God's power to transform a life,** even when change seems impossible.
- ✓ A believer should never conclude that someone is permanently beyond God's reach. The testimony of a transformed family demonstrates how **one person's persevering prayer can become part of another person's journey toward Christ.**
- ✓ Christ's love should not remain something we merely **receive for our own comfort.** Once we truly experience it, that love should compel us to care for others and reach those who are suffering and spiritually perishing.
- ✓ Christianity is meant to be **seen in the way we live.** The world should be able to recognize Christ in our patience, forgiveness, purity, humility, kindness and endurance.
- ✓ Salvation may begin in a moment, but **becoming like Christ is a lifelong work of sanctification.** The old nature must continually give way to Christ's character as we walk with Him, pray and meditate on His Word.
- ✓ The deepest prayer of a believer should not merely be for **better circumstances, possessions, or blessings,** but: **"Lord, change my character and fill my heart with Your love."**
- ✓ **The ultimate goal is that our own family, neighbours and the world around us should see Christ in us—not merely hear us speak about Christ.**

Following the sessions, many attendees personally sought prayer, bringing their burdens, family needs, and personal concerns before God. **Ayyagaru patiently and prayerfully met each person, listening to their needs and praying for them individually,** making the gathering a deeply personal and encouraging experience. His willingness to spend time with everyone, regardless of the number of people waiting, reflected the heart of a shepherd who cares for each life and desires to see people strengthened, restored and drawn closer to God.

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

Friday Fasting Service 28th August'26:

Set Apart for God – A Call to Holiness, Discipline and Service

Today's fasting prayer carried a solemn warning about the **coming of the Lord and the day of judgment**, reminding us that worldly strength, wealth, possessions, technology, and earthly security cannot ultimately save us. Along with prayers for the **personal burdens and prayer requests received through phone calls, WhatsApp, social media, and other channels**, a special time of supplication was offered for the **burdens of the world**—for the fulfilment of the signs concerning the Lord's coming, recent calamities and events across the globe, and the increasing challenges and persecution faced by Christians in different parts of the world. The message called for **genuine repentance, holiness, watchfulness, and readiness for Christ's return**, encouraging us to remain rooted in God's Word, stand firm through opposition and suffering, and faithfully proclaim the Gospel while there is still opportunity.



Bible Reading & references

Chapter 17 from the book of 1st Chronicles was read repeatedly for meditation.

Psalm 127:4 Matthew 10:37 1 Corinthians 7 Matthew 28:19–20 Revelation 9

Key notes from message

- ✓ Christ must have the **first place in our lives**, even above relationships, comfort, possessions, and personal interests.
- ✓ Punctuality and discipline in worship matter because our conduct can **disturb or encourage the spiritual atmosphere of the congregation**.
- ✓ Never treat the **Holy Spirit casually**. When He convicts, corrects, or instructs us, our response should be obedience.
- ✓ Christian worship must remain **holy, decent, and Christ-centred**, rather than simply adopting patterns from the world.
- ✓ A believer's outward participation in worship is not enough; **the heart must genuinely honour God**.
- ✓ The life of John Wesley challenges us to move beyond comfortable Christianity and develop a **burden for people who are outside the church**.

- ✓ God's calling sometimes requires **sacrifice, discipline, perseverance, and the willingness to leave personal comfort behind.**
- ✓ Family is a blessing, but even family must never become an excuse for **neglecting Christ's calling.**
- ✓ The Christian life requires deliberate discipline in **prayer, Scripture, worship, time, and personal conduct.**
- ✓ Holiness is not merely a teaching to hear—it must become a **standard by which our everyday lives are governed.**
- ✓ The reality of **heaven and hell** should give urgency to Christian living and evangelism rather than being avoided because it is uncomfortable to preach.
- ✓ The church's purpose is not merely to build numbers or institutions, but to **reach the unreached and proclaim Christ.**
- ✓ We must examine whether our lives actually support the Gospel we preach; **our example can either draw people toward Christ or become a hindrance to them.**
- ✓ Children and young people learn from what they see in us, so **our conduct becomes part of the spiritual inheritance we leave them.**
- ✓ A genuine Christian ministry requires **integrity, humility, discipline, sacrifice, and perseverance,** not merely preaching ability.
- ✓ The church should be known as a **praying church, a holy church, a thankful church, and a church filled with the love of Jesus.**
- ✓ Before asking God for greater blessings or opportunities, we should allow Him to **cleanse our lives, correct our character, and make us faithful servants.**
- ✓ The closing challenge was especially direct: **if we have chosen to follow Christ, we must follow Him wholeheartedly rather than remaining half-hearted, compromising, or becoming a hindrance to others.**

Holy communion Sunday Worship on 02nd August'26:

1st Service:

From the Mountain to Calvary – A Journey into God's Presence, Power and Purpose

Today's **first Holy Communion service**, conducted in **Hindi, Telugu and English**, began with a joyful call to enter God's presence through wholehearted praise and worship, leaving behind every worry and worldly burden to experience the fullness of joy found in Him. The meditation on **Psalms 150** reminded everyone that true worship flows from the heart and that praise lifts us above discouragement. The message then unfolded the theme of the **"Mountain Experience"**, showing how different mountains in Scripture represent different encounters with God—**Sinai**, where Moses heard God and received His will; **Carmel**, where Elijah experienced God's power and purification;

Moriah, where Abraham demonstrated complete surrender and sacrifice; and the **Mount of Transfiguration**, where the disciples witnessed Christ's glory and were called to transformation. These experiences challenged everyone to spend meaningful time alone with God, persevere in prayer, allow the Holy Spirit to cleanse the heart, and surrender everything to God rather than giving Him only what is convenient.

The message finally led everyone to **Golgotha, the greatest mountain of all**, where Jesus gave His life for the sins of humanity. As the seven sayings of Christ on the cross were remembered, the cross became a powerful reminder of forgiveness,



redemption, deliverance and sacrificial love, while also calling each person to take up their cross and follow Him.

Before Holy

Communion, a solemn time of self-examination was given, encouraging everyone to confess sin, seek cleansing and ensure that Christ truly holds first place in their lives rather than approaching Communion as a mere religious tradition.

Bible Reading & references

Chapter 9 from the Gospel of Mark was read repeatedly for meditation.

Psalms 150	Exodus 19–20	Matthew 6:6	1 Kings 18:20, 38
Genesis 22:1–14	Mark 9:2–8	John 19:17–18	John 19:30
Acts 1:9–12	Psalms 121:1–2	Acts 14:22	1 John 1:9
1 Corinthians 11:23–26		Isaiah 53	Luke 9:23
Philippians 2:5	Romans 5:5	Acts 5:1–11	Psalms 127:3

Key notes from message

- ✓ **Enter God's presence with joy, not carrying yesterday's worries, stress and burdens into worship.**
- ✓ **Praise God wholeheartedly**—worship is not merely a song from the lips but an expression of a heart that recognizes God's greatness.
- ✓ **Make room for a personal mountain experience with God.** In a noisy and distracted world, deliberately seek a quiet place where you and God can meet.
- ✓ **Learn to spend meaningful time alone with the Lord.** Rushed prayers may not allow the heart to become still enough to hear God's voice and understand His will.

- ✓ **Persevere in prayer until God works in you.** The goal of prayer is not simply to obtain answers but to receive God's power, direction and transformation.
- ✓ **Come to the "Mount Sinai" of fellowship with a desire to hear God's Word and know His will,** rather than merely asking God to fulfil our own plans.
- ✓ **Allow the fire of God to purify the hidden areas of life.** Outward religious activity cannot replace inward holiness.
- ✓ **Examine whether sin still controls you.** Anger, jealousy, dishonesty, sexual impurity, hidden desires and worldly attachments must not remain protected areas of the heart.
- ✓ **Do not confuse church activity with spiritual transformation.** Singing, preaching, serving, giving and taking Communion are not substitutes for a cleansed and obedient heart.
- ✓ **Learn the lesson of Mount Moriah: love for God must be greater than love for anything He has given.** Even the person or possession we love most must never take God's place.
- ✓ **Let the Transfiguration become a reality in your life.** Time spent with Christ should produce a visible transformation in character, desires and conduct.
- ✓ **Never lose sight of Calvary.** The cross is where we see the seriousness of sin, the greatness of Christ's sacrifice, the reality of forgiveness and the depth of God's love.
- ✓ **Taking up the cross means surrendering ourselves, not merely admiring Christ's cross.** Following Jesus requires self-denial and obedience.
- ✓ **Do not remain spiritually asleep.** The disciples on the mountain missed part of the experience because they were overcome by sleep; believers must remain spiritually alert and prepared.
- ✓ **Look up instead of looking around.** Comparing yourself with others produces discouragement, jealousy and dissatisfaction; looking to God produces hope and direction.
- ✓ **Take Holy Communion seriously.** The Lord's Table is not a ritual or a religious snack; it calls us to remember Christ's death, examine ourselves, repent and renew our commitment to Him.
- ✓ **Let the Word of God become part of your daily life.** Owning a Bible is not enough; it must be read, remembered and planted in the heart so that it shapes our conduct.
- ✓ **Live with heaven as the goal.** Our purpose in this world is to fulfil God's will, become increasingly like Christ, endure faithfully and be ready when He comes to take His people to Himself.
- ✓ **Climb the mountain. Hear God at Sinai. Seek His fire at Carmel. Surrender at Moriah. Be transformed with Christ. Stand at Calvary. And keep looking up until you reach the heavenly kingdom.**

2nd Service:

"Who Shall Ascend the Mountain of the Lord?" – A Call to Holiness and Spiritual Growth

Today's **second Holy Communion service**, conducted in **Telugu and Tamil**,



gave special focus to the Tamil-speaking attendees through Tamil songs and worship, creating a joyful atmosphere of fellowship and praise. The message, based on **Psalm 24**, used the picture of climbing the mountain of the Lord to remind everyone that drawing closer to God requires perseverance, sacrifice, self-denial and consistent spiritual growth. The call was to move forward rather than repeatedly falling back, keeping our eyes on the goal and pressing

toward God's presence. Psalm 24 also challenged everyone to examine their lives for **clean hands, a pure heart, truthfulness and integrity**, while turning away from worldly pleasures, material desires, gossip, deceit, impurity and anything that takes God's place in the heart. As Holy Communion was observed, the service became a meaningful time of self-examination and repentance, concluding with prayer for cleansing, renewal and grace to walk faithfully toward God's holy presence.

Bible Reading & references

Psalms 15 and 24 were read repeatedly for meditation.

Psalm 24:3–4	Psalm 16:11	Psalm 15:1–2	Ecclesiastes 2	Proverbs 23
Revelation 21:8	Revelation 22:15	John 14:6		

Key notes from message

- ✓ A Christian life is a climb toward God's presence; it requires effort, endurance and spiritual determination rather than a casual commitment.
- ✓ Following Christ means accepting the cross and daily self-denial instead of expecting a life without sacrifice.
- ✓ Spiritual growth requires consistency; repeatedly moving forward and falling backward should not become the pattern of a believer's life.
- ✓ A clear spiritual goal is essential—we must know that we are pursuing God's presence, His kingdom and eternal life.
- ✓ Looking backward continually prevents spiritual progress; the believer must leave the past behind and keep moving forward.
- ✓ Wrong friendships and relationships can pull a person downward, so anything consistently drawing us away from God must be dealt with seriously.

- ✓ Church attendance alone does not guarantee spiritual growth; there must be a genuine hunger to learn, grow and receive sound teaching.
- ✓ The things that occupy our hearts reveal our priorities. Worldly possessions, pleasures and achievements must never replace our desire for God and heaven.
- ✓ Clean hands and a pure heart are essential to a life that seeks to dwell in God's holy presence.
- ✓ Deceit cannot be treated as a small matter. God desires truthfulness not only in our words but also in the condition of our hearts.
- ✓ Our spiritual speech must agree with our daily conduct. Praising God with our lips while using the same tongue to harm others is inconsistent with a holy life.
- ✓ Sin should not be justified by giving it a different name. There is no spiritually acceptable distinction between "white lies" and other deliberate falsehood when the foundation itself is built on deception.
- ✓ Young people must guard their eyes, thoughts and desires from sexual impurity and anything that gradually becomes an addiction.
- ✓ A person cannot deliberately continue in sinful practices while assuming that religious activity will automatically make them fit for God's kingdom.
- ✓ The ultimate question is not how successful, wealthy or comfortable we became on earth, but whether we are prepared to stand before God with a truthful heart and righteous life.
- ✓ **The believer must continually ask: "Am I truly climbing toward God, or am I only standing near the mountain while my heart remains attached to the world?"**

Upcoming Events to add in your daily prayers:

- Monday, Zoom live session – 9:00 PM
- Get-together, **Visakhapatnam**, 16th September 2026.
- Get-together, **Pune**, 23rd September 2026.
- **Sunrise service** at 4am, Chennai – 02nd Oct'26
- Wednesday Fasting Prayer — 7:00 PM.
- Friday Fasting Prayer — 7:00 PM.
- **Calvary Kids** Retreat on Saturday — 12th Sept'26.

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

**With love,
Dr. N. Jayapaul,
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