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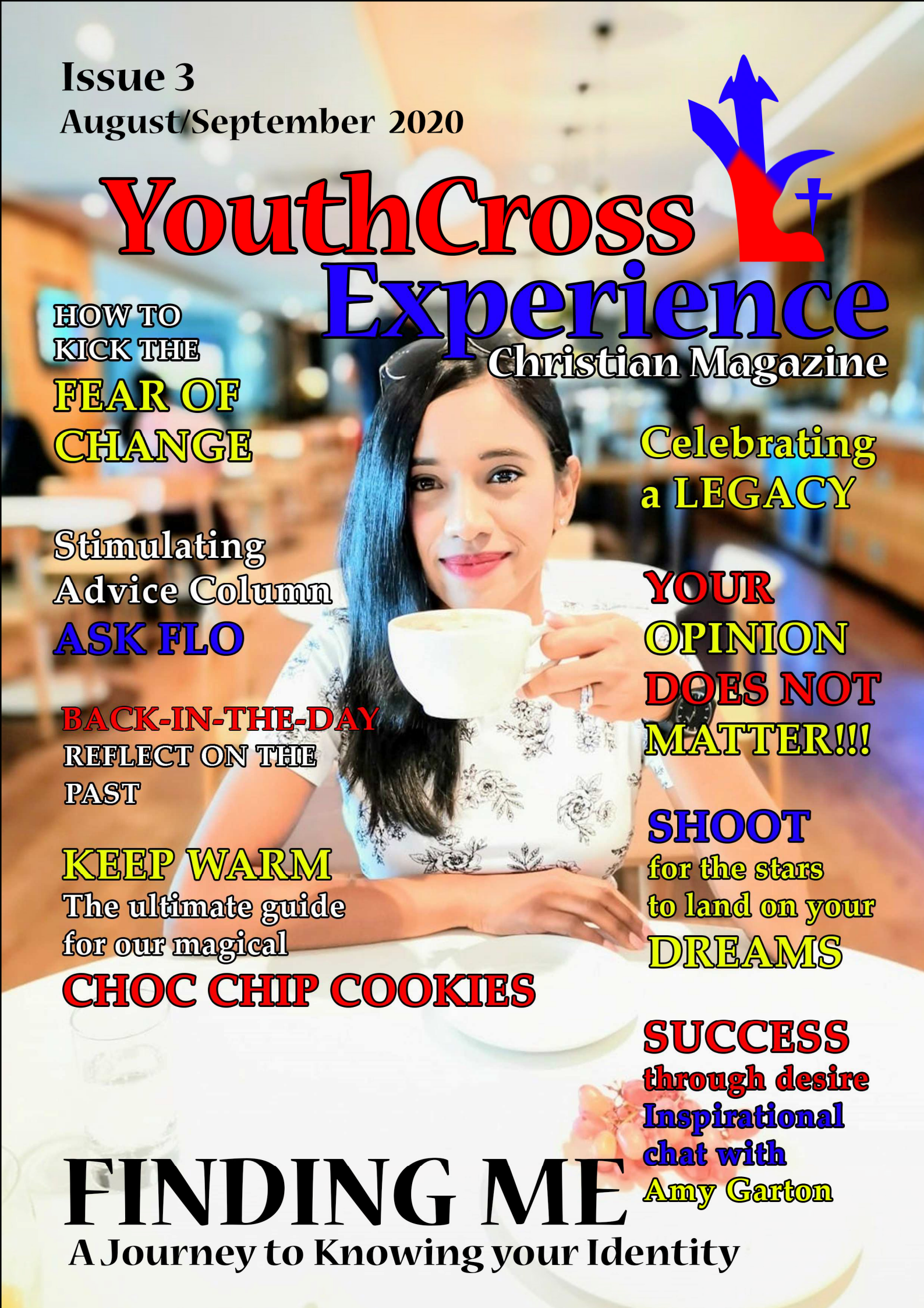


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Editorial

HEIRS TO THE KINGDOM

Romans 8:14 – 17

“For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry “Abba, Father.” The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children. Now if we are children, then we are heirs – heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.”

What does it mean to be an “heir”? The definition of “heir” means “a person legally entitled to the property or rank on another on that person’s death.” Having received the gift of the Holy Spirit and receiving the gift of salvation through the death of Christ Jesus has entitled us to legally be heirs to God’s Kingdom and co-heirs with His Son Jesus. Being called an heir of God speaks much of our identity as Christians. We are not just ordinary believers following a certain doctrine – we are more than that. Our identities are associated with Christ as we are related to Him through Blood. Through the Blood of Jesus we have being joined to the Father and through the Holy Spirit we remain connected to Him that we may live in His abundance.

We are regarded as heirs to a Kingdom that is not of this world. We are heirs to a spiritual kingdom. We receive our inheritance when we get to heaven and live in our eternal home.



We ought to acknowledge who we are as God’s children. We need to stop living in defeat and accept that we are more than mere mortals for God chose us and He chose to call us His own. He chose to give us an IDENTITY in Him. When we say we are Christians we are acknowledging that we have a guaranteed inheritance through Jesus. We are acknowledging that our identity is linked to His. We are accepting the fact that He has given us the same Spirit that was given to Christ. For scripture says *“And if the Spirit of him who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you.”* (Romans 8:11).

We are led by His Spirit to be known as true heirs of God. **Romans 8:22-25** *“We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.”* We have this hope as heirs to the Kingdom that one day we are going see Jesus again and live in the inheritance He has prepared for us.

Britney Jenine
Editor-In-Chief

DECLARATION

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Today, I declare that You are bigger, greater and stronger than anything. Nothing and no one can stand against me when I stand with You. Even an army of 10 000 is helpless; they are nothing. The battle has already been won; the victory is Yours.

Fear, anxiety, doubt, bad thoughts – they shall have no place in my life. You are everything I ever need. You have had a plan for my life since You first created me, and this plan does not include any fear or timidity, being ashamed of You or not standing up for what I believe in. It does not include any anxiety, doubt, bad thoughts, or anything bad. I am a child of God, and nothing and no one can take that away from me. Nothing can separate You from Your love for me.

These fears, anxieties, doubts, bad thoughts - whatever it may be – is only a stumbling block that the enemy is trying to use to keep me down, because He is scared of my future. But You hear me when I call, and You pick me up when I fall. The same Spirit that rose Christ from the dead lives in me. The enemy tries to keep me down, but every attempt is worthless. I will get back up stronger than before. The enemy will flee; he is powerless. He is nothing. For You are on my side – and “If God be for us, who can be against us?”

BY AARON GARTON



FORGIVENESS

BY MICHELLE GOVENDER

What is forgiveness? Well, by definition, forgiveness is the release of resentment or anger toward a person regardless of whether they deserve it or not. Ultimately it does not mean that it changes the event or circumstances around it, but it does however allow one to move forward, past the hurting.

The Bible teaches us, *"Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you."* Ephesians 4:32



We all fall short of perfection and in this sense, we need forgiveness from God on a daily basis for our shortcomings and failures. Some of us may think that we haven't sinned so I don't need forgiveness, but what about when we need forgiveness in being a bad friend, or a disobedient child, whilst some of us may need forgiveness from our closest family or friends, others may need to be the one's doing the forgiving instead.

Forgiving a person that wronged you doesn't necessarily mean that you accept the wrongful doing or that you condone their actions, it just simply means that you respect yourself enough to acknowledge the wrong doing and let go of all ill feelings because harbouring those ill feelings of being upset actually poisons your heart and brings more hurt and pain when you brood and hold onto it.

Forgiveness doesn't erase the past instead it heals and looks on it with compassion - the same way in which Jesus looks at us with compassion.

WHY WE NEED TO FORGIVE

Recognize that forgiveness is an act of your will not your emotions. If you wait until you feel like forgiving, you will live with bitterness in your heart and that bitterness will destroy you.

Recognize that forgiveness heals you! Forgiveness is not necessarily for the person who hurt you – it sets you free. You're not submitting to their brutality, condoning their injustice toward you, or whitewashing the words or deeds of your offender. You are forgiving to bring cleansing to you! Forgive your enemies; it's the only way to liberate your mind and emotions from the toxic poison of that painful memory.

And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen. For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses. (Matthew 6:12-15 KJV)

Life Application Bible Commentary

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Word?

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Ask Flo @ Florence.Pillay1@gmail.com

**A biblical advice column on matters of
the heart.**



Dear Flo

My heart is in such a bitter turmoil. I can't focus on anything. My life is in chaos. I feel so hurt. I just want to be alone. How can I live? I thought I was a good person - a good young wife and mother - but now I don't know anymore, I don't know who I am and I don't know what to do anymore....

Helen

Dearest Helen

You are not alone and will never be. God is with you. For God has said, "**I will never fail you. I will never abandon you.**" (**Heb 13:5**). He is your Helper. He is for you. He loves you. And yes, you are a good person, precious in the sight of the Lord.

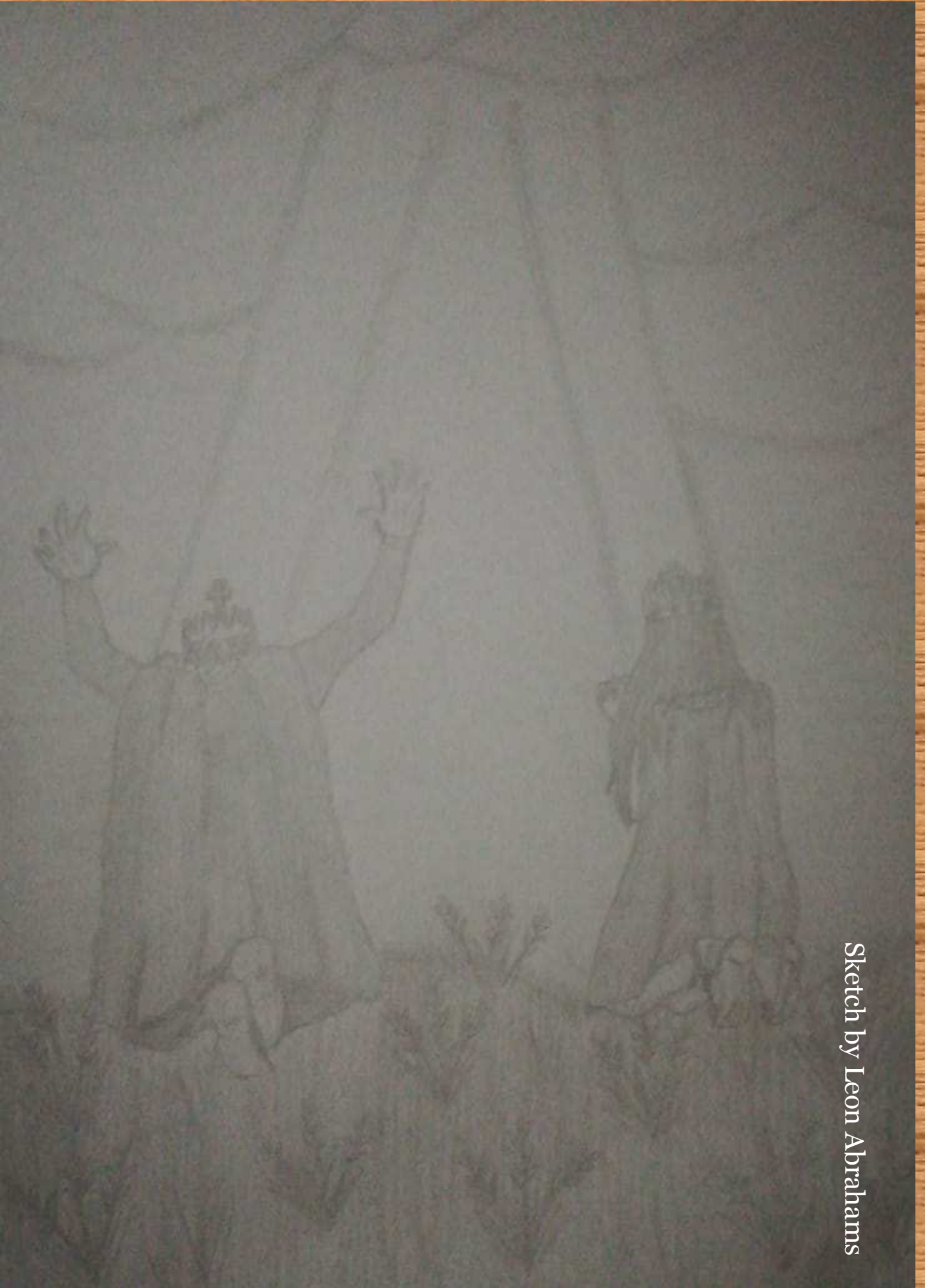
I know that what you are going through is devastating, deep and heavy. It is not easy to deal with. It keeps you awake at night with thoughts that bring confusion and bombardment to your mind. Therefore I want you to give your hurting away, give it to the Greatest and Most Wonderful Counsellor, our Jesus Christ. Give it and forgive all those that have hurt you with the strength of the Lord on your side. You will receive healing as you release all of that raging, all of the turmoil inside of you. Cry before the Lord if you need to in your private time with Him and let God deal with your circumstance. God will oppose those who oppose you - **Psalms 35** and God will not let them go unpunished (**Pro 6:29**). But it is not for you to determine, you just think good and pure thoughts all the time **Philippians 4:8-9**.

As a good **GOOD** person, uphold yourself in honour because you are worthy, precious, a pearl of great price and extremely dear to your young family. You need to declare war on the enemy. Decide that no thing is going to separate you from the love of God. Don't give Satan a place. Satan hates a happy and good family unit and seeks to destroy it because God created it. Never forget: you are the helper in and the builder of your home. You belong to each other. Nothing can take what belongs to you. Take a stand for your family and declare warfare...not against each other but against principalities, powers and spiritual wickedness in high places. Clean the closets. In the midst of adversity read, speak, learn and fight with the Word of God. It helps...I bear testimony to this. **Prove me now by it, says the Lord, see if I will not open up the windows of heaven for you and pour out a blessing that there will not be room enough for you to contain it (Mal 3:10)**. The Lord will turn things around for you. Give all to Him in persistent prayer. Refuse to be refused. The Lord will answer your cry and bring joy back into your life. Remember the promises of God Almighty in your life. **Do not be afraid of the enemy, remember the Lord, who is great and awesome, and fight for your families, your sons and your daughters, your spouse and your homes (Neh 4:14)**. Don't give up. Choose life through Jesus. He will resurrect and rebuild your heart in the midst of praise and worship to Him with fellow believers and on your own. He reigns in majesty. Give Him the highest regard. Love him. He will wipe the tears from your eyes and shine down His glory on you. Make Him your best friend. Fast and pray. Even Jesus fasted in the midst of turmoil. Never forget: "**Stand on the Word, Trust in the Lord, Agree in unity to say No more Devil.**"

So my dearest Helen, **STAND** because you are a treasure to your family to receive God's favour (**Pro 18:22**). You are the temple of the Holy Spirit (**1 Cor 6:19**). You are strong in the Lord (**Eph 6:10**). More than a conqueror (**Rom 8:37**). Born of God and the evil one cannot touch you (**1 John 5:18**) Justified, made righteous, and completely forgiven (**Rom 5:1**). You are an overcomer, by the Blood of the Lamb, and the Word of your testimony (**Rev 12:11**). Remember what matters most is how you see yourself, so see yourself as all of the above and even more.

Stand firm and let God take control. I will be praying for you.

Love
Florence



Sketch by Leon Abrahams

LEON ABRAHAMS

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SUCCESS

THROUGH DESIRE



BUSINESS WOMAN - AMY GARTON

Amy is a passionate, driven, highly competitive and a self-motivated individual. She is passionate about God and people and is driven by making a difference. She is a self-employed business woman in the recruitment industry. Making a difference, changing lives.

We had the honour of interviewing this motivated individual.

1. Can you describe your Walk with God?

I believe Christianity is a journey with God, learning new things each day. There are many great moments and victories celebrated, but there are also many challenges faced in this walk with God. The road is not easy, but when you know your destination it makes it worth it. Striving each day to be a better individual.

2. How would you describe living your life for Jesus?

Living for Jesus should be a lifestyle, it should not be something endured but rather enjoyed. We should treat each day as a gift and use it wisely. Our lives should be a walking Bible for others to see.

3. What stands out for you in Christianity?

Faith and trusting God! These are the two pillars that stand out. Even though we face this dreadful pandemic together with the rest of the world, as Children of God, we can stand firm upon God's promises and have faith he will see us through. It is all about having faith and trusting God. Knowing you are not in control of the future.

4. What is your motto in life?

Do to others what you would have them do to you. It is that simple!
This can also be seen in [Matthew 7:12](#).

5. What are some of your achievements?

Being a successful entrepreneur! Creating employment and assisting others achieving their dream jobs.

6. Who is your role-model?

My parents. I have seen their dedication, commitment and hard work through the years growing up. They have instilled in me discipline, loyalty, and good work ethic, amongst others. Both my parents have faced many challenges but stood strong in their faith and always have a positive outlook in life.

7. What do you have to say to people about their self-esteem and believing in themselves?

Society would like us to believe that we must be a certain way. That we are not good enough or we cannot amount to much. But we must believe in who God says we are. When we look at ourselves, instead of dwelling on what others say about us, we need to remember that we are made in God's image and therefore we are each unique and will achieve great things in our own rights.

8. What advice do you have for people who want to follow their dreams?

Do not give up when it seems too far out of your reach, or when you face obstacles. There is no special formula when it comes to achieving your goals, but hard work, commitment and dedication are a pre-requisite. Your mind is a powerful tool, try using it to its full potential. Use opportunities to learn from older and wiser people that have walked the road of success.

PUT ON THE IDENTITY OF CHRIST

As believers in Christ we have a certain lifestyle to live by. Our identity needs to reflect Christ because we are carrying His Spirit living by His Name! It is our duty to maintain a Christlike image, just like it is our right through Christ Jesus to live as a royal priesthood and a holy nation - **1 Peter 2:9-10** **"But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy."** We have been chosen by God and shown mercy that we may live as examples of Christ Jesus and witness God's great love to the many unsaved. We had no identity before Christ but since Jesus came to earth, died and rose again we have been made His. He purchased us with His own blood therefore giving us His identity. Giving us the Identity to be called God's people.

1 Peter 2:21-23 **"To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps. "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth." When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly. "He himself bore our sins" in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; "by his wounds you have been healed." "**

This is the example we ought to follow. To live our lives as righteous ones and not according to the sinful nature of this world.

In **1 Peter 1:13-16** the Word of God says **"Therefore, with minds that are alert and fully sober, set your hope on the grace to be brought to you when Jesus Christ is revealed at his coming. As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy."** We need to work on living a holy life. Just as Christ Jesus is holy so we also ought to be holy.

Yes, I know many may say that they are not worthy and that it's pointless trying to live a righteous and holy life because the sinful nature has stained their lives. Let me remind you of the Blood of Jesus. The Blood of Jesus washes away all those stains caused by sin. The Blood of Jesus gives you a chance to start from the beginning again and this time work on adopting the nature of Christ so that you may live a righteous and holy life. Remember when you get to heaven, you are going to be surrounded by holiness so it's good to live a holy life while here on earth.

PUT ON THE IDENTITY OF CHRIST

CONTINUED...

Hebrews 12:22-24 "But you have come to receive our inheritance which is eternal life. **Mount Zion, to the city of the living God, Brothers and sisters in Christ, I urge you to the heavenly Jerusalem. You have come to evaluate your life and try your best to live a thousands upon thousands of angels in joyful assembly, to the church of the firstborn, whose names are written in heaven. You have come to God, the Judge just for a moment of pleasure but rather strive of all, to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, to Jesus the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel."** By putting on the identity of Christ and living according to His way we have our guarantee ticket to heaven where we will all be together.

Hebrews 11:14-17 "Make every effort to live in peace with everyone and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord. See to it that no one falls short of the grace of God and that no bitter root grows up to cause trouble and defile many. See that no one is sexually immoral, or is godless like Esau, who for a single meal sold his inheritance rights as the oldest son. Afterward, as you know, when he wanted to inherit this blessing, he was rejected. Even though he sought the blessing with tears, he could not change what he had done." Don't be quick to sell your soul for the pleasures of the world. You may not face the consequences immediately but always remember that one day we will all stand before God. By then it will be too late to

receive our inheritance which is eternal life. Brothers and sisters in Christ, I urge you to evaluate your life and try your best to live a godly life as Christ did. Don't be quick to sin just for a moment of pleasure but rather strive to do good as often as you can. Keep your hearts and minds pure and allow the Holy Spirit to work through you. Heaven is real and so is Hell. Don't let the wrong decision lead you to the wrong destination.

2 Timothy 1:9-10

"He has saved us and called us to a holy life - not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior, Christ Jesus, who has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel."

BY BRITNEY JENINE

THE BLOOD OF JESUS (PART 2)

BY BRITNEY JENINE

The Blood Protects, Delivers And Sanctifies You.

The Blood Protects – The Blood of Jesus protects you from the attacks of the enemy. The Blood protects you from the wrath of God.

The Blood Delivers – The Blood delivers you from the bondage of sin. The Blood gives you victory over the enemy.

The Blood Sanctifies – The Blood presents you holy before God. The Blood purifies you of sin. The Blood cleanses you from within. The Blood makes it possible for you to be one with Christ.

Understanding the Purpose of the Blood:

Hebrews Chapter 9 explains the purpose of the Blood very clearly.

“Now the first covenant had regulations for worship and also an earthly sanctuary. A tabernacle was set up. In its first room were the lampstand, the table and the consecrated bread; this was called the Holy Place. Behind the second curtain was a room called the Most Holy Place, which had the golden altar of incense and the gold-covered Ark of the Covenant. This ark contained the gold jar of manna, Aaron's staff that had budded, and the stone tablets of the covenant. Above the ark were the cherubim of the Glory, overshadowing the atonement cover. But we cannot discuss these things in detail now. When everything had been arranged like this, the priests entered regularly into the outer room to carry on their ministry. But only the high priest entered the inner room, and that only once a year, and never without blood, which he offered for himself and for the sins the people had committed in ignorance. The Holy Spirit was showing by this that the way into the Most Holy Place had not yet been disclosed as long as the first tabernacle was still standing.

This is an illustration for the present time, indicating that the gifts and sacrifices being offered

were not able to clear the conscience of the worshipper. They are only a matter of food and drink and various ceremonial washings--external regulations applying until the time of the new order.

When Christ came as high priest of the good things that are already here, he went through the greater and more perfect tabernacle that is not man-made, that is to say, not a part of this creation. He did not enter by means of the blood of goats and calves; but he entered the Most Holy Place once for all by his own blood, having obtained eternal redemption.

The blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer sprinkled on those who are ceremonially unclean sanctify them so that they are outwardly clean. How much more, then, will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death, so that we may serve the living God!

For this reason Christ is the mediator of a new covenant, that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance--now that he has died as a ransom to set them free from the sins committed under the first covenant.

In the case of a will, it is necessary to prove the death of the one who made it, because a will is in force only when somebody has died; it never takes effect while the one who made it is living.

This is why even the first covenant was not put into effect without blood. When Moses had proclaimed every commandment of the law to all the people, he took the blood of calves, together with water, scarlet wool and branches of hyssop, and sprinkled the scroll and all the people. He said, "This is the blood of the covenant, which God has commanded you to keep." In the same way, he sprinkled with the blood both the tabernacle and everything used in its ceremonies.

THE BLOOD OF JESUS (PART 2)

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In fact, the law requires that nearly everything be cleansed with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness. It was necessary, then, for the copies of the heavenly things to be purified with these sacrifices, but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these. For Christ did not enter a man-made sanctuary that was only a copy of the true one; he entered heaven itself, now to appear for us in God's presence. Nor did he enter heaven to offer himself again and again, the way the high priest enters the Most Holy Place every year with blood that is not his own. Then Christ would have had to suffer many times since the creation of the world. But now he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to do away with sin by the sacrifice of himself.

Just as man is destined to die once, and after that to face judgment, so Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many people; and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him.”

The Blood of Jesus has paid the price once and for all for us. In His Blood is our victory. In His Blood are our protection, sanctification and deliverance. No other blood can do what the Blood of Jesus has done for us. No other name can give us the assurance and authority that the name of Jesus has given us. So let us remember the Blood in our tough times. Let us remember the power of the Blood. Let us partake of Holy Communion as often as we can. And let us not forget to say “Thank You Jesus for your Blood.”

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CELEBRATING A LEGACY

THE LIVES OF JAYSON & PREMA MOONSAMY

BY BRITNEY JENINE

My late grandparents Prema and Jayson were married by the late Pastor J.F.Rowlands.

Jayson & Prema were totally into God. They never gave up on anything in life, always trusted God in everything. Through all circumstances they persevered keeping their eyes fixed on Christ. Together with Christ in the centre they raised four amazing children, training them in Godly ways, leaving for them a legacy to follow ... a legacy to serve Christ Jesus and live for him alone!

Jayson began working in the church as a Sunday School Superintendant. He stepped up the ladder as a Cell Leader, thereafter became Area Leader. *“My father was a cell leader and many souls were saved, he was even addressed as pastor although he wasn’t because any time of the day even early parts of the morning he would attend a call and go to pray”* says his daughter(Jennifer). Saving souls was his joy. He embedded that joy in his children. Jayson was a jovial people’s person. Everyone loved him and he loved everyone.

Prema wasn't far behind; she was as lovable as her beloved husband. Exercised the most amazing personality you could ever come across. Humility was both her and her husband’s reflection, smiles always shined on their faces. Prema was Jayson’s backbone - his prayer warrior, a virtuous woman. She was a powerful prayer warrior, an intercessor. Prayer was her weapon through trials. Her talents included baking, cooking, dancing, sewing, crafting & singing. She was comical and always knew what to say to bring a smile on your face. She had a heart of gold - they both did! Lived by others first, themselves last.

Christmas with Jayson was always memorable as he



would invite the entire neighbourhood as well as extended family members to have lunch with the family. For Prema Christmas Eve was baking 20 different things, grilling the chicken and marinating the breyani. The aroma will just bring the Christmas spirit alive. December holidays could never be dull. It meant taking the family to different places including a famous tradition of a massive tent being pitched at Isipingo beach. Memories can flood our minds when we think of this amazing couple who have impacted so many lives through the love of Christ. Their legacy will always live on through their children and grandchildren who were touched by their love. Moments shared with them are permanently imprinted on our hearts. They gave us the best gift any parent can give their child...they gave us JESUS! Thank you Mum & Dad, Thank you Ma & Grandpa.

No Matter what Anyone says

BY BRADLEY MOONSAMY

Hello there you wonderful Youth, Today I am going to speak about a topic that is very personal to me. It's about achieving your dreams no matter what anyone tells you. My fellow youths, the sad truth of this world is that everyone in your life is not for you. In life you get two kinds of people, some who want you to win the race and others who want you to lose it, and sometimes we as teens can't really differentiate one from the other. It's high time we start because the Bible says in **1 Corinthians 15:33** **"Do not be misled, bad company corrupts good character"**.

In today's world many youngsters get discouraged to follow their dreams by people in their lives (family and those "so called friends"). I'm here to remind you that if you put God first in your life and dedicate yourself to your dream you will be a success. No dream is too small or too big because if you have faith you can you do it, for **Matthew 17:20** says **"If you have faith even as small as a mustard seed, you could say to this mountain, move from here to there, and it would move. Nothing would be impossible"**.

So my fellow teens go ahead and follow your dreams prove the doubters wrong, pray and constantly work hard and you will achieve your dream. Do not let people's words affect you in the slightest. Let your success speak for you and never give up on your dreams.



For in the Bible Joseph was a dreamer and how his life turned around from rags to riches.

I would like to leave you with a quote that I use to motivate me from the song "Sold Out" by Hawk Nelson, "In a world full of followers I'm going to be a leader, in a world full of doubters I'll be a believer."

FEAR OF CHANGE

BY BRITNEY JENINE

I must admit that in life everyone is afraid of something whether it may be an emotional fear or physical fear, something always seems to get to us. As believers in Christ, we are able to take our fears and nail them to the cross because we know we are never facing anything alone. Jesus is always with us, the Holy Spirit is always within us giving us the power to conquer every fear that ties us down. **Psalm 34:7** says **“The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him, and he delivers them.”**

One of the biggest fears we as humans have is the fear of change. Many of us fear change but are afraid to admit it. Reasons could be that we are afraid to accept we are in the wrong or we are afraid we won't fit in after we change for the better. Brothers and sisters, we need to understand and accept that change is very important when it comes to growth. Changing the negative aspects in your life will not only benefit you but also those around you. It will make you a better individual. You need to ask yourself “What is it about me that needs to change?” What makes me a good person?”

Galatians 5:22 says **“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.”** A person living for Christ should possess the qualities found in Galatians 5:22. For if we belong to Christ we don't live according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. Our spirit connects with God's Spirit to live as righteous ones in his sight. **Galatians 5:24-25** says **“Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.”** Our lives should be a righteous one.

Galatians 5:19-21 **“The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition,**

dissensions, factions and envy; drunkenness, orgies and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.” As a believer in Christ, the ‘acts of the flesh’ should be worked out of your lifestyle. These acts need to be worked on every day for change to occur. It's not impossible to give up bad habits and wrong ways – it's a process.

We all have something we need to change in our lives and it starts with us first as individuals. Once we change ourselves only then will we be able to see change happening around us. We will begin to look at our lives in a whole new perspective.

I suggest an exercise we can all do together.

“Challenge to Change”

Write down how you currently see yourself. Write down all the negatives and positives. E.g. If you see yourself as a bubbly person, write it down. If as a person with anger issues, write it down. Reflect on that list and write down the word “change” next to each thing you want to change about yourself. Set a time-frame e.g. in the next two months or whatever duration you want. Make sure to set a time-frame so that your mind is focused on working toward a goal. I want you to work on the things you want changed. Pray about every one of those things and trust the Holy Spirit to give you the strength and will-power to overcome. Ask him to help you change. As each negative thing changes, strike it off your list. You will begin to witness a change in your life.

Remember, this is about building yourself. This is your choice. #challengetochange I accept. If you are making an effort to change like me I would love to hear from you. You can email or WhatsApp me with the details at the end of the magazine. It will be kept confidential.

God bless!

WITH ISRAEL MOONSAMY

We took the opportunity to sit down with Israel Moonsamy and reflect on the past.

1. What was evangelism like back in the day?

In those days when the evangelist took the mic, you knew people's lives were going to get saved because they were anointed, called of God. The messages should come from the Holy Spirit and people were getting saved in large numbers. It was no scam. The presence of God was tangible and real.

2. Have you ever being to a revival meeting? If so, can you describe it?

Yes, plenty. I remember this one time with this evangelist. He was preaching on the street and a gang member with full tattoos and on his forehead was written "Satan". He came directly to kill the evangelist. But the evangelist rebuked the demon in him, and the demon left him and the man bowed down and gave his heart to God.

3. Have you ever witnessed an extraordinary miracle in your life? If so, elaborate.

Yes, God wrote out a debt of R200 000 from my home loan.

4. How would you describe Christianity?

My relationship between God and myself. It is the love I have for God and His love for

me. Without him I would be nothing today.

5. How would you describe falling in love with Jesus?

Best experience ever. You will never go wrong.

6. What advice do you have for young people considering getting involved with ministry work?

Let the Holy Spirit lead you. Don't follow what man says but what God says. Every man has their own revelation of the bible but the Holy Spirit will give you the correct meaning of the bible and what you should be doing. The Holy Spirit is the best revealer of the bible. Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to help you.



Pictured:
Israel Moonsamy

POWER VERSES



By Hope Pillay

Mark 1:15

And saying, "The time is fulfilled and the kingdom of God is at hand, repent and believe in the gospel".

John 14:27

Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.

Luke 6:27-28

Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who abuse you.

John 5:24

Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgement but has passed from death to life.

Revelation 21:4-5

He will wipe away every tear from their eyes and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning nor crying, nor pain anymore for the former things have passed away, and he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new". Also he said, "Write this down for these words are trustworthy and true".

Mark 10:15-16

I assume you that whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child will never enter it. He took the children in his arms, placed his hand on each of them and blessed them.

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"YOUR OPINION DOESN'T MATTER!"

BY BRITNEY JENINE

You don't need man's approval, you need God's approval. You need to fear God and not man. No negative words spoken over you deserves a place in your life. Those negative opinions don't matter. Remember the promises of God. If someone isn't imparting positivity in your life – their opinion doesn't matter. Respect and fear are two different things – know who deserves which.

I want you to tell yourself this every time someone says something negative to you. "Your opinion don't matter! I am created by God for a purpose. I am special. I am loved. I am chosen by God. He is always there for me."

Most people lose out on success because they worry about other people's opinions. But when you adopt the lifestyle of not letting other people's opinions

affect you, you will achieve success fast and you will also gain self-confidence. You will not be afraid to follow your dreams and passions and you will have joy in your life because you are living with the mind-set that it is only God's opinion that matters over your life.

It's all in your mind. You need to keep your mind fixed on Christ and not on others opinions. You need to train your mind and guard your heart. You have to encourage yourself first and know your worth.

Psalm 27:1

"The LORD is my light and my salvation – whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life – of whom shall I be afraid? When evil men advance against me to devour my flesh, when my foes attack me, they will stumble and fall."



DELICIOUS DESSERTS TO KEEP WARM



Recipe for:

CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIES

INGREDIENTS:

- ½ cup white sugar
- ¾ cup brown sugar
- 1 tsp salt
- ½ cup (114g) butter
- 1 egg
- 1 tsp vanilla
- 1 ¼ cups flour
- ½ tsp bicarb
- 110g chocolate chunks/chips

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Melt the butter
- Mix the white sugar, brown sugar, salt, and melted butter together
- Add the egg and vanilla, and mix
- Add the flour and bicarb, and mix
- Add the chocolate chunks/chips (or oreos, MnM's, or anything else you would like) to the mixture
- Place a spoonful of mixture onto a greased baking tray. The cookies spread quite a lot, so make sure to not put them too close together
- Bake at 180° for 12 – 15 minutes

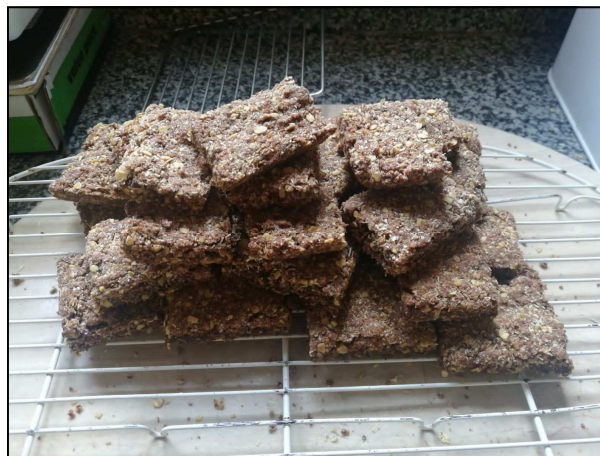
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Recipe for:

CRUNCHIES

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 cup coconut
- 1 cup oats
- 1 cup flour
- 200ml sugar
- 5ml bicarb
- Pinch salt
- 125g margarine
- 15ml syrup
- 15ml water
- 5ml vanilla
- 2 – 3 blocks of baking chocolate (optional)



INSTRUCTIONS:

- Mix the coconut, oats, sugar, bicarb, and salt together
- Melt the syrup, margarine, water, and vanilla together on the stove. If you want to make the crunchies chewy, add the baking chocolate
- Add the wet ingredients to the dry ingredients
- Spread the mixture onto a greased baking tray, pressing it down with a fork to make it even
- Bake at 180° for 15 – 20 minutes



BY AARON GARTON

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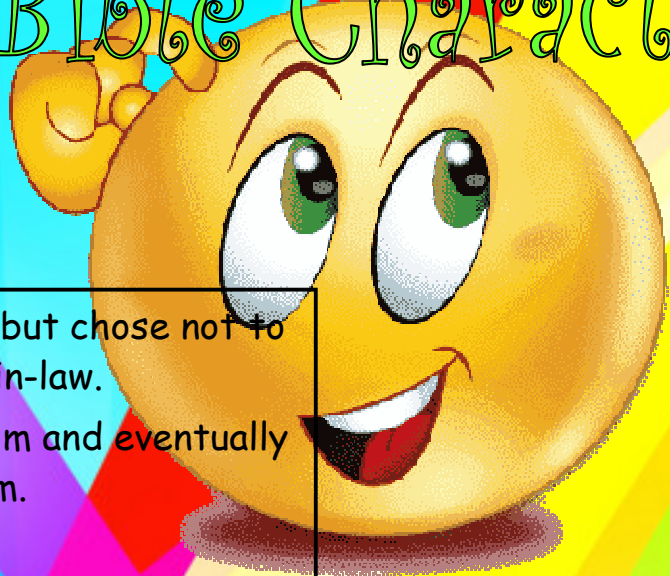
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1. I lost my husband in battle, but chose not to leave my mother-in-law.
I met a great man, worked for him and eventually got married to him.
Who am I?

2. I was sent as a spy into the land of Canaan.
I led my people into the promised land.
Who am I?

3. I was a tax collector.
I was chosen by Jesus to be one of His disciples.
Who am I?

4. I was an early Christian missionary and church leader.
I brought a fundraising letter from Paul to Corinth, to collect for the poor in Jerusalem.
Who am I?

5. I was a carpenter.
My wife's name was Mary.
Who am I?

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