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Please memorize this portion

Proverbs 24:1-10

- 1. Be not thou envious against evil men, neither desire to be with them.
- 2. For their heart studieth destruction, and their lips talk of mischief.
- 3. Through wisdom is an house builded; and by understanding it is established:
- 4. And by knowledge shall the chambers be filled with all precious and pleasant riches.
- 5. A wise man is strong; yea, a man of knowledge increaseth strength.
- 6. For by wise counsel thou shall make thy war: and in multitude of counsellors there is safety.
- 7. Wisdom is too high for a fool: he openeth not his mouth in the gate.
- 8. He that deviseth to do evil shall be called a mischievous person.
- 9. The thought of foolishness is sin: and the scorner is an abomination to men.
- 10. If thou faint in the day of adversity, thy strength is small.

YOU ARE DIVINELY SUMMONED TO ACCOMPLISH EXTRA-ORDINARY DEEDS!

Rev. Angeline Selvakumari

Daniel 11:32 reminds us that God has not called us or created us for an ordinary life.

"... But the people who know their God shall be strong, and carry out great exploits." - Daniel 11:32.

He wants His people to be spiritually mature, displaying their strength (faith) by taking action - resisting or boldly facing any challenging situation.

Jesus Christ knew that attaining extra-ordinary faith is not possible through ordinary means, and that is why He has promised us the Holy Spirit, Who will empower us to display our strength (faith).

Acts 1:8 states, "You will receive power (Holy Spirit) that will give you the strength to be His witness, displaying your faith in every situation." If we examine the lives of Jesus' disciples, we can observe a significant difference before and after they experienced the Holy Spirit. Peter, who had denied Jesus Christ three times in front of a small number

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God has spoken once, twice I have heard this: That power belongs to God."

Psalm 62:1

Dearly beloved in the Lord!



We greet you in the matchless name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

We are very sad to notify that our dear brother, Dr. A. Richard Samuel, M.A., Ph.D., Associate Editor of **Echo of His Call** English entered into glory on the 30^{th} August 2023. He was not well recently. He was ministering with many ministries like Evangelical Union for a long through his writings, preachings and counselling. He was a very good brother and helpful in our God's ministry as English Associate Dr. A. Richard Samuel Editor. He ministered with us on honourary basis from the beginning to the end without accepting

any remuneration or payment. Please pray for his wife, children and grandchildren during this hardest time.

According to 2 Timothy 4:2 which says, Preach the Word! Be ready in season and out of season, we strive to preach the Word of God in various ways:

- Conducting Church Services in multiple languages
- Publishing our **Echo of His Call** newsletter in 16 languages
- Offering Postal Bible Courses (BIBLECOR) in three languages: Tamil, English and Hindi
- Providing Theological Correspondence Courses through Distance Education in Tamil and English
- Operating three Bible Colleges: Nehemiah Bible College (Residential and Evening) in Hindi and Tamil
- St. Paul's Matriculation School (Village High School), where subjects are taught in English
- Running an offset Printing Press capable of printing monthly newsletter in 16 languages
- Organizing social upliftment programs for the poor
- Conducting crusades in various languages
- Maintaining the Echo of His Call YouTube Channel, where the loving gospel of Jesus Christ is preached in Tamil, English, Telugu and Hindi.

We have received positive results, and we give glory to God Almighty for His grace. We also extend our gratitude to all who support our ministry.

The growth of the YouTube Ministry!

In the past, there was a belief in the spiritual world that we should avoid using the latest technological inventions such as television, the

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internet, mobile phones and YouTube. We too held a similar viewpoint. However, in recent times, common people have reduced their reliance on traditional news sources like newspapers, radio and books. They also attend fewer spiritual meetings in person, but some participate in online spiritual services.

Mobile or Cell Phones

People of all ages, from children to adults and the elderly, regardless of their financial status, now own one or more mobile phones. Each mobile phone often contains multiple SIM cards. Worldwide, there are millions of such mobile devices in use.

To reach thousands of people simultaneously, we utilize these mobile phones, which were not initially favored by spiritual individuals. Although there are negative consequences associated with their use, we employ cell phones to reach the modern population with the gospel message.

When people use cell phones to watch and listen to the world news and various entertainment programs, they also have the opportunity to listen to gospel messages. In the early days, we used to preach the Lord's messages for 15 minutes on television, even during the broadcast of movies, dramas and world news. We received positive results from these efforts, and as a result, many full-time Christian spiritual channels have emerged. It is undeniable that we have benefited from this development.

Although cell phones can be dangerous instruments, we have created our **Echo of His Call** YouTube Channel with the intention of rescuing people who are heading towards eternal destruction and making suicidal decisions by sharing the power of Jesus Christ. We broadcast a short message every morning at 5 o'clock in Tamil, English, Hindi and Telugu, aiming to redeem the people of this world. Despite the fact that millions of people are engrossed in using their cell phones to indulge in worldly things, the same device can be used to save them from the consequences of leading a life without Christ. Therefore, we also minister to these people through this technology, and individuals from all walks of life around the world benefit from it, finding solace in the loving care of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

We publish here a few testimonies:

"I was feeling spiritually tired and weary. Your message comforted and uplifted me."

"Due to various calamities in life, I didn't want to live anymore. Your prayers on your YouTube Channel strengthened my will to live."

"I was sick and bedridden. Your testimonies shared on your YouTube Channel brought me healing."

"As a family, we listened to your messages and joined your prayers. We experienced fellowship and healing within our family."

"I am a retired servant of God. Your YouTube Channel has given me a lot of work. I watch all your messages in Tamil, Telugu, English, and Hindi, and then I forward and share them with all the groups I am involved in. This has become my full-time job. It is a very good ministry, and your messages are truly blessed, saving the lives of millions of people worldwide. Continue to do it. I can't fail to appreciate your hard work during these 55 years of your ministry, as I have known you for the past 50 years."

"Ever since we started listening to your messages that come and seeking early every morning on your YouTube Channel every morning, we have been attending our Church Services regularly and worshiping our Lord Jesus Christ in spirit and truth. Before doing anything else, only after listening to your YouTube messages, I begin my personal prayer and family prayer."

We have received numerous responses from individuals who have experienced a similar impact. This is why we have created this YouTube Channel Ministry. Please pray that God's will be done.

We are grateful for these testimonies and rejoice in the impact our ministry has had on individuals across the globe.

Your Duties

If you are interested, please Subscribe to our **Echo of His Call** YouTube Channel by saving our cellphone number +91-98410 71858, as we send our YouTube Link from our number +91-98410 71858.

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Please save these two mobile numbers +91-98410 71858 and +91-98412 71858 in your cellphone as we desire to have a close fellowship with you. We kindly ask for your prayers for everyone who sincerely works in this ministry.

If you wish to watch our messages, subscribe our **Echo of His Call** YouTube Channel, Please pray for our employees who are faithfully doing this ministry. Additionally, we welcome your suggestions and support in order to improve this ministry and be further encouraged to move forward.

Please pray fervently for us. We face various spiritual battles, and many fellow servants of God who work alongside us are afflicted with different weaknesses in their bodies. May God bless all of you who are supporting us financially and morally. We pray for God's protection over you. May God's grace be with you. Amen!

Your servants in Christ Jesus,

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of people, was able to boldly preach the Good News among thousands. Where did he find this courage? It was the power of the Holy Spirit working within him.

Faith that works!

Acts Chapter 3 vividly demonstrates the transformative power of the Holy Spirit and how it can turn an ordinary person into an extra-ordinary one simply by exercising their faith. It provides an example of what happens when we put our faith into action. This account narrates the first miracle performed by the disciples after receiving the power of the Holy Spirit.

Acts chapter 3: Peter and John

LET US DELVE INTO THIS PASSAGE:

It must have been just another ordinary day in the lives of Peter, John, and the lame man - for the purpose of our understanding, let's refer to the lame man as Tom.

All three of them must have followed their daily routines, getting ready to go to the temple. Peter and John went to worship the Lord, while Tom set out to seek his source of income. None of them knew what God had planned for that day. I don't think they realised that it would be a life-changing day.

BACKGROUND STORY:

As a regular practice, Peter and John went to the temple of God. On one such day, they came across Tom, who sat at the temple gate, carried by people every day so that he could ask for "alms". Tom could not walk right from the time of his birth, and he was around 40 years old. He must have been a popular man and well known to the Jews in the vicinity. Hundreds of people must have walked up and down the

temple, looking at this man, maybe some giving him money and some ignoring him.

The sad thing is that this man spent four decades of his life sitting outside the temple. If you were to ask him, maybe he could tell you all the customs and traditions of the temple, all the names and family details of the people who came to the church. He must have known all the church leaders and all the songs sang in the temple since he has been listening for 4 decades. He must have heard so many sermons, yet, he was still sitting outside the church. There was no one to take him inside the church.

Does it sound familiar? Some of us are like this. We know who God is, we have heard about His miraculous deeds, His awesome power, and we have heard so many messages and sang many songs. But we are still standing outside His presence, unable to have that personal encounter with

God. Some of us are singing about our past glory. We used to be like this, we used to be like that, but what about now? Where is your walk with Christ? Are you inside or outside His presence?

There was no one to take Tom inside the Temple. If you are someone sitting outside the presence of God, far far away, may this message bring you close to the presence of God.

Suddenly on that day, when Tom was asking for money as he was used to doing. Peter looked at him, fixing his eyes on him, and said, "Look at us." What made Peter fix his eyes on him? It does not look like Tom was asking Peter and John anything out of the ordinary. It was just a general plea to everyone who walked by. However, Peter wanted Tom's full attention because Peter knew something important was going to happen in both their lives. He was about to put his faith into action. Therefore, he demanded his full attention.

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PRAISE & PRAYER POINTS - From 2023 October 19 To November 18

(Please take this sheet out, fold it and keep it in your Bible and pray continuously)



†PRAISE GOD FOR...

- October 19

 → His blessings on our commitment to Magazine Ministry since 1969.
- October 20 \Rightarrow His blessings in spreading the gospel to the unreached groups through our magazine ministry.
- October 21

 ⇒ Helping us to conduct the Annual convention to mark our entry into the 55th year.
- October 22 The activities of our Echo of His Call Ministries in the last month.
- October 23

 Enabling us to print and publish our magazine in 16 languages in our printing press and send them to the mission fields.
- October 24

 ⇒ His mercy towards our Prayer Partners, Subscribing Partners, Faith Partners, Life Partners and Great Commission Partners as well as their families.
- October 25

 ⇒ The growth of our Bible Correspondence Course and Theological Correspondence Course.
- October 26

 ⇒ The blessings of our Associate Editors and their families.
- October 27

 ⇒ Safeguarding our Echo of His Call Ministries staff and their families.
- October 28

 ⇒ Senior Pastor's commitment to propagate the gospel through multifarious ministries.
- October 29 ⇒ Protecting world nations.
- October 30

 ⇒ Enabling us to support other ministries as well.
- October 31

 ⇒ Our supporters and their involvement in our ministry.
- November 01 ⇒ Blessing us with new students for our Sunday School Children's Programme at St. Paul's Matriculation School.
- November 02

 → Meeting the needs of the people involved in printing of Bibles and Christian Literatures all over the world.

November 03 ⇒ Blessing our Senior Pastor S. Sam Selva Raj and his family with divine protection and good health.

†PLEASE PRAY FOR ...

- November 04 ⇒ Divine consolation of the bereaved family, mourning the loss of our English Associate Dr. A. Richard Samuel.
- November 05

 The welfare of Echo of His Call believers and their families who belong to the main Church and its branches.
- **November 06** ⇒ The Protection of children and youth from addiction to narcotics.
- November 07 ⇒ Protection and good health of our Associate Editors and their families.
- November 08 ⇒ The discipline and dedication of the students at our Residential and Evening Nehemiah Bible College.
- November 09 → Allowing and leading our Senior Pastor to write his autobiography and His continued guidance in this endeavor.
- November 10 ⇒ The unity and peace in all countries.
- November 11 ⇒ The safety and well-being of people all over the world.
- November 12 ⇒ Enabling us to reach the unreached groups in India.
- November 13 ⇒ The good health of our Senior Pastor S. Sam Selva Raj and his family.
- November 14 ⇒ The eradication of child trafficking worldwide.
- November 15 ⇒ The blessing and protection upon all Christian Organisations and Churches.
- November 16 ⇒ The protection and good health of the staff at Echo of His Call Ministries.
- November 17 ⇒ The prevention of the spread of viruses such as Omicron, Nipah and BA.2.86.
- November 18

 → Mighty miracles, wonders and signs to happen in all Christian Ministries.

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When the Holy Spirit comes, it gives us the power to do extra-ordinary/great exploits for our Lord. Their Faith began to work. It was Faith in action. God is expecting our Faith to be an Extraordinary faith.

1. EXTRA-ORDINARY **FAITH requires** EXTRA-ORDINARY VISION - to be able to see beyond what is visible!

Peter saw Tom beyond his physical condition. He was a physically challenged man, a beggar, with no financial status, and had to depend on someone for his daily responsibilities. Peter could have just given him a few coins and walked away to worship the Lord, but he decided to stay behind and spend some time with this man. Peter may have been in a hurry to go to the temple, but he took the time for this man. Do we have time for the people around us, or are we too busy running around doing our own work? Some of us are so focused on our personal, professional, and spiritual lives that we fail to see the needs of others immediately around us.

Here we see that Peter stopped! from entering the temple iust for one man. I think he must have learned it from his Master stopping for One man!

Jesus Christ STOPPED FOR ONE man sitting on the Sycamore tree. Jesus Christ stood for one woman who had been bleeding for 12 years. He went all the way to meet one woman at the well. He crossed a heavy storm to meet one mentally challenged man near Decapolis. So Peter must have known the importance of one man! Let us reflect on ourselves. When was the last time we stopped for

attention?

Peter was able to see beyond the man's physical need, to the need for his spiritual deliverance. He said, "Look at us"... he looked at him deeply... Are we able to see beyond people's physical situations? Many times, we are being judgmental. We decide who needs Jesus and who does not. We often hear phrases like "he will not listen" or "who will speak to him"; even when choosing to share our witness, we are choosy. We decide based on outward appearance whether a person needs Jesus or not.

If we want to exercise our extra-ordinary faith, we need to start seeing with extra-ordinary vision - beyond what we can see with our naked eyes.

Neither was Tom expecting a miracle, nor was Peter planning a healing service; it so happened when they were willing to exercise their extra-ordinary faith. Are you

someone to give them love, care, or willing to exercise your extraordinary faith and put faith into action?

> "Fixing our eyes" to look deeper. When was the last time you saw people around you "deeper" your church members, beyond who they are, where they came from, and what they look like? Take some time to look deeper!

> Barnabas saw something deep and special in Saul and John Mark. May God give us the vision to see people beyond their physical outward appearances and to look deep into their spiritual needs.

> > 2. EXTRA-ORDINARY FAITH PRODUCES EXTRA-ORDINARY COURAGE!

Most of us prefer to play it safe and stick to our routines, staying within our comfort zones.

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(Life experiences of Pastor S. Sam Selva Raj)

"Whoever reads, let him understand" (Matthew 24:15)



THE LORD WHO KEEPS HIS PROMISES!

The Lord called me to His glorious ministry in the year 1969. Once again in 1971, He encouraged me with His promises found in Jeremiah 51:20-23.

"You are My battle-axe and weapons of war: for with you I will break the nation in pieces; with you I will destroy kingdoms;

With you I will break in pieces the horse and its rider;

With you I will break in pieces man and woman; with you I will break in pieces old and voung; with vou I will break in pieces the voung man and the maiden;

With you also I will break in pieces the shepherd and his flock; with you I will break in pieces the farmer and his yoke of oxen; and with you I will break in pieces governors and rulers"

These promises have been fulfilled in my ministry, as Echo of His Call encompasses all these areas, each functioning as a separate ministry presently. Our Lord is faithful to His promises.

Let's witness the fulfillment of the verses, "Thou art my battle axe and weapon of war... with thee will I break in pieces captains and rulers" (Verses 20 and 23 KJV).

When I was in the Government service between the years 1978 and 1980, I had to reside in the quarters designated for government officers near

"No weapon formed against you shall prosper..." - Isaiah 54:17

Chennai Beach. During that time, I rented a large hall upstairs to preach the Gospel to the government officers residing in the area. Many high-ranking officials were touched by God and received blessings for their soul and body.

Whenever I had the opportunity, I also conducted open-air meetings. However, there were people who disliked me and instigated others to disrupt my work. They would stand at a distance and shout to frighten me. Sometimes, they would even circle around me while people gathered for my meetings. They would arrive on two-wheelers, brandishing weapons in their hands. I have even experienced physical assaults, which left me feeling frightened. Additionally, they approached the person who had rented me the hall and convinced the landlord to no longer rent it to me.

Despite all these challenges, the Lord never abandoned me. He began to elevate my position, and His mighty hand was always with me. I have prayed to God, seeking forgiveness for those who worked against me and asking for their salvation. However, I have not been able to meet many of them. Nevertheless, I have encountered some of them, and it is true that the Lord has indeed met them and granted them His salvation.

As the Psalmist says, "Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the man who trusts in **Him**" (Psalm 34:8).

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Especially as we get older, some of us become less adventurous, and I include myself in this category. I used to engage in many crazy and adventurous activities, such as going on scary rides and roller coasters, enjoying the thrill of the unexpected. However, as time went on, my perspective changed. I

would happen if something went have I will give you." wrong. Like me, many of us prefer to stay on the safe side.

started questioning why I should took a bold step and said, "Silver take unnecessary risks and what and gold I have none, but what I

This wasn't just an act of courage; but it was extra-ordinary. Peter could have simply Peter was imparting his faith into ignored the man or walked by the man. This incident is similar to busily talking to John, as many of Acts 14:8-19, where Paul heals a us would do, especially when we lame man. However, the difference don't have spare change. But he is that the man Paul healed had "faith for healing," whereas the Bible does not mention whether the man Peter healed had faith. Nevertheless, Peter and John courageously imparted their faith into this man's life.

God has called us to impart faith in the lives of those around us. Are we imparting faith? Most of the time, we are happy to share our faith with those who already have faith, but we are hesitant when it comes to imparting our faith to those of other faiths or those who have no faith at all.

Dear friends, it is time for us to impart our faith into the lives of those around us. Let's invest our time in sowing faith in someone's life.

Peter had the courage to exercise his unshakable faith. He didn't doubt for a minute what would happen if the man wasn't healed. Peter said with confidence, "Rise up and walk." The man understandably didn't understand this command from Peter. As the next verse says, Peter took him by the hand and helped him stand up. That's when the man realized that he could indeed get up and walk.

Peter said - "Rise up and walk".

Today, there are people waiting for us to lift them up, holding their right hand. They are so close to coming into the presence of God but are still waiting outside the gate. It requires extra-ordinary courage.

Peter and John were not hindered by Tom, but rather saw him as someone who enabled them to preach the gospel with power, demonstrating the power of God.

It is important for Christians not to isolate themselves in their walk of faith. While it is good to have alone time with God, it is equally important to invest time, effort, and resources on



Healing in the name of Jesus Christ!

others. Speak life with extraordinary courage into the lives of those around you, and those who cross your path. Don't play it safe!

3. EXTRA-ORDINARY FAITH brings EXTRA-ORDINARY CHALLENGES!

When our faith is unshakable, it leads to extraordinary faith, which in turn brings extra-ordinary challenges. The Christian path is filled with numerous challenges, and nowhere in the Bible does it claim it to be a bed of roses. We must deny ourselves and carry our cross.

After experiencing a lifechanging miracle, Peter and John were not celebrated or honored, but rather imprisoned. My dear friends, Satan will bring every possible obstacle to hinder us from fulfilling God's intended purpose for our lives. However, no power of man or hell can ever stop God's divine plan for us.

Peter and John were imprisoned, severely threatened, and commanded not to speak, but nothing could stop them.

My dear friends, extraordinary times call for extraordinary measures. When we exercise our faith and put it into action, we may face more problems and challenges, but we must hold onto our faith. Our reward is in heaven, so we must remain faithful to our calling. We should not look back or step back, but keep marching forward.

Acts 14:22 reminds us that we will face tribulations before entering the kingdom of heaven, and during these times, we need to strengthen our souls and continue in faith.

Psalm 34:19 states that "Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord delivers him out of them all."

Living a godly life does not exempt us from suffering. Throughout history, men and women of faith have experienced trials and troubles. Problems are a part of life for both Christians and non-Christians, church goers and non church goers. But it does not mean that you are a bad or evil person. However, the difference lies in the fact that when a child of God experiences trials, we can be assured that God is aware and that we are safe in His hands.

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