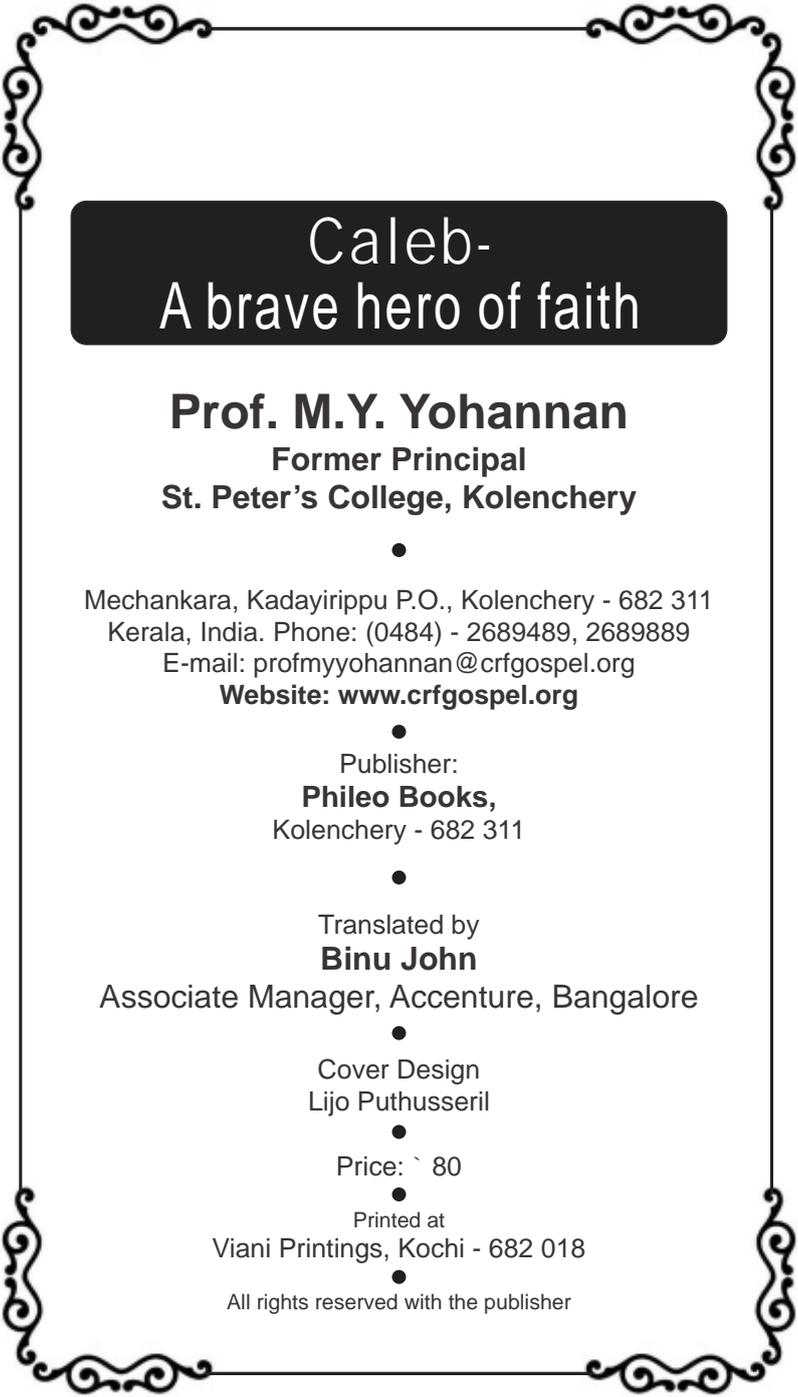


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PREFACE

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Caleb was a brave hero of faith who trusted in the Lord with courage and conviction. Caleb never withered with age and continued to exhibit the same vigour and vitality during his old age. The secret of victorious life is to be a wholehearted follower of the Lord, and this is unravelled through the life of Caleb. The inspiration behind writing this book is the hope that all of us truly imbibe the goodness of his personality in our lives and remain committed to our Lord Jesus till the end.

R. A. Tory said, “Pray for great things; expect great things; work for great things and above all pray, pray, pray ever more.” As a young man, he had an unruly behaviour and showed disdain to the Word of God. However, his mother was a pious and devout woman. His mother was disturbed due to his misdeeds and obsession to immoral acts, and she advised him to mend his ways. Unfortunately, he did not heed to her words and constantly mocked and opposed her prayerful and spiritual life.

One day, he walked up to his mother and spoke to her in arrogance, “I am going my way. I am fed up with the life in this house.” His mother replied in a calm

demeanour, “Son, whenever you hit a roadblock in your life, you should say – God of my mother, please save me.” He just ignored her words and left the house.

He adopted a sinful and immoral lifestyle in the city. A life that was enslaved to the carnal desires of this world! However, he never found joy or peace in any of these worldly things.

At last, he was depressed and in his state of despair, he decided to commit suicide. Fortunately, he immediately remembered his mother's words, “Whenever you hit a roadblock in your life, you should say – God of my mother, please save me.” He did not hesitate any further and knelt down and prayed, “Lord Jesus, the God of my mother, please save me now.” As soon as he said this, a heavenly peace descended on him and his heart brimmed with joy. He returned to his mother at once. R. A. Tory then went on to become a blessed evangelist who achieved great things for Lord Jesus.

There are many characters in the Holy Bible who started their lives with zeal but could not remain committed till the end. The lives of King Saul, Solomon, Samson, Demas, and others are testimony to this fact.

On the contrary, we also read about people in the Bible who turned away from their wicked ways, received a born-again experience, and remained steadfast in the Lord till the end. Saul who was determined to shake the foundation of Christian faith was transformed to become St. Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ. Jephthah was a person who was born of a prostitute. He had lost all

virtues in life by living with rogues who had no moral values. However, Jephthah surrendered himself to the Lord and made a solemn decision to follow Him. He made a firm commitment to the Lord and held on to it - "For I have made a vow to the Lord, and I cannot take it back."

Caleb who had a distinct and inspiring personality turned victorious by beginning his life in ardent faith and devotion to the Lord and remained committed till the end. The motivation behind writing this book is my earnest desire that all of us should be faithful and committed to the Lord like Caleb. My dear friends, I sincerely hope that all of you receive the unwavering faith and courage of Caleb by reading this book.

Many of my spiritual brethren worked tirelessly to ensure this book see the light of day. The contribution of Mrs. Saly and Mr. Saju who lead the Amruthadhara choir is especially unforgettable. I have no words to express my gratitude to all my dear ones who supported me in this endeavour with great enthusiasm. Let me conclude my introductory words with a sincere prayer that may our Lord Jesus bestow his blessings abundantly on each one of them.

Yours sincerely,
M. Y. Yohannan

PREFACE

I am happy to introduce this book. "Caleb – A brave hero of faith" which is translated by Mr. Binu John, Associate Manager, Accenture, Bangalore.

Rev. George Matheson has written a spirit – filled poem.

"There is an Eye that never sleeps,
Beneath the wind of night.
There is an Ear that never shuts,
When sinks the beams of light,
There is an Arm that never tires,
When human strength gives way.
There is a Love that never fails,
When earthly loves decay."

When darkness of night imparts fear and tension of calamities and perplexities of life torture us, we are encouraged by the calmness and peace of Jesus Christ, who never sleeps.

We see in Psalm 121 in the Living Bible:

"My help is from Jehovah who made the mountains!
And the Heavens too! He will never let me stumble, slip or fall. For He is always watching, never sleeping."

Jehovah Himself is caring for you! He is your

defender. He protects you day and night. He keeps you from all evil and preserves your life. He keeps His eyes upon you as you come and go and always guards you."

George Herbert has said:

"Storms make Oaks take deeper root."

This can be seen in the life of Caleb who is considered to be the Hero of faith. Obstacles in the pathway of the weak become stepping stones in the pathway of the strong" as Thomas Carlyle says.

A Professor of English once delivered a brilliant lecture on the "Literary excellence of the 23rd Psalm to the Literary Society of the Church where he had been brought up as a boy. The chairman was the old Scot minister, who had been his pastor and teacher in his youth. At the close of the lecture the distinguished speaker asked the old minister to read the Psalm. He did so, as he had done so often through the years to the members of that congregation in their sorrows and troubles. A hush followed the heartfelt recital by the old man. Then the lecturer rose and quietly said "I may know the Psalm but he knows the shepherd."

Caleb knew who his leader is. He had full faith in God Almighty. That faith led him to mental courage and spiritual strength.

Caleb is a warrior of full trust and love towards God.

By reading this book you can very well be a hero of faith as Caleb was.

I am deeply indebted to Mr. Binu John who has

translated this book to English from Malayalam. I wholeheartedly express my gratitude to him for his magnanimity to spare his precious time to translate this book.

I hereby invite to travel with Caleb in all his adventurous steps, and to gain the courage and victory in your life.

Your humble servant,
M.Y. Yohannan

Chapter 1

It is inspiring to study about people who have been successful and progressed in life. Caleb is such a character in Bible who was victorious and progressed in life. Caleb was a hero of faith and an overcomer. We should also remain steadfast like him and aim to become 'Caleb' of this generation.

All of us aspire to be successful in life. We want to be successful in our educational, professional, and personal lives. We would like to conquer our senses, thoughts, and desires. If we consider this as our goal in life, we definitely can strive to attain this goal.

Most often we say that we want to be successful; however, we are not ready to work hard and strive towards it. It is not possible to be successful in life without struggling and toiling in life. Hard work is the secret behind people who have been successful in various walks of life. A student who works hard will definitely be successful and progress in life.

All of us should aim to be winners in life. You should desire to be successful and say "I want to rise; I want to be number one." You should not think that this desire is against humility. You may be employed at a low position at your workplace. You should aspire to move to the next

level and then aim for higher levels. With this determination, hardworking attitude, and constant enthusiasm, you will be able to successfully advance in all spheres of life. You will achieve great things in life; climb the heights of success in the spiritual and physical worlds.

The people of Israel, with a population of 600,000 were slaves to Pharaoh. They left Egypt under the leadership of Moses. They started their journey towards Canaan, the land flowing with milk and honey.

The land of Canaan is a true inheritance for the people of Israel. The reason behind this is father Abraham, the obedient child of God, was led to Canaan by the Almighty Lord. After Abraham, Isaac lived in Canaan followed by Jacob. Joseph had to move out of Canaan and go to Egypt. He became a prominent administrator in Egypt.

Joseph had asked his brothers not to bury him in Egypt when he dies. He wished to be buried in the cave of Machpelah in Canaan where his forefathers – Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob were buried.

“Soon I will die,” Joseph told his brothers, “but God will surely come to help you and lead you out of this land of Egypt. He will bring you back to the land he solemnly promised to give to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.” Then Joseph made the sons of Israel swear an oath, and he said, “When God comes to help you and lead you back, you must take my bones with you.” So Joseph died at the age of 110. The Egyptians embalmed him, and his body

was placed in a coffin in Egypt.

Genesis 50:24-26

After the lifetime of Joseph, a pharaoh who did not know Joseph started ruling the country of Egypt. As time passed, the pharaoh and Egyptians saw the people of Israel multiply in great numbers. They started oppressing them. They started to crumble in slavery and were distressed due to hard labour being enforced upon them.

The children of Israel cried out to the Lord for help. Moses was chosen by God to liberate the people of Israel. God sent ten plagues to liberate the children of Israel from Pharaoh's slavery. They set off towards Canaan under the leadership of Moses. At that time, they also took Joseph's coffin with them.

“Moses took the bones of Joseph with him”

Exodus 13:19

God led His people through this journey miraculously. Red sea was parted and the waters rolled back on both sides. The children of God walked through dry land on the seabed and entered the wilderness of Sinai. Pharaoh and his army who followed them drowned in the sea.

The people of Israel saw numerous miracles. Despite this, they contested and rebelled against God and grumbled against Moses.

During their journey through the wilderness, Joshua and Caleb stood by Moses and were of great help to him. They supported him with their indomitable spirit.

Moses' sister, Miriam, died in the wilderness. His brother, Aaron, also died. Even the life of Moses ended in the wilderness. Among the 600,000 people who fled from Egypt, all of them perished in the wilderness except Joshua and Caleb.

The reason they were able to reach this blessed position was because Joshua and Caleb remained steadfast in the Lord.

But Caleb tried to quiet the people as they stood before Moses. "Let's go at once to take the land," he said. "We can certainly conquer it!"
Numbers 13:30

Words of Courage! Words of faith! "Let's go at once to take the land," he said. "We can certainly conquer it!"

They said to all the people of Israel, "The land we travelled through and explored is a wonderful land!"
Numbers 14:7

"We have returned back after crossing Jordan and spying through the promised land of Canaan. The land we explored is a wonderful land. If God is pleased with us, He will take us to that land flowing with milk and honey and give it to us."

But my servant Caleb has a different attitude than the others have. He has remained loyal to me, so I will bring him into the land he explored. His descendants will possess their full share of that land.
Numbers 14:24

God said "Since My servant Caleb has a different attitude and he has remained completely faithful to Me, I

will take him to the land he explored. His descendants will inherit that land. I will bless his generations.”

My dear friends, today your heart is filled with unfulfilled desires. You may have lost all your hopes like a closed bud which will never blossom or like a seed which will never sprout. You may be struggling with a feeling of hopelessness; your dreams may have been shattered.

But God is granting you a promise. You will receive His blessings; your future generations will be blessed; you will be victorious in life - only if you take refuge in God, seek His support, and remain steadfast in Him.

I recently read a book named 'The Cross and the switchblade' written by David Wilkerson. This book depicts the circumstances surrounding young people suffering from depression.

The book calls us to cry and pray for young men and women who are attracted towards terror organizations. A devout priest named David Wilkerson along with his friend, Mills, decided to rescue such youth. It was an adventurous step to save a generation of young men and women in their teens who are addicted to marijuana and drugs, leading an immoral life.

Once he went to such a group and talked to all the individuals in that group. There was a leader in that group who did not show any signs of remorse. Wilkerson said to him, “God loves you.” His eyes flared up in a rage. He suddenly sprang up from his seat and pulled out an object that could fit in his fist from his pocket. He then pressed a button, and it turned into a long swordstick.

He said, "I am going to kill you. Don't share such foolishness with me." David answered, "You can kill me. You can injure me, cut my body into pieces and strew them all over this city. But every piece will cry out to you and say - Jesus loves you!"

My dear friends, there are several young people who are caught in the nets of such dreaded terror outfits. A disenchanting generation! However, if they surely find Christ the Saviour, all these young people will turn victorious. They will receive flags of love and faith in their hands. They will carry the Cross in their hands. They will testify the message of love through the Cross. The lips that were spreading terrifying messages will start proclaiming the message of love through the Cross with exuberance.

There is a 'game' called 'Ouija Board' which is popular among teenagers. A group of 4 or 5 students will get together, close the doors and windows of the room, and call upon the evil spirit – "Tell us the questions for tomorrow's exam." They believe that Ouija board will tell them everything. It will not tell them anything. It is just their notion that it will talk to them. Innocent children fall into such traps. There are some people who will request to bring back the spirits of the dead, so that they can talk to them.

In a place which is not very far from our house, some kids were playing Ouija Board. After some time, the class bell rang and they had to go to the class. The kids started shouting "Ouija Board – go, go!" but the evil spirit did not go. They were disturbed and did not know what to do, and

they got up and went to class. But the evil spirit got into one of the girl students in the group. After this episode, she was not able to sleep. She started having nightmares and would get terrified and wake up in the night. She started crying because she was not able to sleep. She spent two or three sleepless days.

Later, her mother called me and narrated all this. She then said, "Sir, I had brought her to the second Saturday prayer meeting. She was not willing to come earlier, she was scared. She was telling that she cannot even come close to that place. I spoke to her with love and affection, and she was convinced to come with me. She attended the second Saturday prayer meeting. She then came for the second Sunday meeting. She also came for the Monday meeting. Sir, she is sleeping peacefully now."

How did this happen? She just did one thing. She came and sat in a place where there was divine presence of Lord Jesus. The evil and satanic spirit of Ouija Board fled away from her. Nobody should fall into such dangerous traps. This innocent girl who would have become mentally ill was saved by the grace of God.

Dear friends, you have great responsibilities. You can redeem generations if you lead a victorious life. Only this will prevail when you are led into the eternal world after death. You don't have to abandon anything for that. You just have to forsake your sins. Jesus will give you victory over all your sins if you consciously decide to stay away from temptations that lead you to sin, things that overpower your senses, certain bodily desires that lead

you to sin, and the sinful nature in your blood.

You should decide, “I will not use my tongue to say lies. I will not use my tongue for malicious talks about others. I will not use my tongue to say anything wrong. I will not use obscene words in my conversations. I will listen more and talk less.” Likewise, you should have a very clear commitment. “Be quick to listen and slow to speak.”

You should have control over your tongue and control over your eyes. When you see that a person is indulging in malicious talk, you will not stay there and listen to it but will immediately move from there. You will say – “I do not want to listen to these slanderous talks; I have given my ears to Jesus. I have opened these ears to receive the true Word of God. There is no room for anything else here.”

“I have dedicated my tongue, my intellect, my thoughts, my deliberations, my imaginations, my reflections, my plans, my memories, my emotions, and my desires to the Lord. All the organs in my body have been dedicated to the Lord.” This is the secret of triumphant Christian life of a victorious person. You too can lead a victorious life.

Caleb was a person with a different attitude. Out of the 600,000 people who started the journey only two people had a different attitude.

There are many people in this world. There are many students in your college. You may have many friends in your class. There are many people who work

together. There are people who live together and share a room. Wherever you are, you should be a person with a different attitude. Something special!

Perhaps, people may tease you. They will say that you are not fit to live in this society. In the college, where all students are wasting their time indulging in political campaigns, here's one student who remains focused on studies. During study tours when other students are going out for a movie, here's one student who is staying away from that group and not going with them. They will say "Are you a person who should have lived in the 18th century. Look at this false saint." Others will tease you. Let them tease you. You just have to ensure that you do not feel offended.

People will mock you and say "He is pretending to be a great devotional man. We know that he is using this as means to gather some foreign funds." Let them mock you; just ensure that there is no truth in their allegations and the statements made against you. You should not be greedy for money. You should not be covetous. You should not be a haughty person. You should have a different nature. You will see yourself progressing victoriously in your life.

When other students are ruining their lives by indulging in eve-teasing, passing obscene comments on girls, and stalking them; you should stay away from such groups. They will again mock you and say "He seems to be impotent. Not fit to live in this generation." Let them say whatever they want.

You should not associate yourself with others on their misdeeds. You should have a distinct character. People may be careless and indifferent at their work. Some may while away their time talking about politics. Others may walk around doing nothing and gossiping with their colleagues. But you should be dedicated to your work. You should work hard and ensure all your tasks are completed on time with perfection.

Friends, if you have to be saved and be successful in your life, you should obey the Word of God wholeheartedly.

Caleb said

“If the Lord is pleased with us, he will lead us into that land, a land flowing with milk and honey, and will give it to us.” Numbers 14:8

If God is pleased with us, he will give us that land. In the next verse, he says, “Only do not rebel against the Lord.” You should not rebel against the Lord, the Word of God, and His ways. Even if you do not understand any of this, you should not rebel. This is the way to be victorious.

Surrender yourself completely. Word of God is life. Word of God is spirit. Word of God is His grace. Word of God is power. Word of God is courage. Word of God is love. Word of God is purity. You may not understand the Word of God, but the Lord himself is the Word of God.

Human being is an insignificant creature on this earth. How will he understand the everlasting God?

Moses obeyed everything that the God commanded

him. God asked him to stretch out his hand with the staff over the Red Sea. Moses did not ask God, "Why should I do that?" God commanded and Moses obeyed, and the Red Sea parted. The seabed of the divided Red Sea turned into dry land.

Do not try to analyze the Word of God using your intellectual power. If you try to interpret the Word of God with your intelligence, you will not be able to understand anything. You will not be able to comprehend anything clearly using your intellect. Then, what is required? You should not revolt against Him but obey Him. You should tell Him, "Lord, I do not know anything, but I know one thing that You love me. I have the faith that You love me."

"Please give me the wisdom to recognize your love. It is enough if you can enlighten me and provide me with the intelligence to comprehend your love."

God loves you when you are suffering from illness. God loves you when you are jobless, when you are despised by your relatives, when you are disliked by your friends, when you and your family are burdened with rising debts and hardships and when you are in unmanageable crises.

The love of Golgotha is an unconditional love and not subject to any reservations or dependent on anything. This is boundless and immeasurable love. This is spotless love. This is divine love. This is eternal holy love. This love flowed from the pierced body of Christ on the Cross. This love was held on to the Cross with three nails. This love endured flogging with a whip.

This love does not offend anyone or grumble against anyone. This is a selfless love and does not have a conflict with anyone. This love has come near you. This love is offering you to become a victorious hero like Caleb.

This love is being transmitted to you so that it can dwell in you and achieve extraordinary things. To help you nurture a divine generation that can fight against the satanic powers to destroy the wicked devil and bring the heavenly kingdom on earth. It's only then that our prayer will become meaningful – “Our Father which art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in Heaven.”

You should remain steadfast to bring the holy name of our Father on earth. You are the one who should bring the kingdom of Heaven on earth.

Kingdom of Heaven is nothing but love, kindness, humility, gentleness, and forbearance. There is no vindictiveness, no complaints, no feelings of offense, and no discord. There is not even a speck of impurity. Let the kingdom of Heaven come into your heart.

Jesus is the kingdom of Heaven. Jesus, who is the kingdom of Heaven, is knocking at your heart's door. He is asking you – “Child, will you open your heart for me?” The Saviour is standing next to you and pleading with you – “Shall I enter your body.” Accept Jesus in your heart, welcome him, and the kingdom of Heaven will be in your heart.



Chapter 2

Joshua and Caleb were two brave men in the Old Testament. They were courageous and faithful men of God. Joshua led the people of Israel after the death of Moses. However, Caleb supported Joshua with his companionship and was like his brother, friend, and assistant.

We do not see Caleb taking a leadership position in God's ministry. Joshua was anointed as the leader of Israelites. He became their leader and carried out the work that God had assigned to him. In the eyes of men, Caleb did not receive an important position and he did not acquire the center-stage as a leader; however, in the sight of God, he was a precious man.

Ten out of the twelve men who went to spy the land of Canaan gave up their hopes, lost their energy, became tired and weak, and decided to pull back. They also discouraged others. However, Caleb encouraged others. He showed great courage and enthusiasm to move forward. Caleb turned victorious.

We should consider this as an important lesson in our spiritual lives. We should never allow ourselves to be left behind, not only in our spiritual lives but in our personal

lives as well, we should be winners.

A student who is studying in a school or college will have to face examinations, some students may fail, but you should decide “I will not fail.” Many of them may stoop to low levels but you should always claim the moral high ground. You should provide leadership and guidance to others, bring them together and encourage them to move forward. You should instill confidence in people who have lost hope and motivate them to become achievers.

When you are working towards this, you will have to endure several challenges. You will have to face criticism from others, people may tease and shun you out of their groups. However, you should not get exhausted. You will be victorious and move forward in all the areas where others fail.

“When Moses sent them to explore Canaan, he said, “Go up through the Negev and on into the hill country. See what the land is like and whether the people who live there are strong or weak, few or many. What kind of land do they live in? Is it good or bad? What kind of towns do they live in? Are they unwalled or fortified? How is the soil? Is it fertile or poor? Are there trees in it or not? Do your best to bring back some of the fruit of the land.”

Numbers 13:17-20

People of Israel left Egypt, crossed the Red Sea, and wandered through the Desert of Zin and reached a place called Kadesh-Barnea. All these places are still

relevant in the modern world. The place referred to as Mizraim is Egypt. Canaan is now called Palestine. The people referred to as Philistines are the Palestinians. The river named as Parat in the Old Testament is the Euphrates River.

Moses selected 12 men to represent the 600,000 people of Israel who left Egypt and sent them to explore the land of Canaan. Joshua and Caleb were two among these twelve men.

God had commanded them, “You should go to the land of Canaan.”

Moses had encouraged the people of Israelites to move forward to the land of Canaan which was described as a land flowing with milk and honey. A very fertile land which would lead them to prosperity and wealth. With this hope, they marched forward and reached Kadesh-Barnea. Now, to enter Canaan, they had to cross the River Jordan.

Before entering Canaan, they had to find out about the land of Canaan and the people living there. Moses told the 12 men whom he had selected among the people of Israel to go and spy the land. He asked them to find out all details about the land. Are the people living there strong or weak? Are they great in numbers or only few people live there? Is their land superior or worthless? Are the cities surrounded by huge walls and well protected by impenetrable forts? Is the land fertile or barren? Understand the flora of the land and find out if there are a variety of plants, climbers, vines, and trees? He asked

them to take courage and bring back some fruits for them to see once they reach there. It was a season of grapes to ripen.

Dear brethren, today we are in the right season to lead our spiritual lives; the most optimal season. It's a season where the grapes have just started to ripen. Once the grapes ripen, it is ideal to make spirited wine. A spirited wine can energize a person. We are in a period where we can be filled by the Holy Spirit and energize our spirits. A period to receive the Holy Spirit abundantly. The prophet Joel said –

“And afterward, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days. I will show wonders in the Heaven and on the earth, blood and fire and billows of smoke. The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord. And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved; for on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there will be deliverance, as the Lord has said, even among the survivors whom the Lord calls.” Joel 2:28-32

The great and dreadful day of the Lord is near. There will be environmental catastrophes as we get closer to the day of second coming of the Lord. Sun will

be turned to darkness. Moon will stop shining. On that day, only people who call upon the name of the Lord will be saved. A time when the spirit is transferred generously. A period where people will receive the Holy Spirit in abundance. A season to be energized by the Holy Spirit. A season where spirit of wine will flow. Even the mountains shall drip sweet wine and hills flow milk.

During that period, people will be filled with the Holy Spirit and will see visions. They will start to witness miracles and signs. People will see many wonders and start praising the Lord. They will start to prophesy when they are filled with the energizing power of the Holy Spirit. Filled with the Holy Spirit, many will turn victorious. Rivers of Holy Spirit will flow through the nations. Spirit of wine will flow through them.

In the last days, God says, "I will pour out my spirit on all people." We have come close to the day of the Lord's second coming. The last days are near!

We see several signs across different parts of the world. Fire and vapours of smoke! Earthquakes! Dreadful and immoral things! Terror attacks! We are witnessing the fact that all the prophecies are coming true.

Now, it is the season where the grapes have started to ripen. A time when the spirit of wine is being transferred abundantly. People who are earnestly waiting for the Lord are being blessed and filled abundantly with the Holy Spirit, not only in our small fellowship but in different places across the world.

Have you ever been able to taste this superior wine? What is the foretaste of a superior wine? How sweet is this superior wine? What is the spirit of this wine? It is the victory over sins. Many of you have experienced this triumph over sin. This is witnessed when people who were leading a sinful life without fearing God have changed their ways and started returning things that they had stolen in the past.

Children fall on the feet of their parents and ask for forgiveness. Students meet their teachers and ask them for forgiveness. Colleagues who had differences among themselves reconcile and ask for forgiveness. People who were not faithful at work become faithful and loyal employees. There is an atmosphere of change everywhere. This is the season for grapes to ripen. Superior wine has been accorded its taste and is being transferred now. The best wine is being served at the last.

Do you want to convert your youthful passions into victory over sins? Those who had no control over what they see. People with lustful thoughts. Those who were slaves to indecent behaviour and indulged in immoral acts. Those who spent time watching pornography and wasted several hours of their invaluable time browsing the internet to watch obscene websites. Those who joined groups of ungodly men and acquired the habit of drinking, smoking, and drugs. All of them will experience change, only if they taste this spirited wine. The foretaste of this wine will change everything.

But there are many people who feel disturbed and

think “Why am I not able to lead a victorious Christian life? Why am I not able to win over sin? Why is it not possible for me despite the fact that I am going to fellowship? I am still getting impure thoughts and speak bad words at times.”

Let me explain this to you: Sex is not a sin. Sexuality in itself is not a sin. But if we are enslaved to sex then it is a sin. Sexuality is normal for any healthy person. However, it should not be used at the wrong time. Sexual desires should be fulfilled only at the right place and time. It should be restrained else it will lead to immoral acts. Premarital sex is a sin and extramarital sex is also a sin. What if you get these temptations? You should pray to the Lord and ask Him to help restrain your emotions so that they do not take control over you.

You should not let your desires control you. You should pray to Him, “Oh Lord! Please give me self-control. Do not lead me into temptations. Deliver me from evil.” When you are able to gain control over your desires through the power and wisdom of the Holy Spirit - your life will change, you will have a sharp intellect, you will have exceptionally good memory power, your grasping power will improve phenomenally and you will be able to understand everything you study with ease.

Your temptations should give way to wisdom and knowledge. Do not allow your desires to grow in you. Desires are not a sin. However, it should be controlled wisely and it is only then that a person shows the characteristics of a civilized human being. You should

not behave like an uncivilized person who has no control over what he is watching, saying, thinking, or doing. You should exercise control over yourself and not unleash your desires. A man who enters married life should direct his vigour and vitality appropriately towards his wife and the couple consummate their marriage. This lays the foundation for a strong and secure family life.

Do not be afraid, you can lead a victorious life. You should ensure that your thoughts are not influenced by your temptations. You should control your actions. You should avoid loose talk. You should have complete control over what you watch and see.

It is not a sin if you see something unintentionally. However, the second look is sinful. You are committing a sin if you look intentionally. Do not worry if you see a picture unintentionally. However, you should be worried if you look at it with a keen intent to watch it. It is a sin to deliberately browse through the internet to watch obscene sites. It is a sinful act to watch pornography. It is a sin to use your mobile phone to watch indecent videos. It is a sin to watch vulgar movies on the television. Your body is not meant for you to commit sins. How can you control yourself?

'Do not lead us into temptation but deliver us from evil.' You should always consciously tell to yourself, "Oh! Lord, please save me and liberate me. I want to be victorious, I want to be filled with the grace of Holy Spirit." When you are tempted to commit a sin, you should immediately call out, "My Jesus," and He will come to help

you.

Brethren, this is the season for the grapes to ripen. The time is apt to gain victory for people who want to lead a victorious life. It is the period where superior wine is being served. By the grace of God, this superior wine is flowing amongst us.

Are you willing to be the wine which can sweeten the lives of many people, energize the weak, and bring flavour in their lives? If you are willing, it is possible. You will be able to bring flavour in their lives. God transformed tasteless water into tasty wine, colourless water became coloured wine. Spiritless water was changed to spirited and energizing wine.

Today, you may not have any energy, colour, or flavour in life. There may be nothing to relish in life and everything may seem tasteless. God can transform you such that your words, deeds, and talks will be energetic, colourful, and flavoured. All your actions will exude this energy and flavour. A student will be able to witness this energy while writing his exams.

Dear children, when you enter the examination hall, this wine will start filling your heart which, in fact, is the power of the Holy Spirit. When you are sitting in the examination hall, the spirit in this wine will manifest in your body and energize you. You will start feeling the fizz and sparkle of the wine in your body. Your memory will become crystal clear. You will even be able to write the topics which you do not know.

If you are an employee, you will become successful at your work. Your performance will become much superior to others irrespective of the nature of your work. You will always attain the top ranking; not the second. You will not be left behind in the race. You will execute your duties with great enthusiasm. In your personal lives, you will be valued in your family. You will become an important member of the society you live in. All these are meaningful affirmations. You will be transformed. You will be able to influence others and bring in flavour, colour, and energy in their lives. Now, you please read Deuteronomy chapter 28 verses 1 to 20.

You will be able to pass on this spirit to many others. This spirit will manifest in your family life. Your parents will be proud of you. The teachers will be fond of you and will be proud to have you as their students.

If you are a teacher at a school or college, your students will respect you and hold you in high esteem.

Have you been able to be transformed into this wine? The Holy Spirit is talking to you. May you experience the victory over sin! May you feel the superior power of Holy Spirit that will change your behaviour! If you are married, let your wife notice it and may your kids observe it. Let your parents notice the positive change in your character and behaviour. Let them feel proud of you, respect you, and hold in you in high esteem.

People around you will start respecting you and hold you in high regard. Your parents, wife, and children will not only respect you but see that there are some divine

powers in you. Children will say that my father is not an ordinary person. There is something special in him. At your workplace, your supervisor should notice the change in you and say, "He is not an ordinary person," even if he does not call out openly, he should think "There is something remarkable in him." When this happens, our prayer "Father in Heaven, holy be thy name" will become true on earth. Our lives should reflect the sweetness of the spirit bestowed upon us by God. Today is the day, this is the time when the grapes have started to ripen; the most apt time!



Chapter 3

“You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in Heaven.”

Matthew 5:14

Let people see your good deeds. Let them notice your faithfulness in dealing with money; your loyalty and promptness at your workplace. Let them see your perfection and punctuality. Let others around you make note of your sense of responsibility and honesty. Let people be touched by your humility. Let them notice your attitude of forgiveness. Let them recognize your good character.

Jesus said in his first sermon, “Let your light shine before others that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in Heaven.” People around you should see your good deeds. This superior wine should be transferred into us. Now, we are like plain water, we should be transformed into tasty wine.

You should consciously take a decision right now.

You should tell, “Lord, I will not continue to lead my life the way I did till this moment. I will start leading a new flawless life. My life will be filled with the sweetness and spirit of wine. I will not lose my temper any more. I will not be jealous. I will not disrespect my parents under any circumstances. I will obey my teachers. In all walks of life, I will be a role model.”

Do you have this conviction in you? If you are able to take this decision and stay committed to it, you will be blessed. You are going to achieve great heights in life. Your current situations will undergo a drastic change and you will start experiencing exponential growth. You will be elevated from your present condition and taste the pinnacle of success.

You should say, “I will be victorious always.” At that very moment, even your diseases will get cured. All kinds of ailments will be healed. Mental illnesses, weakness, and memory loss will get cured completely. You will have a clear memory. You will see a positive change in everything in your life.

Are you reading this book after dropping out of school or college? Have you stopped pursuing your studies for the last few years? Have you decided that you will not study anymore? Are you just hoping to earn a living by doing some menial jobs? Then, let me tell you – You can resume your studies. It is possible for you!

Are you a person who has lost your job? Has somebody told you that you are not fit for the job? Have you been asked to not come to work? Let me tell you that

you will have a bright future at your workplace. You will see phenomenal growth in your career. This is the intoxicating power of the Holy Spirit. You will experience this power in your spiritual lives as well. Did you bear witness to Jesus Christ in the past? You will see a surge in your energy and you will have new strength and power. Your testimony will now be different. You will start witnessing filled with the power of the Holy Spirit.

When you are filled with the power of Holy Spirit, the differences of opinion you had with others will disappear and you will reconcile with them. You will not be interested anymore in things that you were obsessed with before. A person who used to enjoy listening to movie songs will no longer be interested in them. A person who used to find pleasure in consuming alcohol will not crave for it and stay away from it. A person who had a habit of smoking will lose interest in it and stop this habit. How is this possible? This is the power of the Holy Spirit.

You will not lose your temper, even under circumstances that would have otherwise made you angry. In the past when you were being served food by your mother, you would complain about the food that there is no salt, it is not tasty, or it is not your favourite dish. You would become adamant that you will not eat food for the day and decide to walk out of the dining room. These tendencies will change. Now, you will not even ask what dish has been prepared. You will just relish the food and be content at the dining table.

It was the season for the grapes to start ripening. Moses sent the men and said, "You go and gather more

information about the land.” Behind this is a mission assigned by the Holy Spirit to realize the divine heights of spiritual life. The Holy Spirit is assigning you this mission and asking you to foresee the different spheres in your spiritual life that you will conquer and the rewards that you will receive.

It is the unfailing love of God that is inviting you to go and have a glimpse of the mystical experiences at Canaan in your spiritual life. God is going to lead you to the pinnacle of spiritual life. He is going to lift you up from your current situation.

Imagine a spiritual ladder with many rungs. There are some people who reach the top rung of the ladder in one sprint, and this is very much possible in spiritual life. You will notice in spiritual life, at times, people who were first will become last and those who were last will become first. You should decide to attain the heights of spiritual life and advance towards that goal and become victorious. How is this possible? It is possible through the wave of the Holy Spirit.

You should experience the flavour of the Holy Spirit. You should say, “Lord, if the Holy Spirit has such a flavour, I want to taste it and I want to experience it. I want to experience, here on earth, all the promises you have given to mankind through the Word of God.” You should desire and crave for this. You should work towards it. You should have this thirst and determination in your heart. You should have a strong resolve in your heart to be filled with the Holy Spirit.

“So they went up and explored the land from the Desert of Zin as far as Rehob, toward Lebo Hamath. They went up through the Negev and came to Hebron, where Ahiman, Sheshai and Talmi, the descendants of Anak, lived. Hebron had been built seven years before Zoan in Egypt. When they reached the Valley of Eshkol, they cut off a branch bearing a single cluster of grapes. Two of them carried it on a pole between them, along with some pomegranates and figs. That place was called the Valley of Eshkol because of the cluster of grapes the Israelites cut off there. At the end of forty days, they returned from exploring the land. They came back to Moses and Aaron and the whole Israelite community at Kadesh in the Desert of Paran. There they reported to them and to the whole assembly and showed them the fruit of the land.” Numbers 13:21-26

Hebron is a place in Canaan that was occupied by Ahiman, Sheshai, and Talmi, who were the descendants of Anak. These people were very tall and heavily built. To conquer the land of Canaan, the Israelites have to face these strong men. It is not easy as they have to fight and win the battle against the descendants of Anak who were gigantic. These men had dominated this land and had established their authority. If the Israelites have to live there, they have to defeat these powerful men.

The men who had gone to spy this land went to the Valley of Eshkol and cut a single bunch of grapes from the

vine. It was so huge that they had to tie it to a pole and needed two men to carry. If so, one can imagine the size of the bunch of grapes and the quality of fruits in that land. These men came back and explained the greatness of the land that they had explored.

You should directly experience the different fruits of the Holy Spirit and then come back and share your experience with everyone. You should tell others that you have foreseen a place where all of us have to go. If we go there, we will experience the glory of the Holy Spirit. You should tell them that the bunch of grapes carried by the two of you is just a glimpse of the land that has many gardens and a variety of fruits. We can inherit this land and own everything in that place. We have the responsibility to spread this message everywhere. This is God's work, and He has assigned this mission to you. If you experience this and spread the message, you will be able to save many people.

Caleb and Joshua were the only two men who said that the land can be conquered. All others spoke disheartening words. Ten out of the twelve men who went to explore the land discouraged everyone. Joshua and Caleb had to endure all of this. Everyone opposed them and spoke discouraging words. They said, "Can we gain victory over the descendants of Anak who are giants? We will lose the battle. They will kill us. Aren't these descendants of Anak great warriors? Should we go there to die?" Only Joshua and Caleb had a different opinion and said, "We should go up and take possession of the land, for we can certainly do it."

1. Caleb the sufferer

Caleb had to undergo a lot of distress and face criticism from others when he travelled through the path of victory. When you choose to take the path of victory, you will have to face criticism from others. They will tell you that it is not possible for ordinary people.

They will tell you, "The spiritual life you are talking about is impossible." They will discourage you by saying, "It is impossible in this era for anyone to lead a life without committing any sin. Are people who are preaching this able to practise this?" All these discouraging words and thoughts are traps laid out by Satan.

Many people will oppose you when you spread the Gospel. People who travelled with you will oppose you. Those who accompanied you to explore the land will oppose you. However, you should not be discouraged. You should be ready to endure all this and be a sufferer.

Caleb was a sufferer who had to endure all this opposition. He had a deep desire in his heart to spread this message everywhere. He wanted everyone to come and experience this great joy. He spread this good news across the nation.

You should have faith in Him and receive these experiences. You should then invite others to experience this. You should share this message with others so that they experience Christ's blessings. Let them be blessed through the power of His blood. Let them experience the fire of Christ's Spirit.

What is this experience? It is the victory over sin,

victory over worldly desires, victory over one's ego, and the victory over other people. Many people may misunderstand you, others may discourage you, and some will tell you that this is impossible. However, you will not concede defeat. You will not be discouraged. You will stand alone in the crowd. You will be part of the small group of people who will move forward victoriously. When ten people said it is not possible, only two men said it is possible and they followed the path to victory.

Many people who are reading this book have a doubt in their heart whether this is possible. They have a doubt whether we can win over worldly desires. Dear children, do not give room for any doubts in your mind. It is possible, and you will be victorious. It is possible through the precious power of the blood of Christ. The victorious Cross of Christ will make it possible for you. Jesus Christ is alive today and He will make you successful.

Christ is working among us even today. As you read this book, He has come near you. He is standing right next to you and examining your heart. He understands the thoughts going through your heart and the emotions you are experiencing. Jesus is asking you, "My child, are you still saying that it is impossible for you? I assure you that it is possible through My grace. All you have to do is just say – With your help I can advance against a troop. With my God, I can scale a wall. You, Lord, keep my lamp burning; my God turns my darkness into light."



Chapter 4

It was a time when the people of Israel were leading their lives as slaves of pharaoh. The people had to toil day and night. They were going through a phase of extreme hard work and struggle. They were living at the mercy of their supervisors. They were not being paid any wages for their hard work. The chosen people of God were slaves in a foreign land and were treated like animals.

Caleb was born as a slave during this time. One can imagine his plight, a person who is a slave by birth. He was filled with inferiority complex. However, he had faith in the Almighty God. Through this ardent faith, he turned victorious.

2. Caleb the conqueror

Caleb did not lose his courage and strength even at his old age. Even at the age of 80, Caleb showed the same strength and agility that he had when he was 40 years old. He was a hero. A hero of faith!

Faith is invaluable. It is indeed a precious gift from our Heavenly Father. God rewards us with this invaluable gift as He loves each one of us and He holds us in high regard.

God has a great hope in us. He also has great faith in us. With this strong belief, He says, "I can nurture this child of mine. I can take him to greater heights. I can make him victorious."

God wants us to be victorious and successful in life. To this end, he is offering us a gift in advance. This very gift is 'faith.' God loves each one of us. His endless love is in you and that is precisely the reason why you have shown interest in reading this book and you have been attracted towards the Word of God. God has gifted you this faith.

You should not be content and limit yourself with the small faith you have received. You should nurture and strengthen your faith. As the saying goes, "Strengthened in faith and rooted in love." We should receive this gift of faith from the holy hands of God and share this with many others. This is the divine expectation that God has from us.

This faith will grow in you as you give it to others. To give an analogy, a well with an aquifer beneath it keeps filling up as water is drawn out from it. The well keeps recharging as more and more water is drawn out. Similarly, our faith will grow multifold in us as we share it with others. The purpose of our life in this world is to spread this faith and love. If we are successful in this divine mission then we will shine like stars in eternity.

"Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever

and ever.”

Daniel 12:3

Shine like the stars! The darkness in our lives due to the constant struggle should change and we have to shine like stars. Our lives are weary and burdened. There are many issues in our lives like chronic ailments, debts and financial stress, criticism from others, and family distress. These are disturbing our mind and leading us to a feeling of hopelessness.

There is a feeling of dullness and despondency due to non-fulfilment of the desires in our heart. There are times when there is a pall of gloom in our lives without any specific reason. We feel tired and exhausted. Today, we are facing all these challenges; however, we are going to become 'overcomers' and 'conquerors.' We are going to turn victorious.

You should receive and hold these words with conviction in your heart. You should say to the Lord, “I want to be a hero of faith. My life is not meant to be dull and gloomy like this. I will not give room to thoughts of despondency like – I am jobless, my health is failing, I do not have any income or money, I am not good looking, I do not have good education, etc.” Jesus Christ is willing to fill all the shortcomings and His able hands can deal with all the deficiencies in your life.

You may have feelings of dejection with various thoughts running through your mind – “Will my health be restored? Will I be able to get a decent job and earn for my livelihood? Do I have a bright future? Will I be able to lead a life of faith? Will I be able to lead a holy life? Will I

be able to control my temper? Will I be able to lead a happy family life?"

You may be a student who is feeling dejected as you are not able to study. You may be putting considerable efforts to study but you are not able to remember anything. You may tend to forget everything you study. Despite studying hard, when you start writing the exam, you fail to remember all the topics you had prepared. You come out of the examination hall with a feeling of dejection and say, "My life is ruined. I am not fit for anything and I am worthless. I am not fit to be in my family." Are you feeling depressed? Let me tell you, do not feel hopeless and exhausted because our Heavenly Father is with us. He is the one who has called us.

Jesus Christ has given us the gift of faith, so we can now confidently say, "I will be an overcomer. I will no longer be a failure." Jesus is with us to fulfill our wishes. He is with us to fill all our shortcomings. He is amongst us to resolve all our deficiencies. He is able, and He is willing to help you overcome the limitations in your life.

The reason behind Caleb's victory was that he was a man of ardent faith. He was born when the Israelites were slaves of pharaoh, but he turned victorious in his life.

"Born as a slave and died as a hero."

You may have been born with certain limitations. Your family may be dependent on others to eke out a living. Your family may not be respected in the society. Your father and mother may have been humiliated and disregarded by others. There may be lack of health and

wealth in your family. You may be dealing with several other shortcomings. All people have one or the other limitation in life.

Life is full of ups and downs. There are good times as well as bad times. Even if you were born as a slave, you can still leave this world as a hero. You can inspire and influence the younger generations as a hero before leaving this world.

It was the funeral service of David Livingstone. Even after the service was over, the prime minister of England stood there weeping at the cemetery of Western Vista Cathedral.

Livingstone was born in England, and he died in Africa. He was kneeling down and praying in a small hut in Africa. They noticed that he was not getting up even after a long time. When they tried to call him, they realized that he had died.

He went to Africa for the glorious ministry of Jesus Christ. He travelled across the towns and villages of Africa. Christ used him to spread the Gospel among the Black people and tribes of Africa. Christ used him as a tool in his hands to transform these people, and their hostile nature was replaced with love for one another. He endured adversities, hardships, and sufferings while he lived there and died there. His dead body was taken to England. His funeral service was over and all the people left the place. However, the prime minister did not leave. He stood there sobbing and engrossed in deep thoughts.

One of his close friends walked up to him and asked,

“The service is over and everybody has left. What are you thinking?” He replied, “I am the prime minister of England but when I die, the world will forget me. However, though David Livingstone has died, the world will never forget him. He has achieved much greater things than I have.”

The only way to have a blessed life is by being useful in the hands of Jesus Christ.

The world may proclaim that you are a failure, you are disgraceful, and your life is ruined. You may not be respected or accepted by the society. The worldly respect and acceptance may not come to you immediately. But, time will prove and stand witness to the fact that you are invaluable.

Caleb was born as a slave and died as a hero. He was a sufferer.

Can we become victorious? If we have to be victorious, we should be prepared to be a sufferer. Be ready to suffer criticisms from others. Be ready to suffer hardships. Be ready to endure distress. Do not expect all conditions to be favourable to you. Do not think that everyone will talk well about you. Do not expect people to accept you. It is possible that you may have to face opposition in your family. Your parents may not respect you.

People may ignore you. Your father may despise you. Your siblings may disregard you. Your colleagues may scorn at you. Others may consider you unworthy. The society may oppress you. In Psalms 27, David sang, “When my father and my mother forsake me, then the

Lord will take me up.”

“He chose David his servant and took him from the sheep pens; from tending the sheep he brought him to be the shepherd of his people Jacob, of Israel his inheritance. And David shepherded them with integrity of heart, with skillful hands he led them.” Psalms 78:70-72

David was a person who was disregarded by everyone. His father did not respect him. His brothers did not find him worthy. He was ignored by everyone. But, God chose David. Our God understands us and regards us. That is the reason David sang in Psalms 136, “He remembered us in our weakness. His faithful love endures forever.”

In Psalms 116, David sang, “What shall I return to the Lord for all his goodness to me?”

Dear friends, you may have faced oppression in your society. You may have certain weaknesses and limitations in life. Some people may have harmed you and caused losses in your life. Your relatives may have caused distress to you. Do not be afraid and concerned if nobody respects you, it is enough if the Heavenly Father respects you. You should tell Him, “My Lord, I will be satisfied with what you give me. I will not be worried even if nobody respects me or considers me worthy. Even if everyone dismisses me, I will be satisfied if your divine love embraces me. Jesus, hold me close to your divine heart.”

You may be a person who has faced several

obstacles in your life. You may have endured many hardships and agonizing moments in life. Some of you might have suffered right from your childhood till this day and led a life full of griefs and sorrows. You may have faced adversities since birth. Are you a person who has cried out loudly at times and said, "I am not able to move forward in life. I do not have anybody to support me. Everyone has forsaken me." Have you faced such situations in life? Have you wept bitterly in your life?

Are you a person who has been fortunate enough to not face any hardships in your life? It is good that you received a blessed life. However, you should be prepared to face times of crises and distress. You should be ready to be a 'sufferer.'

Caleb had to face a crisis of oppression within his fellowship. He was one among the 12 men who went together to explore the land of Canaan. However, majority of them, ten out of twelve men, opposed him.

"They gave Moses this account: 'We went into the land to which you sent us, and it does flow with milk and honey! Here is its fruit. But the people who live there are powerful, and the cities are fortified and very large. We even saw descendants of Anak there. The Amalekites live in the Negev; the Hittites, Jebusites and Amorites live in the hill country; and the Canaanites live near the sea and along the Jordan.'"

Numbers 13:27-29

We went into the land to which you had sent us. It is

definitely a great place. However, they said, “It is not possible for us to conquer that land. The people living there are fierce, powerful, and gigantic. We will lose the battle against them. We should not attempt to conquer that land. Let us go back! Nobody can go there and defeat them and be victorious.”

There is a significant lesson to learn in our spiritual lives from this episode. You may face discouraging words and thoughts that may force you to retract – “It is good to be victorious, but it is not possible for me. The words of this evangelist is true about the Kingdom of God, existence of Heaven, and the experience of heavenly joy and heavenly riches. But, I cannot receive these fortunes in my life. It is not possible to conquer the temptations of sins and lead a victorious life. Is it possible for a man to win over sins?”

“Is there a person who has been able to control his temper? Has anybody been able to overcome the temptations of sexual sins? Are these not natural for a normal human being? Is there a person who has been able to win over the greed for money? All that we can do is try to lead a life where we just be to ourselves and focus on our work, avoid taking money from others or giving them any of ours. Apart from this, is it possible to be without any greed for money? Is there any person in this world who has done what Jesus asked the rich man to do? He had asked that man to go and sell everything that he owned and give it away to the poor and then come and follow Him. Is it possible for anybody in this world to do these things?” These kind of thoughts or suggestions were put

forth by the ten men who returned after exploring the land of Canaan.

However, Caleb said,

“And Caleb stilled the people before Moses, and said, 'Let us go up at once, and possess it; for we are well able to overcome it.'”

Numbers 13:30

Caleb silenced these people before Moses. He said that we should go and take possession of the land, for we can certainly do it.

If we have to be a conqueror, we have to be ready to be a sufferer. You can be a sufferer - by facing the opposition from others, by tolerating the discouraging suggestions of people who concede defeat, and by ignoring the words of unbelief from others. Here, we notice that Caleb is pounded with strong words of unbelief by ten fellow men. But, Caleb said that we can certainly conquer the land. Even if they are great warriors and powerful men, we can surely do it.

In your spiritual lives, you may have to endure certain situations where you feel that it is impossible to lead a pious life. You may not be able to rein in your thoughts. You may not be able to restrain your acts. You may not be able to control what you see. You may have conceded defeat despite making a strong resolution to never commit sin in life.

There may be situations where you will hear discouraging words and circumstances that can make you lose your faith. You may hear suggestions that it is

impossible to lead a victorious spiritual life in this world. People may say that it is not possible for a normal person living in this civilized society. It may be possible only if one decides to leave everything and go to a forest and live like a saint.

But, Caleb said, “We should go up and take possession of the land, for we can certainly do it.”

You should have this spirit and say, “I would ever be an overcomer. I would ever be a conqueror. I have a past which is full of failures. I was a loser till this day, but I will not fail anymore. From now on, I will have the heart of Jesus. I will follow the path shown by Jesus on the Cross. Lord, I have decided that I will follow the very same path that you have shown on the Cross.” If you are able to make this decision, you will be able to succeed. It is possible for you! God will make it possible for you.

Bible says, “I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.” I may be weak but Jesus can make me strong. It is not possible for me, but I will conquer through Him.

“I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin.”

Romans 7:25

You can win through the power of the Holy Spirit. All you have to do is to have faith in the Holy Spirit. Till this day, it was not possible for you. But, from now on, try leaning on the Holy Spirit and request for the grace of Jesus Christ. You will realize that it is possible to be

victorious. You will be surprised that you are able to overcome your temptations. The more victory you gain, the more you will depend on Him because what was impossible for you has now been made possible by Jesus.

It is certainly not possible for a man to achieve this on his own. Man cannot gain victory over sin by himself. However, everything is possible through God. If you desire to lead a victorious life then you should rely on Christ.

You should tell Him, “Oh Lord! It is not possible for me. My life has been full of failures. I am a weak person who can possibly fail again like in the past. However, I believe that you can make me victorious.” This is nothing but the faith in Him. Can you lead yourself to this faith?

“We should go up and take possession of the land, for we can certainly do it.” How is this possible? It is possible because God is sending you.

Do you believe – God has sent you and He has guided you throughout your life. Your Heavenly Father has brought you out of Mizraim and released your bondages. He parted the Red Sea and made you walk through the dry seabed. Through His grace, He guided you with a pillar of cloud during the day and a pillar of light during the night. He provided you manna and quail in the desert where there was no food, and He provided water from the rocks. When people were dying due to the bites of venomous snakes, God asked Moses to put up a bronze snake on a pole and people who looked at it were saved. Can you believe that all of this was possible

through the words of God? Have faith in Him. The Lord is now telling you, "It is possible. You will be able to overcome everything. I will make it possible for you and help you overcome everything."

When you face the temptations of sin, you should tell, "Lord, please help me overcome this."

It is not possible if you make an effort on your own. Do not be a coward and concede defeat. You should be victorious. Let winners arise! Let men who lead a victorious Christian life arise! Let conquerors arise! Let overcomers arise! "We should go up and take possession of the land, for we can certainly do it."

The prerequisite to be a conqueror is to be a sufferer. You should advance victoriously by being ready to suffer the oppositions and struggles that come your way. You should not be afraid to face these challenges. You have to face them. You should not get exhausted and lose hope. You should not concede defeat thinking that you will fail. Do not be distressed with thoughts of failure. Do not think about your past and the times that you failed and say that it is not possible for you. Do not ever say, "It is not possible for me." Through Christ, it will be possible for you. You will be able to lead a victorious life. You will be blessed with a prayerful life. You will receive a life of praise and worship.

You will receive victory over your sins. You will be able to restrain your words. You will be able to control your temper. You will be able to restrict what you see and have control over what you do. Through the amazing

grace of Jesus Christ, it will be possible for you to gain victory under all circumstances; even the ones you were failing in the past.

You should proclaim your faith in your heart and say the verse, "Thanks be to God! He gives us victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." There is victory through Jesus Christ. He will make you victorious. He will make you successful. If you have been struggling to win over your sins, Jesus has come near you to make you victorious. He has defeated Satan at the Cross. He has crushed Satan's head at the Cross.

The one who has gained victory over sin is giving you His word. He is calling you, "My children, come to me. I will give you victory." You will be victorious through the holy blood that was shed on the Cross. There is victory through the blood of Christ. Believe in Him! There is victory through the amazing grace of Jesus. Open your hearts for Christ. Commit your life to Christ and say unto Him, "Lord Jesus, I will lead a victorious life from today through the power of your precious blood."



Chapter 5

Moses led the people of Israel out of Mizraim. Lord helped them cross the Red Sea and made them walk through the wilderness of Zin. The distance between Egypt and Canaan or Palestine can be covered in just 11 days. However, this journey was not completed even after 40 years though it should have been ideally covered in 11 days. After 40 years of this arduous journey, Moses and Aaron died while Miriam met her end much before that.

The three of them were siblings, Miriam being the eldest. Aaron was 3 years younger to her. Moses was the youngest, and he was 6 years younger to Miriam. They started their journey from Mizraim to Canaan together; however, all of them died during this journey. Though many people left this world, God did not cease his work among the people.

One should not forget that people may change, but God never changes. Leaders may move on but Christ will remain the same. Moses, Aaron, and Miriam left this world and crossed the valley of death, but our Lord is alive.

The assurance we have is that Jesus Christ has

risen from the dead. He lives among us. He lives forever. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. Jesus will never change.

River Jordan flows beyond Mount Sinai. The land of Canaan can be reached only after crossing this river. At the end of Mount Sinai, there is a place called Kadesh-Barnea. The people of Israel reached Kadesh-Barnea. Moses doubted whether the people would stand firm in their faith after crossing the river and reaching Canaan. Majority of people who had started out from Egypt had died. Though they had seen many miracles through this journey, they did not have faith in God or seek refuge in Him.

So, Moses selected one person from each of the twelve tribes of Israel and sent them to explore the land of Canaan. Out of the twelve men who were selected, Joshua and Caleb were noteworthy. They had a different attitude compared to others in the group. They were conquerors. When the majority failed and conceded defeat, the minority comprising of these two men turned victorious.

“Then Caleb silenced the people before Moses and said, “We should go up and take possession of the land, for we can certainly do it.” But the men who had gone up with him said, “We can't attack those people; they are stronger than we are.” Numbers 13:30-31

Caleb the sufferer! Caleb was a person who was

ready to suffer. When there is strong and increasing opposition from others, we may feel it is impossible. People may demotivate us with discouraging words. They may say that this is not possible for an ordinary person. You may hear that it is impossible to lead such a spiritual life for a person who has to endure daily hardships and is under stress most of the time.

People around you will tell you that we cannot conquer this land. This land is the stronghold of the descendants of Anak who are giants, Jebusites, Hittites, and Canaanites. They will say that this land is occupied by terrorizing demons. The real test of suffering and endurance is when everybody tries to discourage us. Spiritual life is the successful endurance and victory over oppressions in life.

William Barclay in his book about the history of Christians in the 1st century has mentioned that the Christians during this time faced the most severe persecution. The society ostracized and ill-treated them. Goods were not sold to them at shops. The city of Antioch had a reputation of coming up with nicknames and the word 'Christian' first came into existence here, and it was used to ridicule the followers of Christ. They were called 'followers of the Way.'

When people outside the Jewish community started embracing Christianity, they were called "joiners of the Way." Here, 'the Way' meant the path of Christ and 'joiners' are the people who accepted Christ and lived in

the path shown by Him. These words were used to ridicule the Christians of the 1st century. Christians were ostracized in the society. They were not given government jobs. They did not have the right to be part of any social gatherings. They were treated like lepers. They were not served food at any public functions and were asked to remain outside. They were not allowed inside places of worship.

People in that generation felt that they will be able to destroy the faith of Christians by doing all this. Christians had to face severe persecution during those times. They were tortured by covering their bodies with raw skin of animals. This raw skin was then tied tightly with ropes, and they were made to stand in hot sun. As the raw skin dries up in the sun, it starts to shrink, crushing the person covered by this skin and his bones start breaking within. He struggles like this for hours without food or water. His body burns in the hot sun and he meets his end.

People had to endure all sorts of persecution during those times. They were thrown into boiling oil. They were asked to dip their hands in hot oil. They were made to stand in boiling oil. Their bodies were covered completely with cloth and then oil was poured on them, and they were then lit up. During King Nero's times, people faced severe persecution. They were covered with cloth dipped in oil and lighted up in flames. The king would stand in his balcony and watch people torched up in flames in the garden and laugh hysterically at this view.

These people did not do anything wrong against the

king. They did not go against the places of worship. They just started experiencing peace and joy through the Gospel of Jesus Christ. They accepted Christ in their hearts and the demons in them were driven away. These demons started searching for places to settle in and got into other people. Thus, Satan started using these people to persecute Christians. Satan decided to destroy Christians by using the men in whom the demons started residing.

While these forces tried to destroy Christians completely, history is testimony to the fact that Christians could not be suppressed. They continued to grow and multiply in numbers. Every drop of blood that was shed by them transformed and empowered thousands of people.

When persecution increases, holy men will arise! As persecution gets more and more severe, sufferers will arise and they will shine like heroes. At first, they will be sufferers and later they will become conquerors. They will soon turn victorious.

Brethren, you will face persecution and oppositions from the community. It is possible that you may face strong opposition from your churches. People may misunderstand you. They may isolate, criticize, and mock you. They may spread false information about you because Satan cannot tolerate it when he realizes that you are about to gain victory over sins and lead a holy spiritual life. But, do not be afraid. You have to prepare yourself to be a sufferer.

Who is the biggest sufferer? It is Jesus Christ. The Cross takes the center stage for suffering. When Jesus died at the Cross, the Jews heaved a sigh of relief. They felt relaxed and said, "Good! He is finished and the story has come to an end." The leaders of the church shouted in joy, came together and celebrated. The learned men of those days and the biblical scholars were ecstatic and laughed boisterously. They said, "The trouble maker is no more!"

But, Jesus resurrected on Sunday morning. Gates of hell opened! Doors of death were destroyed! Jesus rose from the dead!

Jesus who rose from the dead is standing right next to you. Jesus has come near you; at the very place where you are reading this book. He is asking you, "My child, do you want to be victorious? Do you want to be a winner? Are you interested?"

Jesus does not think that you are incapable. He has great hopes in you. Jesus is asking you, "My child, are you willing to be a sufferer? I will then make you a conqueror."

Are you mentally prepared to be a sufferer? There's no greater blessing than being a sufferer in the name of Jesus. You will be filled with the joy of resurrection. The joy of resurrection of spirit. You will then experience the power of leading a holy life.

It just takes a flash of a moment to repent and have a born-again experience. However, to become holy is a

lifelong process of transformation. Today, you can repent for your sins. If you accept the words from the Holy Spirit, the seeds of the spirit will get planted in your hearts. It will then start germinating and grow into branches and spread throughout your body. If this seed has to germinate and grow in you, you have to take good care of it. The plant has to be watered, manured, de-weeded, and protected from pests.

You will have to inspect at regular intervals and spray pesticides. By regularly listening to the Word of God, you are undertaking this process of spraying pesticides. Many harmful insects are being destroyed. Many of your bad habits are being destroyed. The gardener understands the requirements of each plant growing in his garden. He knows our needs and He is fulfilling them in us. We are the seeds of Christ.

At all times, people who remained steadfast in the name of Jesus Christ had to face hostility. There is something amiss and there is reason for you to deliberate if you are not being isolated in your society and if you are not facing any oppositions or criticisms in your community. You should find out where the gaps are and what the shortcomings in your life are.

After leaving Mizraim, the path leads to the desert. In desert, there is grumbling and hostility. There are hardships. Canaan cannot be reached just by crossing the Red Sea. There is a long and arduous journey through the hot, windy, and dry desert. You should take pride when people mock at you and criticize you. I faced a

lot of opposition and humiliation in my life in the name of Jesus but I never wavered. I take pride in it because the scripture says,

“Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of Heaven. Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me.”
Matthew 5:10-11

Christian life is all about tolerance. You will have to be tolerant in all walks of life. You should consider this as an honour. When you are staying in a hostel, you decide to stay away from bad company and spend time in prayer. Others will mock you and say, “Oh! Look at this prayer-monger.” During my days as a college lecturer, one fine morning when I entered the staff room, somebody had written the word “God” right behind my chair. I just smiled and sat down. I did not feel offended.

Other lecturers were sitting around the table in the staff room, but I did not utter a word about it. When the bell rang, I got up and went to take my class. I really did not bother about it. When I returned from the class, it was erased. On the other hand, I would have become a fool if I had yelled at them and asked who had done this. When I did not react to the situation, the lecturer who had done this would have realized his folly. It was erased by the time I returned from the class.

You should just smile in your heart when people

oppose you, mock you, and insult you. Do not feel offended and say, "Why is this happening to me? What wrong have I done to insult me like this?" You should consider it as an honour. This is suffering. In spiritual life, there is no victory if there is no suffering.

Have you not faced problems in life? Debts increasing by the day. Ailments not getting cured despite several treatments. In spite of putting the best efforts in studies, not able to remember anything and unable to pass the examination. Not able to find a good source of income. You may have wished to do a lot of things for your children, spouse, parents, and family but you are not able to do anything. You may be facing these or there may be a multitude of other problems that you are facing. Are you burdened in life and going through rough times?

Have you faced situations in life where all doors close at you and you do not know what to do next? We have to be ready to tolerate such situations in life. When you are at a juncture in life where you cannot move forward and the path ahead is closed, you should tell yourself, "I will face this with a smile. I will tolerate this. I will be a sufferer in the name of Jesus. I will happily endure all the hardships, obstacles, crises, ailments, criticisms, mockery, and oppressions that come in my life."

We will be rewarded by God when we are ready to suffer in his name and face the persecution and oppressions in the society. We need not be rewarded in this world, but we will be handsomely rewarded in the

world to come. However, our Lord Jesus elaborated on this topic and explained to his disciples that you will receive in this world along with persecution, hundred times of whatever you forsake in my name - be it houses, father, mother, or fields. There is reward in this world as well!

He will fulfill all our needs in this world if we remain committed to Christ and endure all humiliations in His name. All of us have different needs in life – to get a decent job, to do well in examinations and secure good marks, to grow the business, to be successful in various avenues of life.

You should decide to lead a holy life and pray to Him for all your needs. You should say, “Lord, I will happily endure all the humiliations and criticisms. In the name of Jesus, I will face trials and tribulations. Lord, I am coming to you with my personal requirement. Please answer my prayers and fulfill this need of mine.”

You can bring all your requests to His presence. You can talk to God about your wedding, your kids, your examination, your need for a job, and your desire to build a house. You can tell everything to God. You can ask and receive everything from God. There is reward with persecution. There is reward with distress. There is reward with hardships.

Then Peter spoke up, “We have left everything to follow you!” “Truly I tell you,” Jesus replied, “no one who has left home or brothers or

sisters or mother or father or children or fields for me and the Gospel will fail to receive a hundred times as much in this present age: homes, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and fields—along with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. Mark 10:28-30

Peter asked Jesus, “Didn't we leave everything and follow you? Didn't we face troubles and hardships? Didn't we leave our house, our occupation, boats, nets and everything that we had and follow you? What will we get?”

Jesus answered to him, “If anybody leaves his house, brothers or sisters, parents, children, or fields in my name and for the Gospel and endures suffering, he will receive a hundred times more houses, brothers or sisters, parents, children, and fields along with persecution. It does not end there, he will also receive eternal life.”

You can seek God's intervention on all your requirements in this world. God has not denied any of my requests in my life. God has answered my prayers and provided me with all that I had prayed for. He even blessed me with things that I had not asked Him. You may have to face persecution and difficulties in this world but do not be afraid. Be faithful and pious and make a solemn decision that you will not consciously commit any mistakes. God will bless you with rewards that are hundred times more. That is not all, you will also receive eternal life in the world to come.

You should pray to Lord and tell Him, “Lord, I should never lose my temper again in my life. I should not be tempted to drink alcohol. I should not get tempted to do any misdeeds. Lord, you should build a fortress around my heart and protect me from evil desires. Please cover me with your precious blood.”

“I should not be haunted with evil thoughts. I should not get any lustful desires in my heart. Lord, do not lead me into temptations but deliver me from evil. Lord, you should build a wall around me, a wall of fire. You should be a shield and armor plate around me and protect me. You should always be with me.”

“Lord, I am making a solemn promise to you. I will never consciously commit any sin in my life. My Lord, I am putting forth my heart's desires to you. You should fulfill these desires. I want to experience a better tomorrow than today. You should bless me so that I can lead a peaceful life without seeking support from others.”

When you commit yourself to the Lord and pray to Him, you will start seeing the works of Heavenly Father in your life. The one who does not deny the request of your lips will grant your heart's desires. Commit your heart to the Lord and beseech him, “Lord, I am in a severe crisis due to large amount of debt. Please provide me a solution for this as I am not able to make both ends meet. Lord, help me out of this situation.”

“I am going through a family crisis. There are certain ailments in my body which nobody is aware of. Lord, you

know everything; please heal me.”

Will you make a commitment to Jesus Christ that you will lead a holy life without committing any sin and pray to Him? Then, He will listen to your requests. Our Lord, who does not deny any requests and answers prayers is assuring you. He is the one who said, “Call upon me and I will answer.”

“Then you will find your joy in the Lord, and I will cause you to ride in triumph on the heights of the land and to feast on the inheritance of your father Jacob.”
Isaiah 58:14

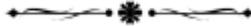
Our merciful God has promised us, “Call upon me and I will answer.” He is saying, “You endure hardships and call upon me! You stay away from sins and call upon me! Accept Jesus as your saviour in your heart and reach out to me! I will cleanse you with my blood! I will cleanse you of everything that has happened in your life. I will forgive you of all the sinful acts that you have committed in your life. I will erase everything and cleanse you. I will transform you into a new person. I will give you a new heart. I will lead you through a new path altogether.

Dear son, I am standing at your doorstep and knocking at your door. Surrender your heart to me, and let me transform you. Let me cleanse you and change your basic nature. Let me enter your heart and abide in you.”

Open your hearts for Him! Prepare yourself to be a sufferer by enduring criticism from others. Be ready to face humiliation. When you willingly accept these in the

name of Jesus Christ, He will fulfill your heart's desires. He will bless you and you will receive eternal life. He will give you heavenly riches and eternal life after death. He will provide you heavenly experience in your heart as you lead your life in this world. He will fill you with heavenly peace and help you lead a happy family life.

Your family will be blessed. Your spouse will be content. Your parents will be happy. You and your siblings will live in peace. Your community will be blessed. Your church and the denomination you belong to will be blessed. God will abide in you and you will become a medium through which many others will be blessed.



Chapter 6

“But because my servant Caleb has a different spirit and follows me wholeheartedly, I will bring him into the land he went to, and his descendants will inherit it.” Numbers 14:24

God said, “I will lead him to the land he went to because he has a different spirit.”

*“Not one except Caleb son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite and Joshua son of Nun, for they followed the Lord wholeheartedly.”
Numbers 32:12*

He followed the Lord wholeheartedly.

“No one from this evil generation shall see the good land I swore to give your ancestors, except Caleb son of Jephunneh. He will see it, and I will give him and his descendants the land he set his feet on, because he followed the Lord wholeheartedly.”

Deuteronomy 1:35-36

Because he followed the Lord wholeheartedly...

“I was forty years old when Moses the servant of the Lord sent me from Kadesh-Barnea to explore the land. And I brought him back a

report according to my convictions, but my fellow Israelites who went up with me made the hearts of the people melt in fear. I, however, followed the Lord my God wholeheartedly. So on that day Moses swore to me, 'The land on which your feet have walked will be your inheritance and that of your children forever, because you have followed the Lord my God wholeheartedly.' Joshua 14:7-9

Caleb says, "I followed the Lord wholeheartedly." He committed himself completely to the Lord and followed Him.

3. Wholehearted follower. Caleb was a wholehearted follower of the Lord. He had a complete bonding with God.

"The Lord will make you the head, not the tail. If you pay attention to the commands of the Lord your God that I give you this day and carefully follow them, you will always be at the top, never at the bottom." Deuteronomy 28:13

What does it mean to follow the Lord wholeheartedly? It means complete adherence to the Word of God. It means to rejoice and take pride in the Word of God.

During my initial days of accepting Jesus Christ as my saviour, I had to deal with a lot of humiliation from the society. It was considered to be disgraceful to participate in fellowship meetings during those days. People who were rich and had a high social stature would not go to

fellowship. They believed that fellowships are only for people who are poor and struggling in life. In my younger days, I had to face a lot of criticism and oppression from the society, family, and church members as I used to participate in fellowship.

The initial fellowship gatherings were conducted in the church. A small group of 10 to 12 people would gather for the meeting, and I was the youngest in the group. The rest of the group comprised of elderly men who were spiritually mature and knowledgeable. On Saturday evenings, the twelve of us would meet at the church and sit together in a circle. Though it was called prayer meeting, there were no sermons. We used to read the Bible and each one of us would pray to God.

I was scared to pray during those days. I used to tremble in fear when it was time for my turn to pray. I knew all the regular written prayers as I had memorized them, but I did not know extempore prayer. I could not pray in my own words. While the rest of the group would quote Bible verses and render heart-touching prayers, I struggled during those days as I was not even able to pray to God.

During those early days, I struggled to continue at times as my heart pulled me back. However, I did not turn back as I had experienced an inexplicable joy. I had made a commitment in my heart. The Holy Spirit had influenced me to make this commitment.

Many of you who are reading this book may have experienced such feelings. You may have received this commitment in your heart without even consciously

making a decision to surrender yourself to the Lord. You may have been attracted towards the Word of God. You may have experienced an unexplained joy and happiness in your heart when you listened to the Word of God.

I have travelled to faraway places to listen to the Word of God during those days. I had a strong desire in my heart to listen to the Word of God and have walked several miles to listen to sermons. I listened to the Word of God through noted evangelists. If I had not experienced this joy in the Word of God, I would have given up when others criticized me. I would have quit my spiritual journey when others humiliated me. However, Lord inspired me to make a personal commitment. I had personally experienced and enjoyed the love of Jesus. I developed a deep bonding towards the Word of God and had an ardent desire to listen to the Word.

At that time, I did not realize the depths of the Word of God but I started enjoying it and the Word of God energized me. May you also receive this attraction and attachment towards the Word of God as you read this book! May you experience the joy and happiness in the Word of God! May you be unified in spirit with the Lord!

You can be victorious if you are united with the Lord. Bible says, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning." This is the Word that cleanses you and makes you holy. The Word of God will comfort you and help you lead a peaceful and pious life. The Word will work in your body to change your character. Word is the Holy Spirit! Word is the living God! The living Word of

God will enlighten your mind and set your hearts on fire.

The spirit of God will cure your ailments through the Word. Your needs will be fulfilled. Your memory and power of comprehension will improve. You will prosper in life and be successful. You will receive a powerful vision about your glorious future. You will receive wonderful expectations in your life. The Word will lead you to a glorious future.

Lord created everything in this world with just one Word. In the beginning God created the Heaven and the earth. Lord created everything by just saying, "Let there be..." He said, "Let there be light" and there was light. Word created everything.

When this Word enters your heart, you will receive unprecedented joy and happiness. You will experience comfort and peace in your heart that cannot be explained. The Word will give solace to aggrieved hearts. It will comfort people who are in distress.

The turbulence in family relationships will disappear when this Word is received by the family. People who have differences between them will change and be united when they listen to this Word.

You can experience all of these in your lives and you do not have to pay a penny for it. All you have to do is - open your heart and welcome Jesus who has been knocking at your heart's door for a long time. You just have to receive Jesus who has been eagerly waiting for you. Jesus has been walking behind you for several years hoping that you will accept him. He patiently longed

to be unified with you and never showed any haste to enter your heart. He did not forget you even when you never thought or cared about Him.

The Bible says, “The Lord will make you the head, not the tail” (Deuteronomy 28:13). Why did Jesus walk behind you all these years? He wants to lift you high! He wants to make you the head.

The Word of God provided me comfort and lifted me up and took me to great heights. He made me part of a large family comprising of tens of thousands of people. The name given to this family is 'Golgotha family,' and the house is called “House of Calvary.” Dear brethren, this is the family where all of us are united as one in the Lord. You are not alone! We are not strangers to each other. We are all together and united as children of our Heavenly Father.

You may have gone through phases in your life when you thought, “I do not have the right to be part of the fellowship as I have failed in life. I have not been able to lead a victorious spiritual life. My sinful nature has not changed.” Dear friends, do not encourage such thoughts in your mind. We are part of one family and members of the 'House of Calvary.' Do we expel a person from the family just because he has some shortcomings? If one of our children is not good at academics, do we expel the child from home? Certainly not, we will give him affection and encourage him.

There are no differences in this family. Nobody is considered great or small here. There is no difference

between a healthy person and somebody who is suffering from illnesses. There are no differences irrespective of whether a person is talented or not, rich or poor, educated or illiterate. All of us are one! We are united as brothers and sisters as the children of our Heavenly Father.

“The Lord will make you the head and not the tail.” Follow the Lord wholeheartedly! You should follow Him wholeheartedly just like Joshua and Caleb followed the Lord wholeheartedly.

“Humility is the fear of the Lord; its wages are riches and honour and life” Proverbs 22:4

There is a reward for humility and fear of the Lord. There is a reward for following the Lord wholeheartedly. If you follow the Lord wholeheartedly like Joshua and Caleb, there is a reward. I am not saying that you will not have any hardships, distress, or illnesses in life. It does not mean that you will never face crises, accidents, or adversities in life. We have to endure all of these and be a sufferer.

“It is a faithful saying: For if we be dead with him, we shall also live with him: If we suffer, we shall also reign with him” 2 Timothy 2:11

We can reign with him if we are a sufferer. Today, you may be suffering due to several crises, hardships, and troubles that may have ruined your life. However, the Word says that if we suffer, we shall also reign with him. “Humility is the fear of the Lord; its wages are riches and honour and life.” The rewards are riches, honour, and life.

1. Caleb was a sufferer

2. Caleb was a conqueror
3. Caleb was a wholehearted follower

Dear brethren, when you face oppositions in life, you should realize that the One who is residing in you will be pleased with you and be happy that you are enduring this in His name. Bible says,

“Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in Heaven.”

Matthews 5:11

“Blessed are you when people hate you, when they exclude you and insult you and reject your name as evil, because of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, because great is your reward in Heaven.” Luke 6:22-23

Be prepared to be a sufferer. If we suffer, we shall also reign with Him. We will become conquerors. Our treasures are in Heaven where moths and termites cannot destroy and neither can thieves break in and steal them. The Lord will not deny any needs on earth for people who own these heavenly riches. Let us be wholehearted followers of the Lord.

“For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. Those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and

destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs. But you, man of God, flee from all this, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses.”
1 Timothy 6:7-12

God knows our needs and will provide for that. For the Bible says, “I have never seen the righteous forsaken or their children begging bread.” “The lions may grow weak and hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.”

The grace of God will surround you. You will have the protection of God. You can be a wholehearted follower of the Lord.

Caleb wholeheartedly followed the Lord. When we follow the Lord wholeheartedly, we will have to suffer many adversities here. However, we will become conquerors. We will be victorious.

4. Caleb the defender

“Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the

authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the Gospel of peace. In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.”

Ephesians 6:10-18

All the weapons in the armor of God except one is to defend yourself. Only the sword can be used to attack, rest of them are used to defend. The belt of truth buckled around the waist - to defend the attacks of the enemy. The breastplate of righteousness - to protect the body from any injuries. Feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the Gospel – the zeal to spread the Gospel. Shield of faith – to defend when the enemy attacks with a sword. Helmet of salvation – to protect the head from any attack. However, to attack the enemy at the right opportunity, there should be a sword in the hand. This

sword is the Word of God.

You should decide that irrespective of whatever happens in your life you will never go against the truth.

“For, whoever would love life and see good days must keep their tongue from evil and their lips from deceitful speech.” 1 Peter 3:10

Do not be untruthful! If you are hoping for good days to come and desire to have a bright future and eternal life, you should not indulge in deceitful talks. Do not be devious and cunning. You should not speak half-truth and make statements that are partially true and partially false with an intent to mislead others.

Our Lord in His sermon on the mount said that when we say the word “Yes,” it should mean yes and “No” should mean no. Anything beyond this is from the evil one.

“...who keeps an oath even when it hurts and does not change their mind.” Psalms 15:14

You will have to make a firm commitment that you will not go back on your promise, you will only tell the truth, and you will not keep anything that belongs to others with you - even if you have to suffer losses.

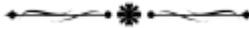
You should be honest and never falsify the accounts at any cost - be it in the public domain, your family, or at your workplace. You should never keep any money that does not belong to you.

The belt of truth should be buckled around your waist. You should have truth tied around your waist - if

you would like to be rewarded with riches, honour, and life; if you want to be prosperous and successful in life; if you would like to receive vigour and vitality in spirit; if you want to be blessed; and if you would like to progress spiritually.

Be honest and truthful in all your actions. Be faithful in everything you do; completely faithful! If you are in possession of anything which is not yours, even if it is a measly amount, it will harm you in the future. You should cleanse your hands as soon as possible. You should purify yourselves at the earliest.

Dear brethren, let all of us who are the members of this one divine family turn victorious. Let us march together behind our Lord Jesus. As the loved ones of Jesus, let us advance and be victorious in our lives. Let us experience the victory which our Lord bestows upon us. Let us earnestly relinquish our sins and cleanse ourselves.



Chapter 7

“The Lord will make you the head, not the tail. If you pay attention to the commands of the Lord your God that I give you this day and carefully follow them, you will always be at the top, never at the bottom.” Deuteronomy 28:13

Caleb was a hero who turned victorious by believing in the Word of God and following the commands of the Lord.

Many of us have failed in various spheres of life. We may have experienced failure in both spiritual and physical lives. There are people who have seen failure in business, profession, family, or education.

The divine Word of God brings in hope to such people that there is still potential to be successful. The Word of God gives the hope that it is possible to lead a victorious life. Jesus Christ always gives us this hope. He opens new avenues to lead us to victory. When you are depressed and feel hopeless due to failures, Christ fills us with inspiration and enthusiasm to help us gallop towards victory.

Nobody is perfect! Paul the Apostle said, “I am the chief of all sinners.” He first said that he is one among the

apostles. Later, he said that he is one among the saints. However, towards the end when he was writing his last letters, he wrote that he is the chief of all sinners.

The growing consciousness of sin indicates spiritual growth. This does not mean that there was manifestation of sin in Apostle Paul's life. It means that a person is not perfect even if he is not conscious of any sin in his life. A person does not become righteous even if he is not indulging in any sinful thoughts, sinful words, or sinful actions.

Christ is our judge, and we realize our imperfections when we compare ourselves with the standards set by Christ.

We may have seen failures in various spheres of life. Some people have an inferiority complex because they think their life has been a failure. They concede defeat with different thoughts haunting their minds like – “I am fit for nothing; I am of no use for anybody; I do not have good education; others are able to speak eloquently in a group but I am not able to speak up; my health is failing; I am not good looking; nobody cares about me, etc.” These thoughts of failure come from self-pity or inferiority complex. However, Jesus Christ can miraculously transform men with such thoughts of failure to victorious men.

It is not possible to climb the stairs of success and reach the top in one day. You will have to take one step at a time. Christ provides us with support and guidance through these steps. You will receive this great fortune

when the Word of God comes to you and your heart is filled with the presence of God. Christ will hold your hands and guide you through your life.

Jesus Christ will lift you up from the depths of failure and raise you to the heights of success. So, do not give up and you should never feel depressed. Do not feel despondent. It does not mean that there are no failures in Christian life. It is normal to be in situations where you are low-spirited. However, you should not give up hopes and stay there. Christian life is all about springing back up from such situations with a determination to succeed.

Let me quote a few lines from a beautiful poem written by the poet H W Longfellow:

“The heights by great men reached and kept
Were not attained by a single flight,
But they, while their companions slept,
Were toiling upwards in the night.”

People who were successful in life did not achieve the heights of success by a single flight. However, they worked hard day and night while their friends and colleagues were lazy and whiling away their time sleeping or doing nothing.

There is merit in working hard in our spiritual lives as well. Waiting for the Holy Spirit is more than just praying for a few minutes in the morning and evening. To lead a victorious Christian life, we should pray incessantly and develop a healthy prayer life. It does not mean that you should kneel down and pray at all times. You should pray with the conviction that you will not stop until you receive it.

Men who have been victorious were all prayer warriors. You can be victorious and overcome your inferiority complex only through prayers. You should stamp the seal of victory in all avenues of life where you have experienced failure, hopelessness, discouragement, and despondency. Through prayers you can turn victorious in all areas that you have failed. S L Brengle has written about incessant prayers in his book "The Way of Holiness." It is possible for men to have an incessant prayer life.

I was a person who thought that there is no end to hardships and struggles in life. I thought there is no end to isolation and agony. I wondered if there will ever be an end to criticism and mockery. I thought that there will be no end to diseases and ailments that came one after the other. I have faced severe shortage of money and have been burdened with debts. Today, when I turn back and recollect those days, I realize that God has been so wonderful and kind to me. He supported and led me through those difficult times. He did not allow me to crumble down under pressure and carried me on his shoulders.

Do believe that God is real. So real a God! You should never forget this. This realization and conviction helped me tide over difficult times. My Lord Jesus Christ is so real to me.

Apostle says:

"That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our

eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched—this we proclaim concerning the Word of life.”
1 John 1:1

Apostle says that we touched Christ. We should have this experience of touching Christ. To give a practical example, let us consider that you have been afflicted by diseases, one after the other. Your children and your wife are also falling sick frequently. You are treating them but with no avail. The medical expenses are increasing by the day and you have to take debts to manage your financials.

In this situation when you are lying on your bed and struggling to overcome your illness, you should pray to God and tell him, “Lord, I am not worthy to pray to you as I have committed several sins in my life. I do not have the right to call upon your name. However, I want to tell you one thing in your divine presence. I will ensure that I will not sin any more. I surrender myself to you. Lord, please come near me, accept this commitment that I just made to you and have mercy on me. Please touch me with your hands.”

As you pray to God, you will realize the amazing hand of God working in your life. God of miracles is living amongst us.

So real a God

So near a God and

So dear a God

When we face adversities and agonies in life, we

should not give up but be prepared to be a sufferer. Our God is so real, so near, and so dear.

Under the leadership of Moses, over 600,000 people left Mizraim. Only men who were greater than 20 years old were taken into account to calculate this number of 600,000. Israelites were slaves under the rule of Pharaoh in Egypt. God decided to liberate them under the leadership of Moses, and He led them out of Egypt. They crossed the Red Sea and travelled through the deserts to reach the banks of River Jordan. Now, they just had to cross River Jordan to reach the land of Canaan.

When we consider this in light of our spiritual lives, we are in a transient journey through the desert after being liberated from the clutches of Satan just like the people of Israel were liberated from the slavery of Pharaoh. This is a journey to the land of Canaan. A journey to reach greater heights in spirituality. A travel towards Zion or New Jerusalem.

Abram was a wealthy man who owned a vast expanse of land. He was living at the banks of Euphrates and Tigris rivers. He was the son of Terah. Though it is not written in Bible, it is my imagination that Abram would have had the following conversation with his wife.

One day, he called his wife, Sarai, and said, "We have to go on a journey."

Sari asked, "Where are we going?"

Abram answered, "I do not know."

Sarai said, "What!!! What are you saying? Where

are we going?”

Abram said, “You don't worry about that. Just come with me.”

Sarai was an obedient wife. However, she was still perplexed, “Where are we going!”

Abram continues, “Lord appeared to me in His glory and asked me to set out on a journey, but He did not tell me where I will be going. The Lord has commanded and I have to go.”

Sarai described this episode to others. Now, everyone started looking at Abram with suspicious eyes. They started thinking what could have possibly happened to him at this old age. They sought to find out if he has become mentally unstable. The villagers started noticing him. He was getting prepared to go on a journey. Many of them came and talked to him and tried to discourage him. But, Abram did not have anything to tell them.

They asked him, “Where are you going?”

Abram answered, “I do not know.”

People thought that he has become insane. I am imagining that they might have thought that he should be tied up and restrained. However, fortunately, they did not do that. Is it possible to disobey what the Almighty God has commanded even if a multitude of men try to stop? Abram set out on his journey and Sarai went with him.

Abram's nephew, Lot, ran up to him and said, “I have a desire; I want to come with you. Let me also join you.”

Abram replied, “Son, you cannot come with me

since the Lord has commanded only me to go.”

Lot said, “No, let me also join you. I will come with you.”

Abram said, “No son, God has only commanded me. He has given this order only to me. You have not received God's calling. He has not appeared to you and neither has he asked you to join me. He also told me specifically to leave my country, my people, and my father's household. Now, if I take anybody from my father's household, will the Lord be pleased with me? I am not very sure.”

Lot insisted, “Please don't tell that. I am also coming with you.”

Abram thought, “Alright, how can I disappoint this child? I am going on a journey which the Lord has planned for me, so let him also join me.”

However, after a few days problems started to surface. One day, Abram was sitting in his tent when some men hurried up to him.

Abram got up and asked, “What happened?”

They said, “Come fast to the fields. There is a big fight going on there between your herdsmen and Lot's shepherds.” Abram rushed to the fields.

Now, Abram realized his folly. When a person who had not received God's calling joined him, problems and tensions surfaced between them.

Abram said to Lot, “My son, let us part here. If you go to the left, I will go to the right; if you go to the right, I will

go to the left.” So, the two men parted company at that place.

When you receive God's call and come to listen to the Word of God at Christian Revival Fellowship, many people may mock you. They may indulge in slanderous talk about you. People may insult you and say that you have lost your mind. Are you ready to pay the price? The one who humbles himself will be exalted!

When I had to face such situations in my life where people mocked me, I have cried out to God and said, “Lord, I humble myself and embrace your feet. I do not have any other abode. I do not have any justifications. If you have helped me take one step ahead in my spiritual journey through your amazing grace, I will not turn back irrespective of what I have to face in this society.” I have taken refuge in my Lord. I am peacefully moving forward in this Christian life clinging to his arms.

Do you think that in Christian life, we should happily embrace sufferings and be ready to pay the price? Are you ready to make a solemn decision that the step taken forward will not be pulled back, irrespective of the adversities or hostilities you will have to face? Do you accept the fact that to be victorious you have to suffer?

Let us become believers of Jesus Christ. Let us believe in the sacrifice that Christ has made on the Cross and the blood that he shed for us on the Cross. Let us believe in Christ's redemption. Let us believe in the cleansing power of the blood that Jesus has shed on the Cross. Blood that cleanses us from all the sins we have

committed in the past!

You may have committed several sins in the past. It could be alcoholism; addiction to drugs, marijuana, or chewing tobacco; bad company; illicit relationships; obscene acts; prostitution; or thefts. However, one drop of the precious blood of Jesus Christ is enough to cleanse your sins. He will cleanse you completely and purify you with His divine blood. For the Bible says, "The blood of Jesus purifies us from all sins."

Each one of us living today is an aggregation of all the good and bad deeds of our ancestors. In 1874, it was found that six members of one family had turned out to be hardcore criminals. One of the staff members of New York State Prison Board decided to trace their family tree. The outcome of this investigation was very shocking.

This family tree was traced back to one of their forefathers who was born in 1720. They found that he was lethargic and alcoholic. He was an atheist and was involved in criminal activities during those days. They checked his descendants and found that 310 people lived in utter poverty, 160 women among his descendants were prostitutes, 180 people were addicted to alcohol and drugs, 150 of them had been jailed due to criminal activities out of which 7 were sentenced to death.

In stark contrast, the lineage of a believer and evangelist named Jonathan Edwards who was born in 1703 was traced. Among his descendants, they found that 13 people were presidents of colleges; 65 of them were college professors; 100 of them were attorneys; 32

of them were judges; 85 of them were writers and authored several books; 66 of them were doctors; 80 of them were political leaders, of which three were state governors, three were state senators, and one of them became the vice-president of United States of America.

“You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments.”

Exodus 20:5-6

A God who shows love and compassion to thousand generations! The families that are carrying the burden of curse on them have a way to break free from their curses. Jesus will deliver a person from his curse when he kneels down at His feet with eyes filled with tears and appeals to Him for mercy. Let us change ourselves. Let us change our behaviour and attitude to bring in prosperity and goodness for our future generations.

“The blood of Jesus purifies us from all sins.” We should not accumulate curses for the generations to come. We should not do anything that will adversely affect us, our children, or future generations. Our children and grandchildren should not become offenders and men who harm others. They should not be afflicted by terrible diseases.

Our children should grow in virtue. Our future

generations should be blessed, and the only way is that you should be cleansed and purified by the blood of Jesus. Let a drop of this precious blood of Jesus fall on your forehead and a drop of this holy blood touch your chest. If you are willing, you will be blessed with this experience and all the stains of your sins will be cleansed. Jesus has only one thing to say, "I will cleanse you of all the sins that you have committed so far. My child, go now and sin no more!"

Surrender your life at the feet of the One who shed His precious blood at the Cross. Commit yourself and your future to the Lord. Submit your body, mind, and spirit into the hands of Jesus. Give your word to Jesus, "My Lord and my redeemer, I realize that you have sacrificed yourself at the Cross for me. I surrender myself into your hands. I commit my life to you. The old person in me will cease to exist from today, and I am determined to be a new person henceforth."



Chapter 8

“Though you already know all this, I want to remind you that the Lord at one time delivered his people out of Egypt, but later destroyed those who did not believe.” *Jude 1:5*

Among the people of Israel who left Egypt, Joshua and Caleb were the only two men who reached Canaan.

Caleb was victorious till the end. He started his journey well, continued with the same spirit, and finished it well. He was victorious even at the age of 80, just like he was at the age of 40.

As you read this, you should ponder whether you continue to have the same zeal, passion, and commitment in your spiritual life as you started.

Through the grace of God and the Holy Spirit, you became conscious of your sins and made a firm commitment that you will not sin anymore. You received victory over sins that you were falling to in the past – your short temper went away; the bad habits and lustful desires that you had in your heart were not troubling you anymore. However, it is time to think now if you continue to enjoy the same experience. Are you able to prevail in the first love and initial faith that you experienced?

In those days, just as you began to pray, you were

filled with the Holy Spirit. A time when tears flowed from the eyes without your knowledge. As you walked into the prayer hall to participate in the fellowship, your eyes would be filled with tears – not due to any grief but due to the presence of the Holy Spirit. Have you not experienced a time when you were filled with inexplicable peace in your heart?

Do you want to gain this experience of forgetting everything in this world and get immersed in the love for Jesus? A deep craving to love Jesus! This is an inseparable love just like the first love between a bride and groom. Does this love still prevail in your life?

If you have never had such an experience, will you yearn to encounter this love? When you receive this zestful spirit of the Lord, you will experience it growing in you.

A person who drinks alcohol craves for it till he drinks but later feels depressed about it. He will say that he is drinking to forget his troubles and get some peace. However, though he may forget his worries for some time when he is intoxicated, things will get worse than before. It will result in him losing his temper. He will start abusing others, unconsciously hurt others, and also indulge in indecent behaviour. He will feel furthermore depressed when he regains his consciousness.

One woman poured out her woes to me, “Sir, my husband beats me up every day. However, in the morning he will say sorry and requests me to forgive him. He says, 'I did not want to drink but I feel somebody is pulling me

into it. You should pray for me.' However, again in the evening, he feels somebody is dragging him into drinking.”

Another woman said, “My son loves his father dearly and his father also shows a lot of love and affection when he is not drunk. However, in an inebriated state, he loses his consciousness and behaves like an insane person. He beats up my son mercilessly. He is very depressed and is not able to focus on studies. Sir, please pray for us.”

I responded to her, “I will pray for you. However, it may not be fruitful. You should have a born-again experience. Don't you get feelings of resentment at times? When your husband comes home drunk, don't you get feelings of animosity towards him? Don't you get suicidal tendencies when you face these hardships? Don't you get annoyed at times? These tendencies have to change. You should forgive him.” She said, “Sir, I love him.”

I explained to her, “You may be right. However, you should completely forgive him, and then you should pray for him without his knowledge. You should not pray in front of him hoping that he hears you. You should pray secretly - let him not hear you or realize that you are praying for him. Even when he comes home in an inebriated state and flares up, you should talk to him peacefully and show your love and affection. May you receive a born-again experience first, then I will pray for you.”

Few days later, I was at Kelachandra Auditorium in Chingavanam, Kottayam. This woman had come there with her son, and her husband was standing alongside. She said, "Sir, when my temperament changed, I saw a transformation in him as well. He has stopped drinking." Now, this family is energized by the Holy Spirit and passionately comes to listen to the Word of God. Dear brethren, do you want to be intoxicated by the Holy Spirit? You can receive it too!

Caleb was able to continue with the same fervour as he had started. As you read this, are you ready to proclaim your commitment to the Lord? Are you willing to make a solemn decision now? You should start it today and continue with the same zeal.

You need not worry or get frustrated thinking, "I was not able to remain committed to the Lord so far. Will I be able to do it?" You can definitely do it!

5. Caleb the wanderer.

Caleb was 40 years old when the people of Israel reached Kadesh-Barnea. At the age of 40, he was among the 12 men who were selected at Kadesh-Barnea to cross River Jordan and spy the land of Canaan. At the age of 80, he came and stood in front of Joshua.

"Now the people of Judah approached Joshua at Gilgal, and Caleb son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite said to him, "You know what the Lord said to Moses the man of God at Kadesh-Barnea about you and me. I was forty years old when Moses the servant of the Lord sent

me from Kadesh-Barnea to explore the land. And I brought him back a report according to my convictions.” Joshua 14:6-7

Caleb said to Joshua, “I reported back to Moses according to my faith and based on my convictions. I told him, 'We can conquer that land. Let us go and take possession of the land. We can overpower the warriors of Anak. It is possible. If God is with us, He will make it possible for us. Do not be afraid, let us go and take possession of the land.' You will remember what I said to Moses at that time.”

“but my fellow Israelites who went up with me made the hearts of the people melt in fear. I, however, followed the Lord my God wholeheartedly. So on that day Moses swore to me, 'The land on which your feet have walked will be your inheritance and that of your children forever, because you have followed the Lord my God wholeheartedly.'”

Joshua 14:8-9

As we read this part in the Bible, one can imagine this beautiful scene. God had given His promise to Caleb through Moses. It was a promise that he received 40 years back. Following this, Caleb held on to this promise and moved forward in his life keeping this hope alive. He is now reminding Joshua about this promise after 40 long years.

Dear brethren, have you received such a personalized message from God? Has the Holy Spirit

ever spoken to you anything? If you have received such a word from God, are you leading your life by passionately holding on to it and following Him wholeheartedly? Or, have you just ignored His message? Is it an insignificant thing for the Lord to speak to humans?

Abraham received a message from the Lord, "Go from your country, your people and your father's household to the land I will show you." He did not think about any possible failures and set out on this journey. He received a promise from God, "I will surely bless you and make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as the sand on the seashore." Abraham held on to this promise. If you receive a promise from the Lord then you should hold on to that promise. You should persevere till this promise is fulfilled.

You should open the Bible and read the Word of God. Lord has given us numerous promises in His Word. You should hold on to these promises. You should read the Bible and meditate on the Word of God. You should underline the promises Lord has given to you.

When I read Psalms 37:3-5, I memorized these verses and underlined the part - "he will give you the desires of your heart."

I held on to this word and said to Him, "Oh Lord, this is a promise you have given to me. I am accepting this as a promise you are giving to me now though you had given this word ages back to your servant." He has provided me all the desires that I put forth in front of Him. He never denied me anything. It is His promise!

“Trust in the Lord, and do good; dwell in the land and befriend faithfulness. Delight yourself in the Lord, and He will give you the desires of your heart.” *Psalms 37:3-5*

You should underline these verses in your Bible and place your hands on it and say, “Lord, I believe that this verse is a promise you have given to me. I have a desire in my heart; however, you have mentioned that there are three prerequisites in order to receive the desires of my heart. ‘Trust in the Lord and do good. Dwell in the land and befriend faithfulness. Delight yourself in the Lord.’ I commit myself this day that I will lead a life that will meet these conditions. So, I am receiving these words as your promise to me.” He will then give you the desires of your heart.

When you read Psalms 91, you should place your hands on the Bible and pray,

“Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, ‘He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.’ Surely He will save you from the fowler’s snare and from the deadly pestilence.” *Psalms 91:1-3*

“No harm will overtake you, no disaster will come near your tent. For He will command His angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways.” *Psalms 91:10:11*

“Lord, I will dwell under your shelter. I will never move away from the shelter of the Almighty. I will follow

the Word of God and will not deviate to the left or right. I will not move out of the shadow of the Almighty. I will not turn to the ways of Satan. I will not obey the orders of Satan. I will not make room for sin in my life.”

As children of God, we should claim it as our right and compel our Lord to bless us. If we follow the conditions Lord has set for us and go to His divine presence and seek his blessings, Lord will not send us back empty-handed. He blessed David when he followed His conditions. Moses was blessed as he obeyed His commands and met the conditions. You will experience your heart's desires being fulfilled when you follow the commands of the Lord, meet the conditions given to us, and hold on to His promise.

In this manner, you should train yourself and experience all of these in your spiritual life. You should pray, “Lord, do not allow any disease to overpower me before I complete the mission you had set for me in this world. Lord, protect me from the hands of death until I attain the satiation of holiness You desired in me.”

You can pray to the Lord for all your needs. It can be for passing your exams with good scores. You can pray for your marriage and to receive a good life partner. You should say, “Lord, please help me find the right person who can be my life partner. I am not looking for dowry, beauty, income, or high social status. I need a life partner who will support me in being a spiritual person till my death.” All these are requests that you should take to the Lord in your prayers. There is no merit in having all the riches in this world if Jesus is not with you. You should

seek your desires by clinging on to the Word of God.

A son will receive the features of his father and will resemble him. He will exhibit his father's nature. As a child of our Heavenly Father, do we resemble Him? Do we exhibit our Heavenly Father's nature? Certainly not! Today, you should make a solemn decision and pray to Him, "Lord, I am giving you my word today. I have not lived a life worthy enough to be called your son. I did not reflect your nature. I did not dwell in your house. I did not obey your commands. I did not respect the Word of God. Father, I have sinned against Heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants." Likewise, are you willing to pray to God?

Our Heavenly Father is full of love and compassion. He empathizes with us and understands our weaknesses. He is the Father who continued to remember us even when we drifted away from Him. His unfailing love is patiently waiting for us and hoping for our return.

Father does not keep a record of wrongs. He does not focus on the sins you have committed. He does not bother about your past life. You do not have to feel depressed. The Father is calling, and it is time to rush to him. You do not have to live among the pigs like the prodigal son. There is a big feast at your father's house. There is a fattened lamb at his house. Your father has fields, and you do not have to go anywhere else to work. Father is waiting for you and is ready to accept you as his son.

The Heavenly Father is eagerly waiting to listen to the decision of your heart. He is knocking at the door of your heart. His precious blood is touching your heart. This is the blood of Christ that cleanses all the sins. This divine blood is enough to cleanse even the most heinous sins and nasty deeds.

Will you commit yourself to Jesus? He will erase your past and cleanse all the bad habits, regretful acts, quarrelsome behaviour, vindictiveness, vengeance, jealousy, covetousness, adultery, and corruption that may have occurred in your life. His precious blood is enough to cleanse all the sins and give you a new life. Let us be victorious and experience the first love again. Jesus is knocking at your heart's door. Open your heart and give your word to Him, "Oh Lord, please enter my heart. From this day onwards, I will be yours."



Chapter 9

“And Caleb stilled the people before Moses, and said, ‘Let us go up at once, and possess it; for we are well able to overcome it’”

Numbers 13:30

Caleb had a spiritual vision. Through this vision, Caleb received spiritual vitality. He was passionate. This led him to spiritual humility.

“Let us go up at once and possess it”

Numbers 13:30

This can be considered as the key verse with regards to Caleb.

Under the leadership of Moses, over 600,000 people left Mizraim. It was not Moses as an individual who led them, but the Word of God through Moses that led them out of Egypt. At that time, Moses was accompanied by his brother Aaron, Joshua, and Caleb.

Caleb was redeemed through the blood. He crossed the Red Sea and entered the wilderness. He travelled along with Moses for 40 years and reached the banks of River Jordan.

During the beginning of the journey, there is no mention about Joshua and Caleb. It is only after 40 years

that they come into picture and we realize that they were part of the group from the beginning. Caleb receives a mention in the Bible only when they reach the very end of the wilderness of Zin at a place called Kadesh-Barnea at the banks of River Jordan. We understand that Caleb was among them from the beginning as the people of Israel took 40 years to cross the desert.

The people of Israel fled from Mizraim following the plague of death of the firstborn. A lamb had to be slaughtered and its blood applied on the top and sides of the doorframe. The destroyer did not enter the houses where blood was found on the doorframes. However, he entered all other houses and the firstborns in those houses were killed. When there was loud wailing across Egypt following the death of firstborns, Pharaoh summoned Moses and said,

*“Up! Leave my people, you and the Israelites!
Go, worship the Lord as you have requested.”*

Exodus 12:31

The people of Israel received redemption through the blood of lamb. Caleb was one among them who was redeemed through the blood.

It is a great honour and blessing to be part of the group that has been freed through the blood! To be part of the heavenly congregation! To be part of the assembly and church of the firstborn whose names are written in Heaven! This is a large assembly and congregation of people. This is one big family and all of us are part of this family. In this unified family, nobody is considered great

or small. There is no difference between the educated and illiterate. There is no consideration for age, and there is no difference between a person who is 80 years old and 10 years old.

There are no differences in this heavenly family. It is a spiritual world where there is no manifestation of body but only spirit. The spirit is amorphous and does not have any form or shape. People will neither marry nor be given in marriage in Heaven. There is a husband and wife relationship here on earth but once we reach Heaven, there are no such relationships. We are getting a small preview of this divine experience on earth before we go to Heaven.

Here we are one family and part of the 'House of Calvary!' There is great power to be part of this family. We draw power from the conviction that we are not alone. If one person is facing a problem, it is considered as everyone's problem. To elucidate this further – when one part of the body is injured the entire body is affected. Similarly, when one part is honoured, it is considered to be an honour for the entire body.

We are all members of this heavenly family. When we appreciate this feeling of oneness, we will realize that we are not alone. In this family, one person's need is not considered to be his problem; everyone else will support each other. One does not have to carry the burden of their troubles alone as it will be considered a common problem where everyone gets involved. Each and every person is an important part of this family. This is one of the greatest blessings that we receive when we belong to this family.

We are children of one father - the Heavenly Father!
We are all following one leader - following Christ as His disciples!

In spirituality, there are no differences between individuals. Though each person may be assigned different ministries, these are just different streams of God's work where some people are spiritually gifted to preach while others may have the talent to sing or pray during fellowship meetings. There may be people who are gifted with the ability to counsel others and talk to people personally and guide them spiritually. Some people may not be gifted with any of these talents but will be able to pray to God secretly for others. This is also an important part of God's work, possibly the most important! Everyone has the talent for different ministries. God has blessed each and every one of us with different talents.

I was spiritually guided and led by a person whom we fondly called 'Pappa.' He has never preached. He knew that he was not gifted with that talent. He was gifted with a talent to personally pray for others. He used to vehemently pray for others. I recollect an episode – One of the lecturers at Thiruvananthapuram Engineering College who held a doctorate degree was diagnosed with a mental illness. He came to Pappa and asked him to pray for his disease to be cured.

Pappa told him, “I will not pray for your disease to be cured. However, I will pray for releasing you from spiritual bondage.” While the person left for his home, Pappa started fasting and praying for him. He fasted for 21 days and had only one meal a day. After 21 days, that person

was completely cured. Pappa had a spiritual gift to pray for others. Spiritual gift of releasing the bondage of others.

There is a man named Joy who lives in a place called Kummanode. Once his child fell sick and became unconscious. His wife started crying loudly; however, Joy felt like laughing hysterically. It was insanity. It was a torment of the evil spirit. Joy did not realize that he had been plagued by the evil spirit. He would feel like laughing when others were lamenting at the loss of their dear ones.

Joy came to meet me. The purpose of his visit was to request my prayers for his child. However, I did not pray for the child, speak to the child, or even look at the child. A miracle happened that day. I was speaking to Joy while his wife and child were listening. I explained to him a lot of things that day. While I was talking to him, the child would fall unconscious at times. When the evil spirit left Joy, the child was also cured and the evil spirits did not torment him anymore. When parents are freed from the bondage of evil spirits, their children will not be tormented but freed from all bondages.

Philipi was the first city in Europe to be visited by Apostle Paul and Silas. This city was named after King Philip, who was the father of Alexander the Great. Philipi was one of the most civilized and populous cities during those days.

One woman named Lydia was converted in this city when she listened to the words of Paul. She became the first Christian in Europe. Her occupation was to make

purple cloth dye and sell it in the market, and she lived in a place called Thyatira. She came to the city of Philipi to sell her purple cloth dye in the marketplace of Philipi. In the Bible, it is mentioned that she was a dealer in 'blood-hued fabric.'

On that day when she came to the marketplace to sell her cloth dye, she heard a voice. She saw a person preaching at the banks of the river near the market. Lord opened her heart that day, and she received the Word of God.

When Ludiya's heart was opened and she accepted Jesus Christ, her entire family rejoiced in the Lord. This joy and happiness started spreading across the members of the household, and they all rejoiced together with this newfound joy. As you read this book, let the Lord open your hearts too.

We should not forget that all of us are one. We may have several shortcomings and drawbacks in us. We would have faced multiple failures in our lives. We may have been unsuccessful in various facets of our lives. We may not have been able to lead a victorious spiritual life. However, we should remember that all of us are together and we are one in the Lord. Apostle Paul tells the jailer – “Don't harm yourself! We are all here!”

There are several people who are depressed and want to end their lives. All around us, we notice people struggling to lead a peaceful life. Most of the families are struggling to lead a peaceful and harmonious life. Is there any particular deficiency? Is it due to poverty? Probably

not.

Some people are not able to lead a peaceful life though there are no specific inadequacies. There are others who are facing severe financial crisis and are debt-ridden, afflicted by diseases, or facing several hardships in life. People are struggling with one or the other crisis all the time. There is no peace anywhere!

Under these circumstances, a fellowship gives respite to the people who are burdened by hardships and troubles. One does not have to bear his/her burden alone; others within the fellowship will support and provide succour to such people. There is no fellowship if a person who is struggling is left to fend for himself and not supported by others. In a fellowship, one person's burden is carried by everyone together, and a person who is facing certain inadequacies receives assistance from fellow members. Thus, Lord has called us to live in harmony by supporting each other as members of one unified family.

Christian Revival Fellowship is one such unified family in the Lord. In a family, the father may have a disease, mother may be suffering from some illnesses, children may fall sick, and one child may study well while the other may not be good at studies. There may be several shortcomings or deficiencies within the same family. A member of the family is not expelled from the family just because he has some drawback. On the other hand, the rest of the family members will provide support and encouragement to that person and renew his life.

A person who is facing challenges needs support from others. For instance, if a person has sprained his ankle, others should not think, “Oh, he cannot walk properly, let him stay back, I will go to the fellowship meeting alone today.” On the contrary, he should take care of him and ensure he gets an appropriate seat in the vehicle so that he can travel comfortably without further impacting his affected leg.

It is a characteristic of a good fellowship that a person who is in need is well supported by other members within the group. Thus, we should prevail as a blessed fellowship which is unified in the Lord. Likewise, when we live in unity, we will turn victorious.



Chapter 10

Deliverance and liberation is possible only through the blood of the lamb. You can be freed from the bondages of evil spirit only through the blood of the lamb. A person can receive deliverance from the plagues of demonic spirits only through the blood of the lamb.

If all generational curses, familial inadequacies and perils have to move away, the blood of the lamb has to enter the family. This lamb is Jesus Christ! These connotations are beautifully described in the Bible. There is deliverance only through the blood of Jesus Christ who is the eternal lamb. There is liberation only through the lamb who was slain before the foundation of the world. It is only through His blood that one will receive deliverance from curses and the plagues of evil spirit.

Once a young man came to meet me. God showed me a vision. I saw that many terrorizing figures and dreadful beasts have encircled him. He is struggling and is unable to come out of this vicious bondage.

Suddenly, Jesus Christ appeared next to him. The beasts were petrified when they saw Jesus. In an instant, Jesus raised His hands over him and from the pierced hands of the Lord, blood fell on this young man's face. As soon as a drop of blood touched him, the demons cried

out hysterically and fled. This was a spiritual vision.

Today, people have been enslaved by Satan just like Pharaoh had enslaved the people of Israel and made them work hard for him. Satan has confined several people and is utilizing them like his slaves. These people are surrounded by evil spirits. Among these are evil spirits of anger, hatred, violence, vengeance, lustful desires, unbelief, and several others. These dreadful spirits have restrained several people.

Some men are restrained with the leash of alcohol while there are others who are confined with obscenity and vulgarity in movies. There are many people who are restrained by evil spirits with the leash of pornography.

Some people are confined with the chains of bad habits like smoking, chewing tobacco or gutka. All these are different types of chains used by Satan to confine people. Some people have several chains restraining them. They get into bad habits where they are not able to control themselves. They get trapped in shameful situations that cannot be disclosed publicly. All these are some chains used by Satan to confine people. These chains were not brought by Satan to us but we have picked them up of our own accord and given to him.

We gave the chains of sin in our lives into the hands of Satan. Since Satan has the rights on these chains, he has used them to bind us and now we are struggling to be freed from his clutches. We may not realize that Satan has locked us up with these terrible chains. At this point, Jesus Christ sprinkles the blood of the lamb.

He will not sprinkle the blood just like that. I told the

young man, “Now you should cry out to the Lord for help as a needy person. You should call out to Jesus who has the authority to rebuke evil spirits and say 'Jesus, please come and save me. If you rescue me today from the clutches of these evil spirits, I will ensure that I will never consciously commit any sin again in my life. I will not give chains in the hands of Satan.' Can you make this commitment? If yes, then tell Him your decision. You can imagine that I am not here. I need not listen to what you say. You can tell the Lord.”

He cried bitterly and called out to Jesus, “Lord, please save me. I will no longer consciously commit any sin. Please deliver me from the clutches of these evil spirits and the bondages of Satan.”

When he called out to the Lord as a needy person, the blood of the lamb was sprinkled on him and he received deliverance. His name was written in the Book of Life. A miracle indeed! A blessing indeed! He became a part of the heavenly family. Lord said, “I have cleansed you completely of all the sins that you have committed - the sins that you remember and even the ones that you do not remember, the sins that you have confessed now and the ones you have not confessed.”

A great blessing indeed! This young man sat there and wept bitterly. Our good Lord has cleansed all the sins. It is a great feeling to have all our sins washed away with the blood of the lamb. It is a blessing indeed that the living God is still working amongst us.

There are dreadful evil spirits that have confined us through our lives. They come in the form of generational

curses of pride, false prestige, haughtiness, selfishness, greed, jealousy, anger, lustful desires, etc.

There are people who have caused harm to others. Some of them have been involved in abominable relationships before marriage while there are some who have been trapped in extramarital affairs. People are in bondage through the sins and curses they have acquired through their ancestors and also through the sins that they have committed in their lives. However, you should proclaim, “Let us go up at once and possess it.” It is possible for you. There are saints who have successfully completed this race.

In this spiritual race, some people started well but faltered on the way and gave up. Their skeletons are strewn on the path. They were heroes at one point in time and we cannot even compare ourselves with them. They were devout Christians, strong believers, prayer warriors, men who could call down fire from Heaven through their prayers, preachers who converted many through their powerful messages. As the hymnist wrote in Malayalam,

*“Ennillum bhakthar ennillum shakthar
veenu thakarnee porkalathil
kaanunnu njaan asthi koodangal bheegaram
veerapoomaangalil veenavaril”*

“Men more powerful and devout than me
Faltered and fell in this race
I see the terrorizing sight of skeletons strewn
Of the men who gave up”

The dreadful evil spirits are surrounding us; however, the blood of the lamb gives freedom. “Let us go

up at once and possess it.” You should say, “I will gain victory in my spiritual and personal lives. I will conquer the victorious paths of Christian life.”

Victorious living! It requires a vision. It requires valour and vitality. Passion and strong conviction – “I will achieve it. I will not be defeated by sin. I will not give room for any evil deeds in my life. All this while, Satan has used me as his puppet and made me his slave. I would lose my temper and use profanity when he would ask me to. I would watch obscene movies when he would influence me. He made me tell lies and use foul language. All this was in the past, but now, I will not yield to him. Never again!” You will be victorious, it is possible!

“Sin cannot lay hands on me! I will not allow Satan to use me as his puppet!” This conviction shows your courage and strength. When you do that people may laugh and scorn at you. They will taunt and say “Oh! Has he also gone to that fellowship! What a pity! His life is ruined.” However, you should not give up. Do not feel dejected.

I have faced these situations in my life. When I was teaching at college, students used to ridicule me. I was not ashamed to carry my Bible and walk through the corridors of the college. I was not ashamed to be part of the fellowship as it was an integral part of my life. Jesus Christ is my everything! It did not really matter to me when others mocked me as I had nothing to lose. Let people make slanderous allegations against me; time will prove them wrong. If it is God's will, He will prove them all wrong. I have given my life to Christ; a complete one-time surrender to the Lord. Following this, there's no turning

back and I have no anxiety about anything.

Are you able to make this decision? Do you have the conviction that you have surrendered yourself to Christ once for all? A Christian should have this conviction in his life. This does not necessarily mean that you will not be led into temptations. You will possibly have to face more of them.

Satan will try to lead you into sin – “Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.” (1 Peter 5:8). There will be increased scoffing and mockery. You will face slanderous allegations. They will criticize you. People who accompanied you in the past will start ridiculing you. They will not support you. They will scoff and scorn at you. But you should not lose courage as you are with the Almighty God.

You should say, “I will remain committed to the Lord. I have surrendered my life at His feet. Now, irrespective of the oppositions and mockery I have to face, I will not turn back. I will be victorious.” - 'Let us go up at once and possess it.'

1. Vision
 2. Vitality
 3. Victory
1. Caleb the sufferer – To be victorious, be ready to suffer.
 2. Caleb the conqueror – He gained victory.
 3. Caleb the wholehearted follower – He followed the Lord wholeheartedly.
 4. Caleb the defender – He defended the

opposition and words of discouragement from others and faced them courageously.

5. Caleb the wanderer – He wandered in the wilderness.

You should never forget what Jesus has done for you and should always remember Him. You will then turn victorious. Jesus will give you victory. He will fill your heart with tranquility. He will deliver you from the clutches of Satan. He will give you a peaceful life. He will take away all your curses.

Are you struggling in your life? Are you frustrated as you have not been able to succeed despite working hard through your life? Are you not able to realize your dreams? Has your family not been able to prosper? Are you facing trials and tribulations? Then, Jesus can show you the right path. He can guide you and take you forward.

Life is all about endurance. We have to bear the Cross. All of us face different hardships in our lives. We are burdened with various needs. Each person is affected by mental and physical agony while carrying these burdens. It can be burdens related to debt, lack of income, or inability to make both ends meet despite having a regular job.

I get many phone calls and letters from people who are struggling to eke out a living. There is no source of income, and they are debt-ridden. They live in rented houses, and they are not able to pay their dues. When the owner asks them to vacate the house, they leave the house and wander in search of a place for rent. What can

they do! There is no means for them to live.

God knows your agony. He is aware of your burdens and the heavy loads you are carrying. He is telling you that He will carry your burdens. Can you cast your burdens on Him? He is standing right next to you and saying, "My child, you don't have to carry these loads by yourself. Leave them here, I will carry your burdens. You can then walk around freely."

You should not get depressed thinking about the various struggles you are going through. It could be the ailments of your dear ones. It can be the curses affecting your family. It may be the thought of your father coming home in an inebriated state, starts beating up everyone, and a complete mayhem breaks out. You should not have a grudge against your father. You should not try to harm him. You should not cause harm to anyone for that matter.

"Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you" (1 Peter 5:7). You may be struggling due to the heavy burdens of hardship, distress, and agony that you are facing in life.

The evil one has robbed you of everything. He has attacked and injured you. He has taken away all your possessions and wealth. He has robbed you of your wealth of love. He has taken away your wealth of faith. He has stolen the wealth of gentleness and humility you had acquired in life.

At one point in your life, you had all these possessions. He has deprived you of all these good possessions. Today, he has injured you and left you bleeding. However, there is a good news. The Good

Samaritan is coming your way. He saw the man lying in a pool of blood and struggling to breathe. The Levi and the priest saw him, but they ignored him. They went their way and did not bother to help him. The Good Samaritan came close to him.

He took pity on him, and his heart melted when he saw this man. His eyes were filled with tears. The Samaritan dressed his wounds. He cleansed his wounds with oil. He poured wine into his mouth. The man who was about to die received a fresh lease of life, and he opened his eyes. He saw the Good Samaritan. His heart was filled with joy and gratitude. He could not take his eyes off the Good Samaritan. The thieves had robbed the man of his clothes, so the Samaritan donned clothes on him.

This Good Samaritan lifted up this debilitated man in his arms and placed him close to his chest and comforted him. He then put him on his donkey and travelled to the inn where he took care of him.

Now, the Lord has brought you to the inn. This fellowship is the inn. You will receive deliverance in this inn. You will receive care in this inn. You will receive the required nourishment here.

You will receive water to quench your thirst in this inn. You will not have to be thirsty again. You do not have to struggle anymore. Come to this inn and be saved. The innkeeper is not the one who will save you. The Good Samaritan will save you. The innkeeper is just a servant who does the job for wages. The Lord said to him, "Look after him and when I return, I will reimburse you for any

extra expense you may have.”

The master will return! The Good Samaritan will come back! The innkeeper is sure that his dues will be paid to him when the master returns so he is eagerly doing his work. Our Lord Jesus is the Good Samaritan. He is the one who is feeling pity on you seeing your helpless situation. He is dressing your wounds. He is applying oil on your wounds and cleansing them. He has come to you with the balm of Gilead. He is pouring wine into your mouth. The wine that He is pouring into your mouth is His divine blood.

Water turned into wine which in turn transformed into blood. This blood is being transferred. Lord Jesus is pouring wine into your mouth which will invigorate you. You will be energized. You will receive strength. You will receive vigour and vitality. He is lifting you up in His arms and holding you close to His chest. He is taking you on His animal to the inn and saving you.

You will be saved if you follow the guidance of the innkeeper. You will be victorious. Your health will be restored. You will be healed and you will be able to walk on your own. This Good Samaritan has rescued you and brought you to this inn. He is now assigning you the task of rescuing many other people who have been attacked by thieves on the road to Jericho. Jesus is calling you to rescue them and bring them to the inn and save them.



Chapter 11

“We know that anyone born of God does not continue to sin; the One who was born of God keeps them safe, and the evil one cannot harm them.”
1 John 5:18

Born again experience! Regeneration! Born of God! “Anyone born of God does not continue to sin.” When a person commits sin, he is giving room for Satan to come into his life. We are clearing the path for Satan to enter into us when we allow anger, pride, lustful desires, greed, and selfishness in our lives.

The one who is born of God will keep himself safe and close the doors of his heart. When the doors and windows are securely closed, deadly beasts cannot enter inside. We should ensure that all the doors of our hearts are closed tightly to prevent any evil spirits from entering.

John Bunyan, who was a famous writer and evangelist, has elaborated about the battle against Satan in his book - “The Holy War.” The human body is considered to be a city or a house. There are many gates to enter this city. The enemy enters the city through these gates. Satan is referred to as 'Diabolus.' The doors should be securely closed to ensure that Satan does not enter inside.

Evil desires come into our hearts through what we see with our eyes. Lustful desires enter our heart through what we hear with our ears. Evil and wicked thoughts enter our hearts. There are five external sense organs in our body, and there are cognitive faculties which form five internal senses. Thus, we have ten sense organs in total. These are the doors through which sin and Satan enters our body.

Satan enters our body when we commit sin, and he takes control over us. However, the meaning of being victorious in Christian life is to win over sin and Satan. True Christian life is to gain control over our senses, securely close the doors through which sin can enter our lives, and withstand the onslaught of Satan. A true Christian safeguards himself. This is the essence of Caleb's life.

Caleb turned victorious

1. Caleb – The sufferer
2. Caleb – The conqueror
3. Caleb – The follower
4. Caleb – The defender
5. Caleb – The wanderer

Has your life been a victory or a failure so far? Though 600,000 people left Mizraim, only two of them successfully reached Canaan. All of them had bid adieu to Pharaoh. They sang that they are not slaves to Pharaoh anymore. They saw the miracle at the Red Sea. They savoured manna in the desert. They saw water gushing out of the rock. They witnessed bitter water turn

sweet at Marah. They were saved from the bites of poisonous snakes by looking at the bronze serpent. All of them were witness to many miracles in the wilderness and had extraordinary experiences. However, only two men were saved out of the 600,000 people.

“Though you already know all this, I want to remind you that the Lord at one time delivered his people out of Egypt, but later destroyed those who did not believe.” *Jude 1:5*

Many people came to the fellowship but turned back. They gave up midway through the journey that they had started. They had received a victorious life, experienced peace and harmony. They were relieved of stress and tension. Some of them were cured of ailments while there were others who gained victory over bad habits. They experienced unity and harmony in their families. There was oneness between parents and children. Children asked their parents to forgive them. Parents started showing love and affection towards their children. Husbands and wives were united. People who had differences between them reconciled. Neighbours who were enemies became friends. They returned things that they had wrongfully gained possession of and asked for forgiveness. They had gone through remarkable experiences; however, they turned back.

It was just a minority who were successful. Only two men reached the destination out of 600,000 people who started the journey. Though many people receive the calling and selection, very few of them successfully reach the destination.

Many people came to the fellowship for a period of time and realized that they were listening to the truth. They experienced changes in their lives - diseases were cured, succeeded in studies, found a job and were gainfully employed. However, they did not stand firm and turned back.

They were lost in the wilderness. This is the reason why Jesus said, "The one who stands firm to the end will be saved."

Let us take a minute to think. "Am I victorious today? What are the various areas that I have gained victory over? Have I gained victory over my five external senses? Have I gained victory over my five internal senses?"

Several years back, a husband and wife came to meet me along with their daughter. They said that their daughter was very stubborn and adamant. She does not obey them, nor does she go to school. They were not able to understand her behaviour. I realized that this was the influence of evil spirit. I spoke to her and understood that there was no point in talking to her. I told her, "My child, I will say a verse and you should recite."

"In your strength I can crush an army; with my God I can scale any wall." Fortunately, she recited this verse. I made her repeat these verses thrice. "For I can do everything through Christ who gives me strength." As she finished reciting these verses, her facial expressions began to change. She started going to school from the very next day. She is a highly educated girl now.

Word of God is not mere words. There is strength

and life in the Word of God. If you have a disease, you should place your hand on the affected area and say, “For I am the Lord, who heals you.” You should say, “By His wounds, we are healed.” You can experience all this yourself.

Once you taste and experience the presence of Jesus in your life, no matter who influences you to turn back, you will stand firm. The Word of God will give you victory. It will make you victorious. A victorious living is possible through the fulfilment of the Word. Word of God is the spirit of Christ. Word of God is the voice of Christ. Word of God is the breath of Christ. Every verse in the Holy Bible is enriched with the life of God. Your life should be built on the strong foundation of the Word of God. You should read the Bible daily and memorize verses.

“In accordance with the Lord's command to him, Joshua gave to Caleb son of Jephunneh a portion in Judah-Kiriath Arba, that is, Hebron. Arba was the forefather of Anak.”

Joshua 15:13

Since Caleb defeated the Anakites, he received the city of Hebron which belonged to the forefathers of Anak. He drove out the Anakites, who were giants, from their land.

“From Hebron Caleb drove out the three Anakites—Sheshai, Ahiman and Talmai, the sons of Anak. From there, he marched against the people living in Debir, formerly called Kiriath Sepher. And Caleb said, “I will give my daughter Aksah in marriage to the man who

attacks and captures Kiriath Sepher.” Othniel son of Kenaz, Caleb's brother, took it; so Caleb gave his daughter Aksah to him in marriage. One day when she came to Othniel, she urged him to ask her father for a field. When she got off her donkey, Caleb asked her, “What can I do for you?” She replied, “Do me a special favour. Since you have given me land in the Negev, give me also springs of water.” So Caleb gave her the upper and lower springs.”

Joshua 15:14-19

There are springs in the mountains as well as the valleys which are referred to as upper and lower springs here. These verses are very meaningful, and there is a subtle underlying message. Aksah urged her father to give her fountains of water and received them.

If you want to be victorious, you will need these fountains.

“On that day a fountain will be opened to the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, to cleanse them from sin and impurity.”

Zechariah 13:1

To lead a victorious life, you should receive deliverance from sin. You should be cleansed of all impurities. You received education, found a job, got married and had children, built a house, you gave your kids good education. However, one day you will have to leave this world leaving behind everything. Only your victorious life will remain. If you are not able to lead a victorious life then you will lament at your deathbed. You

will have to weep bitterly during your last moments.

Thomas Paine was a famous writer and philosopher. When he was about to die, he was filled with despair and depression. He was an atheist. His friends asked him, "Why are you depressed? Why are you so sad?" He replied, "Lost, lost, I am lost." During the last moments of his life, he saw the other world. He stood at the shores of death and saw the dreadful sight of hell. He left this world in despair.

Herbert Spencer was a great scholar, but he was an atheist. He was a noted philosopher and was very popular during his times. However, on his deathbed, his followers asked him, "Sir, what should we etch on your tombstone as an epitaph? What message would you like to leave for this world?" He closed his eyes and thought for a while. His eyes filled up and tears rolled down his cheeks. He looked at all his friends surrounding him and said, "Just write two words - 'Most unhappy.'" That was his last message. He left this world in despair.

Voltaire was a famous French philosopher. He was a great thinker and inspired the French Revolution.

During his last moments of life, he asked his physician, "Doctor, will I be able to live for six more months?"

"Sir, what do you intend to do?"

"I want to proclaim to everyone that whatever I have taught and preached in my life was wrong."

Doctor replied, "Sorry sir, medical science does not foresee a lifespan of even six weeks for you let alone six

months.”

He was very depressed. His followers were standing beside him. He asked them, “Can you bring a God-fearing person here who can pray for me?” They replied, “All these years, you have been advocating that Christ is an illusion. You preached that Christianity is a fallacy. You mentioned that all this indicated incapability. What makes you say this now?”

“Oh! I don't have any peace.” However, they did not go. He cried out to them, “God has forsaken me, have you also abandoned me?” As he neared his death, his eyes were filled with tears and he said, “Oh! I am sinking deep deep into the fire of hell, who can rescue me from this fire of hell.”

He would weep and whimper and at times he would yell and gnash his teeth. After he passed away, the nurse who took care of him said, “For all the wealth of Europe, I would never see another infidel die. It was a scene of horror that lies beyond all exaggeration.”

It is time to ponder whether we have gained a victorious life? To achieve a victorious life, we have to receive deliverance from sins. We should go to the fountain that has been opened to cleanse us from sin and impurity. Aksah urged her father to give her fountains.

This fountain is the life-giving fountain that was opened when Christ's chest was pierced at the Cross. You can experience this fountain flowing towards you. Each organ in your body has succumbed to sin. Satan has entered your body through each of your internal senses. If the Satan has to leave, there should be

deliverance from sin. It is an inexplicable feeling of bliss when you receive the assurance that you have been delivered from your sins and bondages.

You should be assured – “I have been cleansed of all the sins that I have committed since my childhood through the precious blood of Christ, even the ones that I do not remember.” It is a blessing indeed! You will gain confidence when you are cleansed of all sins.

Isaac, son of Abraham, called Esau and said, “My son, I want to give you my blessing before I die. I have grown old and weak now and my eyesight is poor. Prepare me the kind of tasty food that I like and bring it to me. You should go to the forest, hunt an animal, and prepare it for me. Then, bring the food to me so that I may bless you.” Esau went out to hunt. He was an ace hunter and knew how to go deep into the forest and hunt for an animal.

However, his mother Rebecca killed a lamb and prepared the meat and gave it to Jacob. She then said, “My son, take this to your father. When your father asks, you should tell him that you are Esau.”

“Mother, I can lie to him. However, Esau's body is covered with hair while I have a smooth skin. What if father touches and feels my body. He will immediately realize that I am not Esau. Will I not be cursed instead of receiving his blessings?”

“Son, cover your body with lambskin and go to your father with the prepared meat.”

Isaac asked, “Who is it?”

He replied, "I am Esau, your firstborn."

"The voice sounds like the voice of Jacob. Son, please come near me."

He touched his body and thought he was Esau as his body was covered with lambskin. Isaac then blessed Jacob. Jacob received his father's blessings effortlessly. He did not go to the forest. He did not hunt for an animal and kill it. To receive Father's blessing, lamb has to be killed and one has to be covered in lambskin.

A lamb has been slaughtered to forgive all our sins. There is deliverance of sins through the blood of this lamb. It is not through our efforts. It does not require any pilgrimage and it cannot be achieved through charity. But, it is through the slaughtered lamb. We will receive the blessings of the Father when we cover ourselves under the skin of this lamb.

A young girl came to me one day with her mother. Her mother said, "Sir, she has insomnia. She is unable to sleep. We took her to a psychiatrist who gave her medicines, but she is still not able to get sleep. We tried several different medications but to no avail. She is not able to focus on her studies. She behaves like an insane person at times." Her mother comes to our fellowship.

I asked her mother to step out for some time and spoke to the girl. The events she described to me were very disturbing. The innocent girl spoke about circumstances where she lost what is most valuable to a girl in her life. She had a great feeling of remorse in her heart. I called her mother back and told the girl, "Dear child, you should tell whatever you just shared with me in

front of your mother as well. It is very important for your mother to know everything, and it will help you move ahead.” She said everything in front of her mother. Her mother sat there helplessly with her eyes filled with tears. I then spoke to the girl, consoled her, and sent her back home.

The next day morning she called me, “Sir, I slept peacefully yesterday night. I had not slept well for ages but I was able to sleep yesterday.” She started living peacefully when the guilt of sin went away from her. The chains and bondages which were suffocating her internally were released. She opened her heart, and her sins were forgiven. She is doing very well in her studies and is leading a happy life.

Do you wish to receive forgiveness of sins? Are you sure that your sins have been forgiven? Are you confident that all your sins have been cleansed with the blood of Jesus Christ? Are you assured that you are covered under the skin of this lamb? Have you received the conviction that your life has been cleansed from the fountain that was opened to cleanse the sins and impurities? If you have not received this assurance yet, you should not take even one step forward.

A lamb without any blemish or spot has been slaughtered. This lamb was slaughtered at Golgotha. The lamb was killed at Mount Calvary. His hands and feet were nailed to the Cross. His chest was pierced open with a spear. Blood and water flowed through the wound in His chest. All these are historical facts and everlasting truths. As you read this book, this fountain which was opened at Calvary is flowing towards you. You can drink from this

fountain. You can take a plunge into this fountain and cleanse yourself.

You should wash your robes and whiten them in the blood of this lamb, the blood of Jesus Christ. You should wash the robes of your life in this blood. Your life is filled with stains and blemishes from various sinful deeds. Your actions may have resulted in many others losing their dignity. You may have hurt others and left them dejected. You may have crushed the hopes of some people leading them to depression or mental agony. You may have strained family relationships through your misdeeds. Your actions may have resulted in several adversities.

Your words would have hurt and caused distress to others and led people to death, not the physical death but words that resulted in their spiritual death. You have wounded others with your spiteful words which is deadlier than an injury caused by a sharp knife. Your words, actions, and deeds were against God, and this gave room to Satan in your life.

The fountain which was opened at Calvary can cleanse all the sins and impurities - even the most heinous acts like murder, theft, extortion, adultery, fraud, deception, or any sin that cannot be disclosed publicly. This fountain has been opened to cleanse and forgive all sins.

There may have been misappropriation of funds and swindling of money through wrong accounting in books. You may have caused loss or harm to others through your actions. Some people may have faced certain damages because of your deeds. You may have caused grief and

trauma to your parents. You may have hurt your wife and caused distress to her. There may have been several instances in your life that caused harm to others.

The name of the fellowship may have been defamed due to your actions. You may have defiled God's name. All these are serious shortcomings. However, there is good news. If you really want to be cleansed, you can do so. A fountain has been opened to cleanse all the sins and impurities. You can experience redemption of sins from this fountain. You can drink from this fountain, bathe in this fountain and receive forgiveness of sins.

“Whoever conceals their sins does not prosper, but the one who confesses and renounces them finds mercy” (Prov. 28:13). It is not enough to just confess the sins and be released from the bondages, but you should never allow them to come back in your life. It is not enough if you just cast all your heavy burdens at the Cross of Calvary, you should never take them back. If you take them back, the punishment will be even more severe, so renounce everything.

When you receive forgiveness of sins, you will experience inexplicable joy and happiness. There will no longer be any depression, anxieties, or fear. Some people have anxieties about life-threatening diseases or cancer affecting them. All such worries will not affect you anymore. Negative thoughts like, “Will I clear my exams? My future looks very bleak! Nobody loves me!” will no longer bother you. You will be free of all tensions that prevailed in your mind. Jesus will enter your heart and cleanse you. He will make you spotless. Are you willing to be cleansed? Do you want your sins to be forgiven?

“Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. Blessed is the one whose sin the Lord does not count against them and in whose spirit is no deceit.” (Psalms 32:1-2). You will receive forgiveness of transgressions and your sins will be covered. The blood of Jesus will cover everything. The skin of the lamb will wrap around you.

You do not have to toil hard for this. There is no need to go on a pilgrimage. There is no need for you to indulge in charity. Your sins will not be forgiven by such deeds. It is only through this able lamb and his divine blood that you receive forgiveness. You should introspect and find out the instances where you did not keep your word with Christ.

Divine blood that has cleansed a sinful man like me!
Divine blood that transformed me from being unholy to holy!
Divine blood that cleansed the impurities in me!
Divine blood that took away the chaos in me and filled me with peace!
Divine blood that took away my inferiority complex and gave me confidence!
Divine blood that turned my despair into hope!
Divine blood that made me conscious of the fact that I am a sinner like the tax collector but I had an attitude of self-righteousness like the Pharisee!
Today, this divine blood is flowing towards you.

Victorious living is not possible without the forgiveness of sins. A person is most unfortunate if his sins are not forgiven. A wretched person indeed! You should deliberate, “Do I have the conviction that my sins are forgiven? Do I have the assurance that my sins have been washed away in the precious blood of Christ? Have I gone back to my old ways despite making a commitment

to the Lord?”

“Just like a dog returns to its vomit, have I gone back and picked up what I had abandoned? Did I give room to things again in my life that I had once forsaken? Have I remained committed to the decision of abstaining from alcohol and smoking? I had given my commitment to Lord that I will not allow feelings of anger, hatred, and vengeance in my heart. Did I go back on my word?”

When you deliberate on these things and examine your life, you will realize your follies and cry out to the Lord. There will be no opportunity for justification. When you enter the divine presence, you will realize that you are not worthy of uttering a word. “Why did this happen to me? I have given room to transgressions in my life. I have gone back on my word.” Humble yourself in the presence of the Lord!

Let me stress on one point and say with conviction – Lord has not abandoned you. Though you have committed mistakes, He has not left you alone. Though you have gone back on your commitments, He is still giving you another chance. He is saying that He will turn you victorious. He is saying that He is going to give you better days ahead - days filled with peace and happiness. Accept this promise from the Lord. Christ's unfailing love is calling each one of us.

If you are willing, you can come to the presence of Jesus. Do not think of first sharing everything in the presence of a servant of God. When God's love is pouring on earth, we just have to go out and stand in this rain. God's unfailing love is raining on us! Grace of the

Holy Spirit is pouring down. Grace of forgiveness of sins is being showered.

Everything will be washed away in this rain. There is no need to pick up each and everything separately to wash. There is no need to specify that there are stains in a particular area. All that is needed is to stand in this rain and everything will be cleansed. You are standing in the rain where the precious blood of Jesus Christ is flowing down. Heavenly rain is being showered upon you. You are getting drenched in this heavenly rain.

Divine blood of Christ is flowing through the fountain which was opened to cleanse sins and impurities. Divine blood is falling on us through this fountain. This blood is powerful enough to cleanse all the sins that you have committed in the past. This divine blood will forgive your sins. This divine blood will release your bondages, plagues, and curses. It can break the generational curses and bondages in your life. This divine blood is flowing towards you.

As you read this, you should make a solemn decision in the presence of Jesus, “Lord I will not be the old person anymore. I will never be the same!”



Chapter 12

“Though you already know all this, I want to remind you that the Lord at one time delivered his people out of Egypt, but later destroyed those who did not believe.” *Jude 1:5*

The people of Israel who left Egypt numbering about 600,000 lost their lives in the wilderness except Joshua and Caleb. All of them died in the desert. Even Moses, who led these people, did not step into Canaan. Joshua and Caleb were the only men to enter Canaan.

Caleb turned victorious. It is an inspiration for us to study the life history of people who were successful and victorious. It is good to read the biographies of devout Christians. We are studying the secret of how Caleb turned victorious. This can be termed as the overcomer's secret! The secret of victorious living! We have been deliberating about Caleb on the basis of five different themes.

1. Caleb the Sufferer
2. Caleb the Conqueror
3. Caleb the Follower
4. Caleb the Defender

5. Caleb the Wanderer

Caleb the Sufferer. There is a phase of suffering before turning victorious. People who were victorious have gone through suffering. You should understand this fact. You should not falter when you have to face hardships and distress. You should realize that it is a blessing when you have to face agony, trauma, and debilitating situations in life because you are going to be victorious. You are going to be overcomers!

I was a person who had failed and lost everything in life. My childhood days were filled with pain and agony. I lost my father at the age of one. When I was two years old, I lost my elder brother. A pall of gloom descended on our house where I lived with my mother and elder sister.

My mother and sister brought me up in with lot of love and affection. However, I spent several days and nights in tears and anguish of not having my father. Only a person who has lost his father will be able to understand this pain. Nevertheless, the pain and agony that I went through in my life created a deep desire in me for a father, a guardian, and a head of the family. Considering this pitiable situation in my life, Jesus Christ arose and came into my life.

Therefore, do not give up when you have to face hardships and struggles in your life. Do not be dejected that you have to endure all this in your life. You are going to become an overcomer when you are tormented with agonizing moments in life due to crisis, distress, and difficulties. Caleb the sufferer, he became the overcomer.

Caleb's daughter, Aksah, was a beautiful, smart, and very talented young girl. When it was time for her to get married, Caleb decided that he will give his daughter Aksah in marriage to the man who attacks and conquers Kiriath Sepher. He decided to give all his possessions to her.

One young man named Othniel attacked and conquered Kiriath Sepher. He became an overcomer. He was triumphant and came back victorious. He was a competent and handsome young man. Caleb gave his daughter Aksah in marriage to him. Aksah who was an intelligent girl urged her husband, "When we go back to my father's house as a custom after our marriage, you should ask for one thing. We conquered Kiriath Sepher and took possession of it. But, it is of no good to just have land, we also need some springs. We need springs to water the land. You should tell this to father."

Othniel decided to ask Caleb when they reached his house. However, before he could say anything, father asked the daughter, "My daughter, what do you want?" The love and affection of the father towards his daughter! She replied, "Do me a special favour. Give me some springs of water." Springs are required in the highland and lowland. Caleb gave her upper and lower springs

"One day when she came to Othniel, she urged him to ask her father for a field. When she got off her donkey, Caleb asked her, "What can I do for you?" She replied, "Do me a special favour. Since you have given me land in the Negev, give me also springs of water." So

Caleb gave her the upper and lower springs.”

Judges 1:14-15

It is natural to find a source of water in the lowland; however, that is not the case in the highlands. There is no hope to get water in the highland.

We can relate this to the situations that many of us are facing in our lives. There is no spring in the highland where there is little hope to get water. Even in the lowlands where one is hopeful of seeing a spring, there is no water.

We have certain perceptions about some people. We think, “They must be leading a happy and peaceful life. They are very well educated and have a good source of income. They look hale and hearty. Their parents are very loving and caring. They are from a well-to-do family and enjoy a high social status. A prayerful and God-fearing family.” We see a hope there.

However, though we see a hope, there is no water. There is no sign of moisture in the lives of many people where there is hope. There is no spirit in many churches where there is hope. There are no gifts of the Holy Spirit in many prayer groups where there is hope. There is no water in many places where there is a hope to see water.

The Word of God has become scant and there are no visions; many congregations are parched and dried up. These congregations are not like atheist groups who say that there is no God. There are prayers, hymns, worship, Holy Mass, charitable activities, pilgrimage, holy burial sites, feasts, processions, etc. At the outset, it

appears that there is no dearth for anything.

There are beautiful hymns in Malayalam and Syriac. There are wonderful worships and Holy Sacraments. There are age old traditions and rituals. There is good theological knowledge. There are priests with doctorates in theology. There are high priests. Under these circumstances, there is hope but there is no water.

There are groups which are well-known as good fellowships. There is praise and worship. "Praise the Lord" and "Hallelujah" are liberally used. There are songs and sermons. People dance and jump during these sermons. There are healing ministries and miracles. There are many activities which may seem to be spiritual but there is no water.

There is hope that water will be there in the lowlands but there is none. As you read this, you should ponder about your life. It is time to reflect. How do you see yourself in light of what you have just read? Are you a person where many people would have been hopeful about? Are they thinking that he goes to Christian Revival Fellowship so he must be a spiritual person? He diligently attends the prayer meetings of the fellowship so he must be a devout man.

People have a perception about you, "Didn't he give his testimony the other day? He must be a spiritual man. Did he not give a beautiful sermon some time back? He sings so well! He must be leading a spiritual life." However, there is no water. Many people who come with parched throats in the hopes of getting some water, saw

none. They come with great hopes that they will now get some water but to no avail just like the bitter water at Marah.

It was three days since they had drank any water. The helpless people of Israel were dying of thirst. Their throats were parched and dry. What would 600,000 people do without water? They never thought that they will reach a desert with no water.

At that very moment, they heard the sound of rippling water at some distance. What a joyous moment! It was a huge lake with water filled to the brim that could satisfy the thirst of 600,000 people. They were craving for water and everyone started running. They ran with great hopes. They reached there, bent down and filled water in their hands and drank it. People who drank it, felt nauseated and spitted out the water. Alas! It was bitter water. How could they drink it? They started grumbling.

People were alarmed. They were hoping to get water. They saw water. They rushed towards it with great hope. There was water indeed. They were happy thinking that they can drink water and quench their thirst, but they were not able to drink that water.

They came with a hope but the water was not fit for drinking. Moses knelt down in front of God and pleaded for his mercy, "Oh Lord, these people are struggling. They have started grumbling. What will I tell them? How can I comfort them? Lord, they came with a hope but it turned out to be a state of despair."

Are you thinking about the incidents in your life

where your hopes were shattered? My youngest son passed his engineering with distinction. He was working in Mumbai after his studies. I was insisting him to come back to Kerala. I was hoping that he will get a job here. I made him apply for several openings, and I submitted some applications on his behalf.

He attended an interview for a company in Palakkad, Kerala. He cleared three rounds of interview, and the final interview was in Mumbai. He cleared the final round of interview as well and just had to get the appointment letter. He resigned his job in Mumbai, bid farewell to everyone there, and came back to Kerala.

We waited for a week but did not receive the appointment letter. It was for a top position in the company. When we did not receive the appointment letter even after three weeks, I decided to enquire about it. To our surprise, we realized that the job was given to another person who came in with a recommendation of a minister. There was nobody to recommend for us. Nevertheless, we understood that they did not have the vacancy anymore

He was feeling very dejected after this incident. I also felt sad because it was due to my insistence that he had come here. He had a very good job in Mumbai and was leading a decent life. It was a very difficult situation for us. I had asked him to resign from there and come here. We hoped that he will get the job, but it did not materialize.

Later, I tried to get him a job in Kothamangalam

Engineering College. The management and principal said that there will be a vacancy after a month and asked us to wait for some time. If we had waited for a month's time, he would have got that job.

However, because of his bitter experience with the other company, he decided not to wait for a month and went back to Mumbai. He started his own business there. This is the background which led him to lay the foundation of Agappe Diagnostics in Mumbai. The reason to venture into a new path was the situation where all hopes were shattered; eagerly expected something but did not receive it.

Dear brethren, let me tell you our Lord is aware of everything, nothing goes unnoticed from his sight. You may be going through a bitter experience now but do not feel dejected. Are you not getting the job that you had hoped for? Are you not able to lead the peaceful life that you had hoped for? Are you disturbed due to the strained marriage relationships? Is there no peace or joy in your family? Are you thinking that you should not have got married? Are you in a situation where you hoped for water but did not get it? There are many people who call me and say that they have lost all hopes and feel that they should not have got married.

There are people who are struggling with the illness of their only child who was a result of ardent prayers. People are going through stressful situations. They hoped for sweet water but received bitter water. Our Heavenly Father can turn this bitterness to sweetness.

He is able to give us sweet water.

Lord commanded to Moses, “Moses, you do not have to go back to Egypt due to this. You do not have to walk back again in the path that you travelled for three days. What do you see next to you?” Moses turned around him and did not find anything.

Moses said, “Lord I do not see anything but a tree.” God replied, “You cut a branch from that tree and put it in water.” Moses obeyed God. The bitter water was turned to sweet water. There is no need to travel far or spend money. The tree is right there. All that needs to be done is cut a branch of the tree. The branch will absorb all the poisonous content in the water and replace it with its own sap. This sap will purify the water, and the water will turn sweet.

Are you in a situation where you did not get what you hoped for? Are you despondent? Are you dejected?

Dear brethren, you should not feel despondent. The tree has been cut, and the branch is right next to you. You should have faith and put this branch in water. This is the branch from Golgotha. This is the branch from Jesse. This is the root of David. This tree is our Lord Jesus. It is the pierced chest of Jesus. It is His pierced hands. It is His divine blood.

The poisonous contents of the water will be absorbed by this divine blood. The impurities in the water will be filtered out, and the water will become pure. Your thirst will be quenched. The thirst of lust which does not go away even with adultery will be quenched. The thirst of

temptations which does not go away with debauchery will be quenched.

When the precious blood of Jesus touches you, all evil things will leave you. All bitterness, curses, and flaws will go away. Bondages and chains will be broken. Life will be fast paced. Your life will be filled with peace. Jesus is willing to come into your life and provide hope in all avenues of life where you have lost hope.

Have you lost hope in your life? Have your dreams and aspirations withered? Has your comfort eroded? Have you lost your peace? Dear brethren, come running to the foot of the Cross. Jesus is alive to give hope to everyone who has lost all hope. His precious blood is talking favourably.

The toxins that have accumulated in your body over a period of time will be separated when this holy blood enters your body. A drop of this precious blood is enough to restore your life which has been destroyed with evil deeds like adultery, debauchery, drug and cocaine addictions, and improprieties.

This is the blood of the flawless lamb. This is the blood that was shed at Golgotha. This is the blood that flowed through the Cross. Let this holy blood which was shed at the Cross in Calvary cleanse you. Let this blood sanctify you. Let this blood transform you.

Let this blood bring in new hopes in all realms of hopelessness. Let holiness transpire at all places where wickedness prevailed. Let this blood wash away all the stains of sins that were committed in the past.

The second place where there was no hope of seeing water was the highlands. It is very difficult to even reach that place. But, water is required in such places as well. Springs are also required in these arid regions. There is no prayer or worship, and they rarely go to the church. There is lack of awareness about religion. There is no devotion, and there is no fear of God.

There is no practice of personal Bible reading. Occasionally heard the Bible being read and most often it is at a house where someone has died and people are sitting next to the departed soul and reading the Bible. A life of a carnal man, leading a life like a beast.

A life with no vision or purpose. There are people whose only purpose in life is to eat, drink, and make love. They are not conscious about prayer, worship, or songs. No participation in fellowship, and there is no awareness about a fellowship. However, there is a notion that fellowship is a means to make money and for worthless people who are sitting idle. They believe that people, who are retired and have no work to do, roam around saying such things. They consider it as a means of livelihood for some people. Unfortunately, they do not know anything beyond this.

It is in the highlands and at the top of the mountains where there is hardly any hope for water. There is no spiritual background. There is not even a sign of moisture let alone water. There is no spirituality whatsoever. There is no fear of God. "Is there a God? Is there an eternal life after death? Who knows! Who has the time to

even think about these things!” There are people who have such thoughts. They only bother about the life here on earth, and there is no consciousness about eternity. A section of people who unfortunately cannot differentiate between what is right and wrong.

They go to the church and consider it as a social gathering, a place to meet people, talk and have some fun! People do not even have religious faiths or affiliations. Such people also need springs. Give me springs in the highlands as well!

Many people go to the church just as a ritual. One of my colleagues in college once asked me, “Sir, do you really believe that Jesus Christ will come again?” I was taken aback and said, “What are you saying? Are you asking me whether I believe Jesus will come again?” He again asked, “No sir, I am asking you sincerely whether Jesus will come again?” I said, “Jesus will come again, and I am very sure about it.” He replied, “To be very frank, I do not believe it.”

Many people do not even believe that Jesus will come again but recite in the Apostle's Creed, “We believe in the one Lord, Jesus Christ, who shall come again in His great glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom shall have no end.”

Then I asked him, “So, don't you recite the Apostle's Creed in church?” He replied, “Sir, we all recite these written prayers, beyond that I do not see any importance.” I was really surprised to hear what he was saying. There are people who do not even have religious faith though

they are well-learned.

Another colleague of mine asked me, “Sir, I was told that I should go through confession before the marriage rituals. I went to the priest, and he asked me to kneel down before him. He recited a few prayers and asked me, 'Do you have anything to confess?' I said, 'No.' He placed his hand on my head and prayed. I got up and left. Later, I received the Holy Communion.” He asked me, “Sir, what is the meaning of all these?”

People are not even conscious about the religious beliefs! There is not even a sign of moisture in such places! Not a single drop of water! Springs are required at these places as well.

I have noticed that it is easier for people who are non-believers and live as they wish to get converted and receive the Lord than others who think they have faith in God and actively participate in all prayers and worship at church.

When such people come in the presence of the Holy Spirit and hear the spirit of the Lord talking to them, they break down and cry bitterly thinking about their past. Their hearts will break when the Holy Spirit starts working in them and they will say, “I want to be saved. What should I do to be saved?”

Springs are required in the highlands as well as the lowlands.

What do you say? Do you need springs of water today? Do you want this water of eternal life? Do you

want to drink the water of life which will quench your thirst forever? Do you want to drink from the fountain which was opened to cleanse the sins and impurities? “Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life.”

Lord is standing right next to you and wants to give you this water of life. Lord can see your heart. Jesus loves you, and he is standing close to you. Dear friends, believe and have faith in Him. He loves you.

Jesus does not have any conflicts with you. He does not have any feelings of offense. He will not scold you. He is not keeping you out and asking you to stay away. His heart is filled with love for you. He loves you through the precious blood which flows through his pierced chest. He is eagerly waiting to smear your forehead with a drop of His precious blood.

Lord wants to fill you with peace today by pouring the water of eternal life into your mouth. He is willing to transfer the nectar of eternal life and living spirit. Will you tell Jesus, “Oh Lord, please place your holy hands on me.”

“Lord, please place your blood stained hands on my head. Please caress me with your holy hands and wipe away my tears. Lord, take away the pains and agonies from my heart. Heal the diseases affecting my body. Release me from all the bondages and chains in my life. Take away all the plagues and curses from my life. Lord, fill me with your peace. Please give me a happy and

joyous family life. Lead me into a successful and prosperous future. Lord, grant me a beautiful life ahead.”

Dear brethren, you are the chosen people of God. Pray to him. Let His holy hands touch your head. Let Him caress you. Let His precious blood wash away your sins and cleanse you. Let His hands wipe away your tears. Let Him lift you up in His caring arms. Let Him comfort you. Let His peace descend upon you. Let the power of the spirit descend upon you and fill you. Let the power of the anointing Holy Spirit come on you. Let the spirit of Jesus be pleased in you.



Chapter 13

Caleb was a brave person. Any person who surrenders his life completely to Jesus will be brave.

Most people exhibit a lack of courage in one or the other form. People have certain anxieties and fears. The current generation of youth seems to be under increased stress and anxiety when compared to the older generation. The older generation has seen the world, faced many hardships and difficulties in life. They have gone through the ups and downs of life. However, the younger generation is not able to muster enough courage to face challenges. They are anxious and tense due to a variety of reasons.

There are anxieties and fears, worries and cares. The younger generation is a lot more frustrated. They are dejected as they have not been able to achieve what they had hoped for. They are upset that they had hoped to do well in studies but could not. They are not able to succeed in life as much as they had aimed for. Most of the time, they are disappointed. They are not able to reach their goals in life. They are not able to taste success.

However, we noticed that Caleb was very brave. He was brave when he was young. The bravery he exhibited in his youth sustained even in his old age.

Caleb's daughter, Aksah, asked her father when she was going to her husband's house, "Father, you should give me springs of water." She asked a truly significant question. She desired for the most important thing. She realized that she requires springs of water. She wanted to ensure that she is not sent to an arid region with no water, and she should not encounter a situation of drought.

Every human being wishes not to face drought in his life. Drought-like situations in life where there is emptiness, where all hopes and dreams are shattered! Everyone hopes not to get into such a situation. An experience of a barren land! We hope that we do not lose our jobs, do not face severe shortage of money, do not face a crisis of rising debts, do not lose our health, and do not get into a state of despondency and hopelessness.

Her father gave her the mountainous region of Hebron and springs. He gave her the highlands as well as the fountains. What is this real fountain? How can we be freed from drought? How can we get away from parched and dry experiences in life? How can we change the desert-like situations in life? How can we gain the experience of moisture in a wilderness where there is no sign of rain or water?

Bible says, "The desert and the parched land will be glad; the wilderness will rejoice and blossom like the crocus"

The Lord commanded these words about 750 years before the birth of Christ. Water will flow through parched land. The wilderness will be filled with people. All drought like situations today will go away. Frustrations and

depressions will no longer be there. Grievances and adversities will go away. All anxieties and fears will go away.

“Then will the lame leap like a deer, and the mute tongue shout for joy. Water will gush forth in the wilderness and streams in the desert. The burning sand will become a pool, the thirsty ground bubbling springs. In the haunts where jackals once lay, grass and reeds and papyrus will grow. And a highway will be there; it will be called the Way of Holiness; it will be for those who walk on that Way. The unclean will not journey on it; wicked fools will not go about on it. No lion will be there, nor any ravenous beast; they will not be found there. But only the redeemed will walk there.”

Isaiah 35:6-9

There were ferocious lions prowling in that place. There was a time when jackals howled and roamed there. There was not even a glimmer of peace. A time when many sins ruled the body. There was debauchery, greed, selfishness, and pride. Now, none of these will enter the body. A spring starts flowing through parched land when the evil spirits are driven away.

“Jesus answered, “Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life.”

John 4:13-14

A spring of water that wells up to eternal life! A

fountain will be formed. Water in the desert will dry up soon. The experience of peace and joy on this earth will not be there forever. Today's health and fitness will dry up. Today's wealth and prosperity will soon be void.

*“Randu naaludinam kondoruthane
Thandilaetti nadathunnathum bhavaan
Maaligamugaleriya mannante
Tholil maaraappu kaettunathum bhavaan”*

“A poor man in a day or two becoming affluent,
And being carried in a palanquin is the will of God
A wealthy man in a mansion becoming insolvent,
And carrying a knapsack on his back is also the will
of God”

Man may achieve many things and succeed in life and similarly he may also experience failures. What we see around us today is short-lived. However, there is one fountain which will never dry up. There is an eternal wealth which will never diminish. That is Christ! A spring of water that wells up to eternal life!

There will be no fear of examinations. There will be no nervousness while walking into the examination hall because one person is holding your hand. This will give you unprecedented confidence because the Almighty Lord is holding your hand. This confidence will make you say, “Jesus has touched my pen before I start writing my examination. Jesus will bestow His grace upon me to ensure I do not commit any mistakes.”

“I have a master. I have not been rejected, abandoned, or disowned. I am not an orphan. Jesus abides in me!” Do you have this confidence? Do you

have a relationship with this fountain?

“I have accepted Jesus as the master of my heart. I have handed over everything to Jesus. I have spoken to the Almighty God about all my requirements. I have completely surrendered myself to Him. I have given my word to Lord that this life is for Jesus. He has all the rights over me.”

A fountain of life! A spring of water that wells up to eternal life! An everlasting life! An eternal life!

Our body will lay still one day and will return to earth. However, while this body will break down and combine with earth, the spirit will escape into eternity like a bird which has been released from its cage. An eternity where there is no end! Leading this eternity in Heaven is eternal life! A life that never ends!

We should secure this eternal life while we are within this body. If we do not secure it now, we will not receive it after death. This life is precious because this is the best opportunity for us to secure eternal life - the only opportunity! If we lose this opportunity then it will result in infinite despair, unending agony, eternal punishment, and eternal hell.

As you read this book, you should think, “Have I secured eternal life?” When you go to bed, do you think, “Oh Lord, if I die today, is my spirit ready to come to Heaven and be in your presence?” Is the human life not short-lived? Is it not ephemeral? Is it not mortal?

You should have the assurance about eternal life. To get this assurance, you should be sprinkled with the

blood of Christ which is the fountain that wells up to eternal life. You should have a relationship with the fountain that wells up to eternal life. You should have a constant relationship with Jesus Christ. You should have an intimate relationship with Christ.

This spring of water that wells up to eternal life should start filling in you. It will then start flowing in all directions. It will then start flowing towards many parched and dry areas. At that time, you will become the means through which many people who are in distress will be comforted.

Today, are you not able to have a relationship with Jesus - this eternal fountain? If yes, the reason behind it is that you lack complete dedication. A complete dedication indicates a total surrender to the Lord. It is a commitment that everything you have now will be transferred to Him. He will then take complete ownership of your education, health, wealth, job, family, and all other circumstances in your life.

You will then receive a relationship with Jesus Christ. The water that you get on earth will make you thirsty again. Even if there is water in abundance, the thirst will not be quenched. Will money give satisfaction? Even if you get crores, will it give satisfaction? Will luxuries give satisfaction? Will alcohol give satisfaction? It will just increase the desire to drink even more.

Will debauchery give satisfaction? It will just lead to even more lustful desires. Whoever drinks this water will be thirsty again. A person who has drunk will know that it has just increased his thirst. He will never be satisfied.

Surely, this world will never be able to give an everlasting satisfaction. There is a poem written by Ulloor, a great poet in Malayalam literature.

*“Avaneeshathavenamaadyanu
urveedhavanaashipathu chakravarthiyaakaan
avano bhuvanaadhipathya lubdhan
shivane marthyanu thrushna theeralundo”*

A rich man longs for more and more things on earth
He longs to become an emperor
And an emperor wants to establish supremacy over
earth

Lord, is there an end to the greed of man

You will not be satisfied irrespective of what you receive in this world. Whoever drinks this water will feel thirsty again.

There is a life where there no longer will be any greed, and there will be total satisfaction. That is a true Christian life. There will always be complete satisfaction. Contentment with the wealth you own. Contentment with your health. Complete satisfaction with your job and income. There may be certain illnesses. There may be a dearth for money and you may not be able to accomplish everything. However, you will still be always satisfied.

Have you received such a satisfaction in your life? Are you completely satisfied with your current circumstances? Are you satisfied with your education, wealth, job and income, family, spouse, children, and all other circumstances?

This is the first lesson in spiritual life. Be satisfied with everything you currently have. Be satisfied with your

circumstances. If you would like to advance your spiritual life, lead a happy and content life, and secure eternal life, you should certainly be completely satisfied with your current situations. Everything is given by God. Everything is God's gift.

Lord Jesus has called you to build a relationship with this fountain of eternal life. He is saying, "My child, your life is not to be wasted. Your life is not to be spent like a wanderer in this world. Your life should not be controlled by the devil. It should not be used as a puppet by Satan."

"Your life is very precious. I have some great hopes about you. I have given you certain talents. Today, these talents are unfortunately concealed within you. There is charcoal which can be ignited; however, it is completely covered with ash. If you permit, I will blow away the layer of ash and ignite the fire in you."

When we study the history of Christianity, we observe the lives of men who dedicated their lives to the Lord under adverse conditions at an early age. The history of church is the lives of people who surrendered themselves completely to Christ. The Lord took them in their hands and sculpted them into beautiful pieces of art.

Michelangelo was carving out a statue from a huge piece of marble. As he was sculpting out the statue, pieces of rock started falling off and slivers of stone flew in all directions. A man who was passing that way, stopped by and asked him, "What are you doing? Why are you breaking and destroying this stone?" Michelangelo replied, "I am just trying to liberate the angel inside this rock."

There is an angel within each one of us. There is a piece of coal within us which is covered in ashes. Our Lord is trying to get this out. Are you willing to come out as an angel? Are you willing to be tempered in the hands of Jesus? Are you willing to set apart your life for Jesus?

Jesus has already paid a great price to convert a man into an angel. He gave his life on the Cross when he was 33-1/2 years old. He accepted the death sentence imposed on Him. He endured intolerable torture, humiliation, and slanderous allegations. Though He had not committed any sin, people shouted out, "crucify Him...crucify Him." Though He did not carry out any evil deeds, He was counted among the outlaws.

He made no mistakes but He was considered among the criminals, and they tortured Him brutally. They slapped Him repeatedly. They mercilessly ripped out parts of His beard. There was blood splattered all over His face. They spat on Him. They thrust a crown of thorns on His head. The thorns pierced through His head and forehead, and the edges of the metal thorns lanced into His eyes. Blood started dripping down through His wounds.

They scourged His back with a whip. Jesus endured all of this. He did not complain to anyone. He did not ask them, "Why are you beating me up?" He did not say, "Why did you despise me?" He did not question them, "Why are you making all these false allegations against me? Why do you have this vengeance against me? What mistake have I committed?"

They pierced His hands and feet, and blood oozed

out of His body. They pierced His chest with a spear, and blood flowed down. At the end when all the blood drained out of His body, water flowed out of this wound. He bowed His head down on the Cross and died.

But, Jesus said these remarkable words on the Cross, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing!"

There has never been such a sacrificial death in world history. There has never been an instance in the history of mankind where such an innocent man was convicted.

Lee Harvey Oswald who assassinated American President John F. Kennedy believed that Kennedy had committed some mistakes.

Nathuram Godse who killed Mahatma Gandhiji believed that Gandhiji had certain shortcomings and had committed some mistakes. John Wilkes Booth who killed Abraham Lincoln had some complaints about Lincoln.

Incidentally, Mahatma Gandhi, John F. Kennedy, and Abraham Lincoln were all killed on a Friday. However, their killers pointed out certain faults, shortcomings, and mistakes at them. But, Judas Iscariot who betrayed Jesus said, "I have sinned for I have betrayed innocent blood."

Pontius Pilate, the judge who cross-examined Jesus, said, "I find nothing wrong in this man." Pilate's wife said, "Leave that innocent man alone." The Roman officer who was the commander of a hundred soldiers said, "This man was truly the Son of God!"

All the assassigators had certain complaints about the men they killed. However, the people who killed Him, betrayed Him, convicted Him, and bore testimony to His death had only one thing to say - "innocent blood!"

Our Lord Jesus shed His innocent blood. Why did He do that? So that we are connected to this fountain; we are connected with His divine chest; and we are linked to the holy blood that flowed through His chest.

We are linked with the blood of our parents genetically. But, now a new relationship is being initiated with the blood at Golgotha. This is a relationship through the blood of our Lord Jesus. You will be cleansed through the blood of Jesus. He will wash away all the sins that you have committed thus far in your life.

Are you willing to say to the Lord? "Jesus, I have led a sinful life all this while. I have committed many mistakes. I have lived an unholy life. Satan has used me as his puppet. My life was full of deceit, lies, vengeance against others, hatred, selfishness, and pride."

"I cannot speak about all the shameful misdeeds that I committed in my life in any open forum. Dear Lord, I am listening to your voice and experiencing your love as I am reading this book today. I kneel down in your divine presence and commit my life and future in your hands."

"Jesus, let this spring of water flow into my heart. Lord, please direct the fountain that started on the victorious Cross at Golgotha towards my heart. Jesus, wash me and sanctify me with your divine blood, cleanse me of all the stains. Lord, have mercy on me and bless me."

The second coming of our Lord is very near, it is time to hear the sound of the great trumpet and heralds of the second coming. The skies are prepared. The earth is prepared and the grains of sand are eagerly waiting for His second coming. Each grain of sand is singing praises to the Lord. The time has come to sanctify the earth with fire. Let us be prepared before that event. Let us be prepared to fly. Let us keep vigil for His second coming. Let us light the lamps filled with oil and prepare ourselves. Jesus will come soon. Let us worship our Lord. Let us commit ourselves to Jesus and make a solemn decision. Let us make a new commitment today.

“Oh Lord, I will be a new being from this day onwards. I will never be the same from this moment.”

Dear Holy Spirit and our sweet Jesus who gives us life and the one filled with true spirit, we thank and praise you Lord for having mercy on us. We praise you for touching each one of us and placing your holy hands on our head. Lord, please nurture each one of us in your grace. Bless each one of us so that we grow manifold. Oh God, bless our families. Provide comfort to people who are suffering from diseases and cure them. Console the ones who are in agony. Guide people who are in familial distress and show them the right path. Oh Lord, prepare each one of us for your second coming. In the precious name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.



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