



Seed For Living

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Waiting On God?

It's Your Turn Now

God meant for all marriages to be a spiritual endeavour rather than just a means to elevate one's financial status or bear children. Being able to fulfil God's purpose for marriage should motivate people, especially those waiting on marriage, to develop a Christ-like character.

If you really trust God, you really won't mind waiting on Him, especially considering He has your best interests in His heart. And some people don't realise that they already have what they are asking for. God has installed you in the right place, the right home, the right family. If you are already married, believe that He has also blessed you with the right spouse—everything is just as it should be.

We are who we are today because of the experiences we had in our life. And to a large extent, those early experiences were an outcome of the decisions made by our parents.

Parents have a profound impact on all aspects of a child's life, including their perception of marriage. That is why children from a happy marriage tend to be happily married too. But our parents are not the only resource to prepare us for marriage. The Bible has a lot to say on the subject too. In fact, all marriages would be saved from disaster if couples simply followed the basic principles of marriage prescribed in the Bible. If you have not done that yet or don't even know what those principles are, just pick up a copy of my book 'Principles of Marriage'.

If you are married and facing certain issues, go down on your knees and pray. God never turns away someone who approaches Him with a contrite heart. These are the days of the Holy Spirit. If you seek God, He will speak to you in the quietness of your heart and tell you what you must do. We may not know what the future holds, but let us take heart in knowing that the One Who holds the future also holds our hand.

— Bro. Manuel Mergulhao

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*The Principles
Of Marriage*

Book your copy Today!

CHOICES

You've probably heard it said that "destinies are tied to decisions". Oftentimes, destinies are also determined by indecision. To not decide is to decide not to. For instance, if you had a ticket to fly to New York and you are undecided about whether or not you want to go, eventually the plane will leave without you and the decision will have been made. Time will decide for you. And time will always decide against you.

That's why the Bible warns: Be hot or cold, for if you are lukewarm, I will spit you out. (Revelation 3:16) In fact, this is precisely why Joshua warned the Israelites: "And if it seem evil unto you to serve the Lord, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." (Joshua 24:15)

Joshua made his choice. He knew that the only way to defeat Satan was to make an alliance with God. It is wise to make the strongest power in the cosmos your ally. You've got to choose your camp. And middle ground is not an option. You cannot stay in the middle and expect Satan not to attack you...because he will.

God saves all those who are His. If you choose God, He will put His mark on you – the mark of the Blood of Jesus. This mark is invisible to human eyes, but can be clearly seen by both angels and demons. It will cause Satan to give you a wide berth because the only thing he cannot stand, the only thing he fears is the Blood of Jesus. It wears him out—every time.

The quickest way to defeat Satan is to get down on your knees, lift your hands up and pray. It's a posture of both surrender (to God) and attack (against the enemy). When you submit to God, He fights for you. And when the battle belongs to the Lord, victory is guaranteed.

Which camp do you belong to? Whom will you serve?
Make your choice today. Choose God.

– Editorial Desk

A NEW YEAR RESOLUTION Answer The Call

Many are called, but few are chosen,
Some just left out, while others are taken
in, (Matt. 25:1 to 13)

Maybe for a testimony (Rev 12:11)
Or to serve God in harmony,
To complete the ceremony.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of
the Lord

Though many religious think of false
learning from abroad (theology)

Some are called to till the soil, (Gen
1:28)

Others maybe to crush the seed for oil.
Sowing the seed is not for God,
But to satisfy our needs, in the name of
the Lord.

Called to do His will, though the work is
not the same.

Yet working together in one accord.
Like the parts of the body, yet so many.
His will be so gracious in harmony. (1
Cor 12:12 to 20)

—Benedict Vivian Fernandez



Where are you **Rooted**?

Speculation about things to happen, comparisons of past events with the present, fear created from world events and the signs of the times, seem to mark the beginning of each year for the believers! And yet there are those who scoff at such things!

2 Peter 3:3-4 "Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts and saying, "Where is the promise of His coming?" for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation."

Jude 1:18 "How that they told you there should be mockers in the last time, who should walk after their own ungodly lusts."

Thus, the "scoffers" themselves become a sign of the times!

Friends, you and I are born for such a time as this to fulfill a special purpose of God!! Planted in "Bro. Manuel Ministries" to make the light of the glorious gospel of Christ to shine on those whose minds have been blinded by the god of this world.

2 Corinthians 4:4 "In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them."

The longest teachings of Jesus (Matthew 5 to 7) are about getting hold of the Kingdom of God. And at the end of the sermon, Jesus says:

"Every one then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house upon the rock; and the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat upon that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. And every one who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house upon the sand; and the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell; and great was the fall of it." (Matthew 7:24-27)

To be rooted upon the Rock (JESUS) is doing these words (Matthew 5 to 7) that you heard!

One more command JESUS has given us in Luke 21:36 is this:

"Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man."

There is actually an ESCAPE from "all these things". For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be (Matthew 24:21)

JESUS' words are self-explanatory! Are you ready? Understand the Lord's command and be rooted in them by doing them as you pray for escape from the tribulation and to be caught up with the Lord in the clouds.

– Sis. Lynette Mergulhao



WHY? READ THE BIBLE

One day, a young man approached an elder from the ministry of Bro. Manuel and posed this question:

Why should I read the Bible? The way I see it, the Bible is a collection of historic events, most of which are irrelevant to the situations I face in my everyday life. I see no link between the ancient scriptures and the present realities. What I really need is practical advice, and the Bible seems of no use in that regard.

This is what the elder said:

I can see why you feel that way. The biggest attack today is on the youth. We must be prepared to fight the “easy come, easy go” mentality of this fast food age. And the Bible can help us to do that.

We live in a world where the stench of human misery is all around us. And in the middle we have the affluent class, who live in big houses, have big bank balances and yet do very little to alleviate the suffering we see all around us. Remember, a human is more than just flesh and blood, we also have a spirit. This spirit comes from God and is pure, but can become contaminated over the course of time. But when you read the Bible, it creates a spring of life within us.

The Bible is a time-tested book and the central theme is love. The verses in the Bible are “God breathed” and every word can bring newness in you, even though it was written thousands of years ago. When you start reading the Bible, you start absorbing the thoughts of God. You start seeing things from God's perspective. Reading and repeating the Word of God brings power.

The Holy Spirit can then work within you by leveraging your new understanding of the Word of God to reform you. Did you know that countless books on management, self-help, investment strategies and leadership are all derived from the Bible? When you read the Bible with faith, it will speak to you about your present situations and circumstances and how to tackle them. It will unlock your inner spirit to see things you did not normally see. No other book can do this for you.

The Bible is the only book that has over the centuries rescued people from the pits of hell. It has saved and continues to save the dejected, the abused, the lost and lonely. It turns robbers and murderers into saints, causes the impoverished and debt-ridden to prosper, and empowers men of little or no standing to scale heights they never imagined they could.

The Bible is a lamp to feet of people with no purpose, lighting a unique path to a goal and calling in life (Psalm 119:105). Even the founding fathers America relied on the Bible to write the laws of human liberty and freedom and form a nation which prospered under God's loving hand. The Bible is the most practical account of God in the hands of men and women of this age. And it can help everyone who reads it live a victorious life!

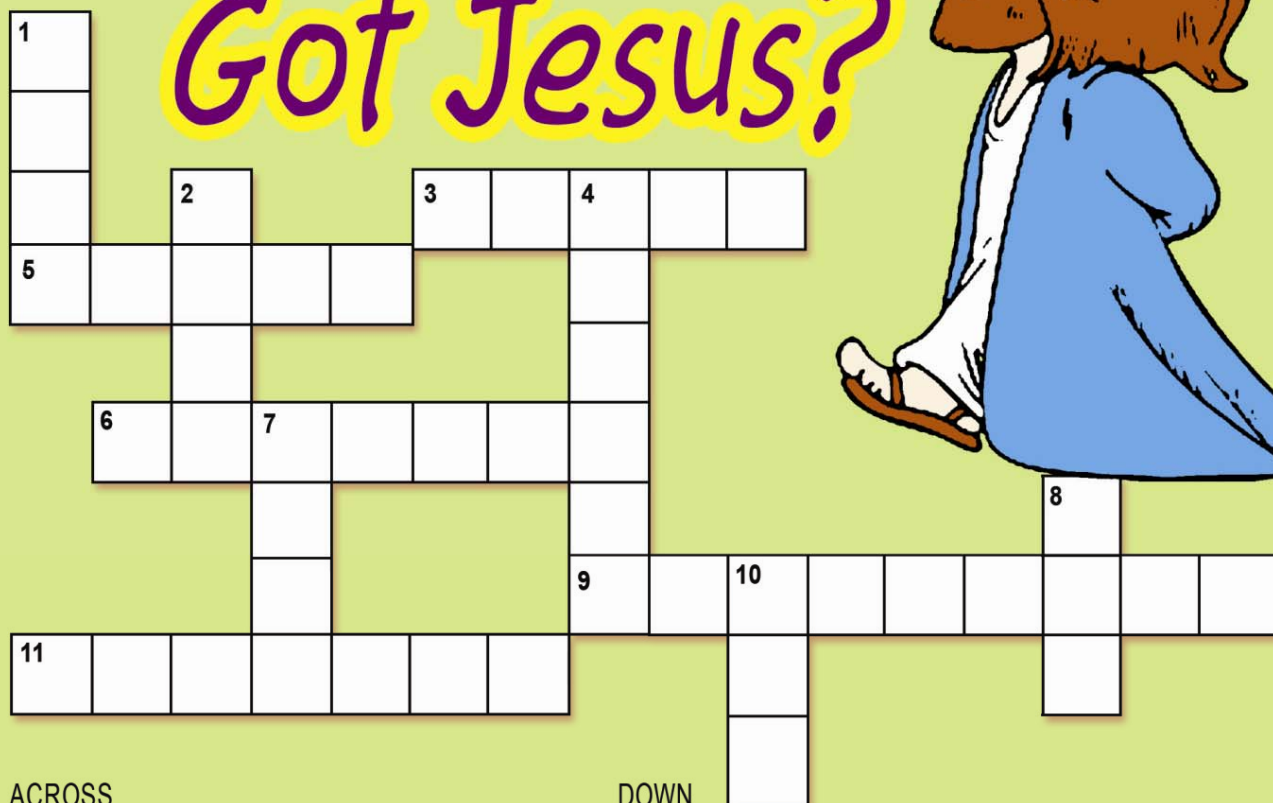
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Got Jesus?



ACROSS

- 3. The organ in the body that pumps the blood
- 5. To make letters and words with a pen or pencil
- 6. To accept as true, genuine, or real
- 9. Evidence given by witness in the court
- 11. Something that continues forever

DOWN

- 1. To understand something
- 2. The period from birth to death
- 4. To receive something willingly, such as a gift
- 7. Someone who doesn't tell the truth
- 8. The creator and ruler of the universe
- 10. A male child

CHECK YOUR ANSWERS

accept, believe, eternal, write, testimony, heart, life, know, God, liar, son.



T E S T I M O N I E S



I have been coming to Bro. Manuel Ministries for the last five years. Me and my husband were HIV Positive. I used to take tablets to stop conception because I did not want to bring an HIV Positive child into this world. When I told Bro. Manuel about this, he advised me to stop taking contraception pills. Soon thereafter, I conceived and delivered a healthy baby boy — after two girls. The baby was born without HIV. Also, both me and my husband were cured. Our reports now show that we are both HIV Negative. This is only because of my Lord Jesus. My son was born on the same day as Bro. Manuel. That's why Brother named him Emmanuel. Jesus has blessed us so much. Nobody can do this much. This cannot happen anywhere else. The whole world knows that there is no cure for HIV, but they don't know Jesus. Our reports have come negative. I thank Jesus for everything. Ever since we started coming to Bro. Manuel Ministries, we have received many things. I used to go to many places and bow to many gods, but I never got anything in return. No other god can give as much as the Lord Jesus has given us. May the ministry of Bro. Manuel and the Word of God spread far and wide.

– Usha Chavan



I want to testify that my father, who used to be an alcoholic, has stopped drinking completely. This transformation came about after my brother and me started attending the retreats and prayer meetings organized by Bro. Manuel Ministries. God started working in our father's life through us. He changed us for the better too. I used to get very poor grades in school, but after coming to the Lord, my marks have improved. I have learned so many things after listening to Bro. Manuel. I thank God for blessings us so abundantly.

– Dinkar Poojary



I lost approximately Rs 10 lakh chasing after babas and tantriks, poojas, etc. for the past 25 years. However, I never found what I was looking for. Then, I came to the Lord through Bro. Manuel Ministries. In just a year and a half, God has restored everything back to me. Whenever I sow into God's Kingdom, I reap a threefold harvest. I have full faith in God and know that he will deliver me from all evil.

– Haresh Mulchandani



I have been coming to Bro. Manuel Ministries since 2007. I started coming initially because my wife was unwell. She has since been cured. I used to be a very strict and short-tempered man. I had the spirit of unforgiveness in me and if anybody wronged me, I would spend all my time thinking about how I would harm that person. However, after coming to the ministry, a tremendous change has come over me. I am able to forgive people easily now because I understand that if I don't forgive others, God will not forgive me. I have been blessed in every aspect of my life. I was searching for the truth all my life and I finally found it at Bro. Manuel Ministries. I have promised to serve Jesus as long as I live.

– Babaji Chiplunkar

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