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CHRIST is a Must Follow the Star

We are now well into the New Year, but there is still a special ring in the air. The atmosphere is still festive, almost like Christmas. In fact, for us at BMM, it is always Christmas, it is always Easter. We celebrate Christ, our savior all year long. Which is why I am surprised when people tell me: "I just don't feel Christmas." Some people don't feel Christmas even during Christmas time.

Christmas is not a feeling, my friends. It is a fact. God did send His only begotten Son into the world so that we may have eternal life. You will never feel the true spirit of Christmas until Jesus is born in your heart. Christ is a Must in your life. He is the vine; we are the branches. If we remain in Him, we will bear much fruit. We can do nothing without Him. (John 15:5) That's why I spell Christmas as CHRISTMUST.

The three men who came to meet the child Jesus from the East first saw His star in the sky. They saw the star, they followed the star, and then they met the real star, Jesus Christ. When you walk in obedience to the will of God, He will lead you to Himself. Jesus is our destiny. And when you have fellowshiped with Him, you will never be the same again.

There were many stars in the sky that night, but only one of them shone the brightest. God might cause a light in the sky, or use other means to lead you towards Him. And when you meet Him, He deposits

His light within you. This light is not perceptible to the human eye and yet when people look at you, they can perceive the difference. You will outshine your peers, your friends, your colleagues. The light within you bears testimony to the fact that you have met Jesus and that you have been with Him. When that happens, you don't need to feel Jesus, you start living Jesus.

The most important thing to remember is that the three wise men were expecting to find Jesus in the palace, but the star led them to the stable. God prefers process before promotion. The cross before the crown. The reason most people fail to reach their destiny is because they want the crown before the cross. They have seen the star Jesus Christ and yet they fail to follow Him. What about you? Will you follow the star this year? For your sake, I hope you do.

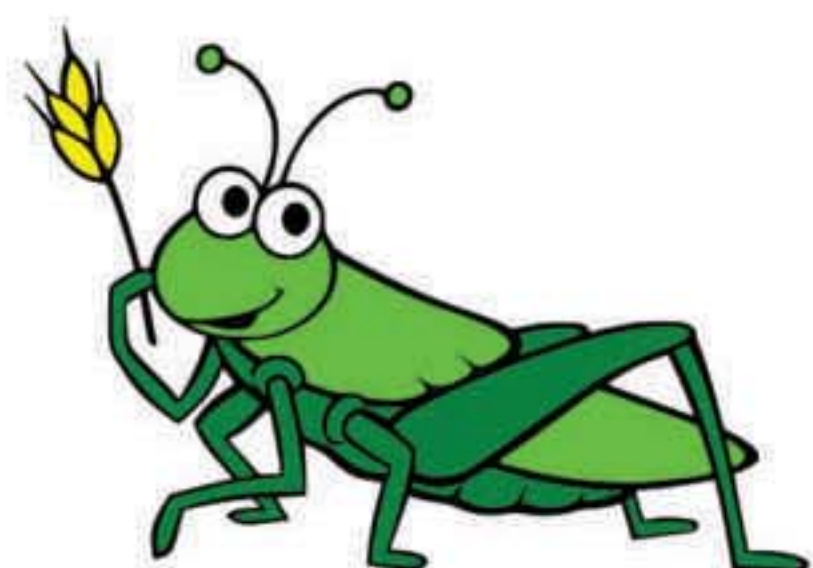
– Bro. Manuel Mergulhao



Say and it will happen

When doctors give up hope on you,
Say 'God is my healer'.
When you find no help,
Say 'God is my help'.
When you are surrounded by danger,
Say 'God is my refuge, my shelter'.
When you do not have a penny in hand,
Say 'God is my provider'.
When you are seeking for a suitable partner,
(Maybe for your son, daughter, anyone),
Say 'God is the perfect matchmaker'.
When things seems to be impossible,
Say 'With God, all things are possible'.
Above all, if you know and believe in your God
Whose name is 'I AM WHO I AM',
Then, surely you'll say...
'God is my everything'.

- Brenda Dias



K4C Corner

BUGS IN THE BIBLE



Fill in the blanks with the little creatures mentioned in each verse.
circle then in the puzzle below.

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Proverbs 6:6 _ _ _
Psalms 78:45 _ _ _ _ _
Matt. 23:24 _ _ _ _ _
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TRANSFORMED BY

God's Promises – Part 3



Hopefully, you have been applying all the promises in the earlier Bulletins and are being transformed by them! Let us look at some more of our loving God's promises.

8. THE PROMISE OF RESTORATION

It's heart-breaking to see some precious members who once knew the Joy of Salvation, were born again, and became part of the family of God, were filled with zeal to serve the Master, now drifting away from their first love, as they give priority to "the cares of life," or to some personal ambition, or question God's sovereignty. The decline develops sometimes because of:

- a) A discontented or quarrelsome spirit,
- b) An unforgiving attitude, or
- c) Stifling of our spiritual life because of sin in our lives.

When we are born again, we are not instantly perfected. There's a process that leads to maturity. No believer on earth is sinless, and, "If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves, and the truth is not in us." (1 John 1:8).

But the good news is, there is provision for constant cleansing. Hallelujah!!

"If anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus the Messiah the Righteous; and He Himself is the propitiation for our sins." (1 John 2:1-2)

"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (1 John 1:9)

This does not give a believer a license to continue in sin, because the Blood of Jesus is the remedy. All sin grieves God; it offends His holiness; and it also hinders our spiritual progress.

We will always have a battle against sin, against evil, while we live on this earth. But God has made provision, not only for cleansing, but also for the defeat of sin in our lives. The provision and victory requires that we confess our known sins, and to present our bodies and lives to God daily, to be a living sacrifice unto Him.

When we don't do this, our spiritual lives deteriorate and become carnal, worldly, powerless and discontented. We thus stand in need of '**restoration**'.

And here are the magnificent promises that declare God will restore, if we come to Him **in confession and in faith**.

"The law of the LORD is perfect, restoring the soul." (Psalm 19:7)

Obedience to the Word is very important to benefit from His Promises. So, let us declare:

"The LORD is my shepherd ... He restores my soul." (Psalm 23)

If you are backslidden:

"Come now, and let us reason together, says YAHWEH, though your sins are as scarlet, they will be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they will be like wool. I will also turn My hand against you, and will smelt away your dross as with lye, and will remove all your alloy. Then I will restore your judges as at the first, and your counselors as at the beginning; after that you will be called the City of Righteousness, a Faithful City." (Isaiah 1:18, 25, 26)

To help and restore the defeated:

"Brethren, even if a man is caught in any trespass, you who are spiritual, restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness; looking to yourselves, lest you too be tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and thus fulfill the law of Christ, the Messiah." (Galatians 6:1-2)

If you are lukewarm:

"I advise you to buy from Me gold refined by fire, that you may become rich, and white garments, that you may clothe yourself, and that the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed; and eye-salve to anoint your eyes, that you may see. Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline; be zealous therefore, and repent." (Revelation 3:18-19)

If you are weighed down by sin, worries and failures:

"Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy laden, and I will give you rest." (Matthew 11:28).

"The one who comes to Me I will certainly not cast out." (John 6:37)

"I will heal their backsliding, I will love them freely for mine anger is turned away from him." (Hosea 14:4)

He's just a prayer away! Why don't you call upon Him now?

- Confess your sin and failure.
- Give your body and life to Him anew.
- Ask Him to restore you to His fellowship.
- Ask the Father for the renewed joy of your salvation.
- Ask Him to fill you anew with His Spirit, and to lead you on from victory to victory in the New Year.

HAVE A TRANSFORMED NEW YEAR – 2015

– Sis. Lynette Mergulhao

LOVE & FREE WILL

God has given every man free will to determine his destiny. This free will gives man the right to even reject the very God that created him and gave him this right. God, being the gentleman He is, will never infringe on a man's right to choose what he wants to believe. However, this free will also comes with a rider. If you make choices of your own accord, then you alone are liable for all the consequences that arise thereof.

So, for example, if you choose to smoke like a chimp, drink like an elephant and live recklessly, you cannot blame God or anybody else when your health takes a turn for the worse. Your health is your responsibility.

If you borrow money to buy things you don't need and never save for a rainy day, you should not blame God if you end up bankrupt and broke. Your lifestyle is your responsibility.

Similarly, if you spend all your time away from home, ignoring your wife and kids, you should not blame God or anybody else if your marriage ends up in the alley. It is your responsibility to make your marriage work.

Back in the day, I was a rebel. I used to take credit for all the good in my life and blame God for all the bad. I made some extremely poor choices in my life—we all do—and I paid dearly for them. When I look back now, I see clearly that through all the adversities and strife, God has always been (and still is) my greatest ally. Even when I was being a total jerk, telling God I'd be better off if He would just freaking leave me alone, He did not abandon me... coz a true parent never abandons

a child. I was playing with fire and living on the edge. And all the while, God was right there with His hand gently behind my back to break my fall and ensure I wouldn't land too hard.

God's like that.

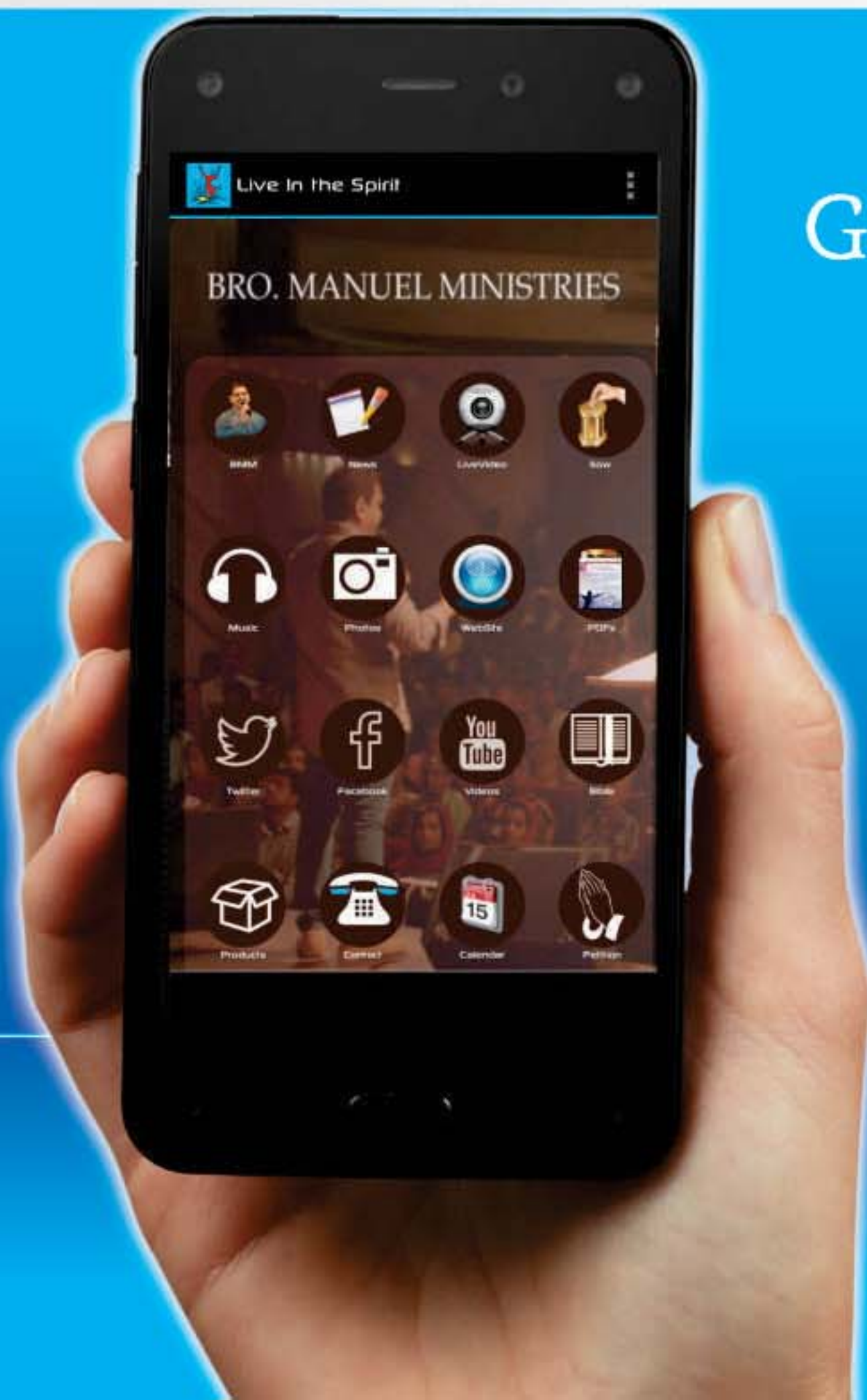
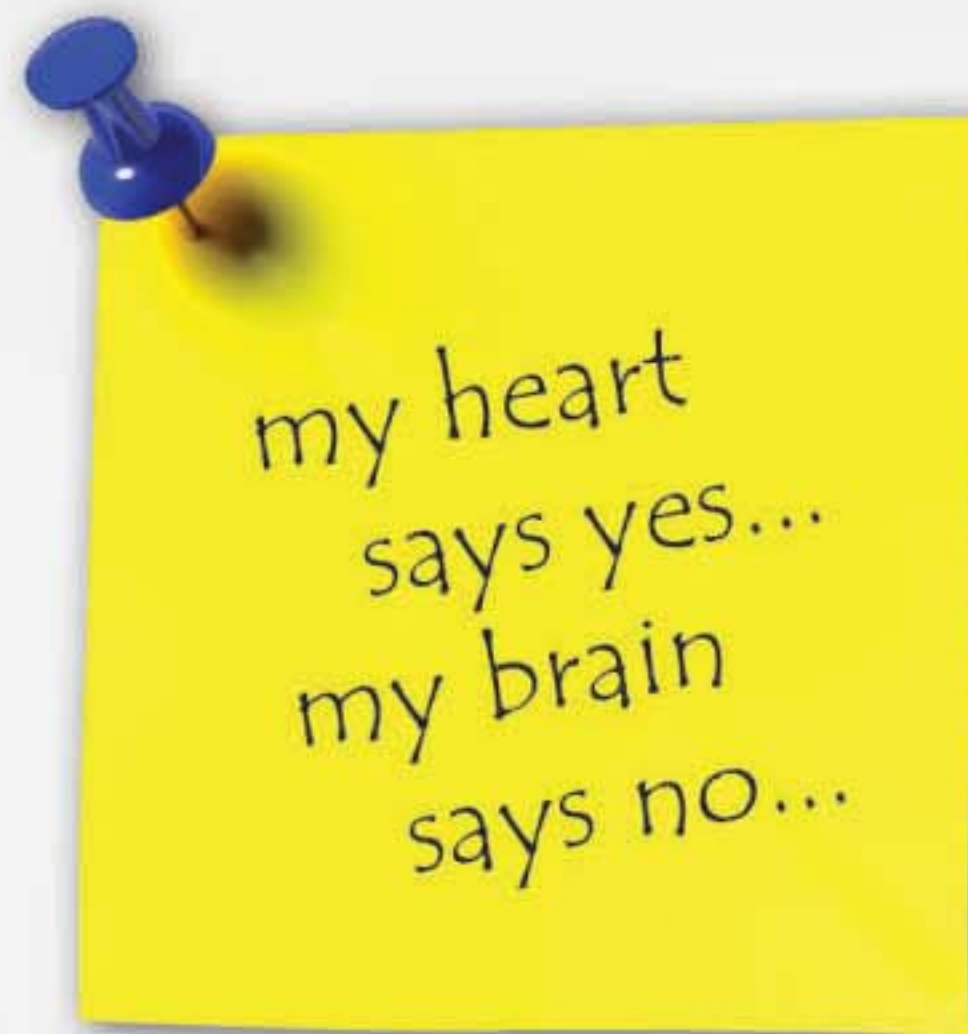
When you are on God's heart, He will send His angels to watch over you night and day. And if you ever run into trouble, He will order His

angels to jump right in and rescue you, even if you don't call out for help.

God loves us unconditionally. And that's how He expects us to love each other too.

Unconditional Love: God likes that... because God's like that.

— B.M.M Youth



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CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR GATHERING 2014-15



Testimonies



I met with an accident in 2003, and was in coma for eight days. I lost the sense of smell and taste. I also had difficulties in remembering things. However, after coming to Bro. Manuel Ministries and completing Daniel's Fast, I have been healed completely. I can remember everything now. My sense of taste and smell has also returned. I really thank God for this mighty miracle He has done in my life. Even the doctors had given up hope. In fact, when I met them recently, they were surprised to see me. They said, "You are still alive? We thought that you are gone." I only told the doctor that the day I met with the accident, my prayer book was with me in my bag. Jesus has protected me throughout my life. Jesus has saved me. Jesus has healed me.

— **Matilda Gonsalves**



I have been suffering from swelling in my feet for the last 55 years. After wearing the blessed shirt Bro. Manuel gave me, I woke up in the morning feeling very energetic and the heaviness in my feet went away. After 55 years, God showed me His favour. I can place my feet and walk properly now. My brother was also very unwell. He was so serious that we lost hope. I took the red band that Bro. Manuel had given me and placed it under his pillow before we left. We got a call the next morning that he has come back home.

— **Chandra Vyas**



My husband and I have been coming to Bro. Manuel Ministries since October 2004. Before coming to this ministry, we were living in darkness. We were living a life of insecurity. We were newly married, but we did not know the true joy of marriage. My husband gave up drinking and smoking after coming to the ministry. I was an introvert. I could never talk to anybody. But after coming here, I became very bold. We started gaining confidence in life. We could never imagine a house of our own. It was impossible. But God has made everything possible. I want to thank God for everything.

— **Merlyn D'souza**



My dad was suffering from high sugar levels. He was first admitted to the ICU. The doctors could not figure out the exact problem. Initially, they thought it was cancer. I immediately called Bro. Manuel and he told me not to worry and to simply trust the Lord. My father is now completely healed and his diabetes is also very, very normal now. I also want to testify about my studies. I have always been an average student. I never scored high or stood first. But after Bro. Manuel advised everyone to claim your blessings, I expressed my desire to stand first in the college. I used to pray this every day. Soon thereafter, I stood first in the college. I scored the highest marks in the paper that was the toughest. I want to thank Bro. Manuel and the ministry. It is because of this ministry that my faith is increasing day by day. And my family is blessed. During the Sabbath, I lost 4 kgs. My family has also been sowing irrespective of whatever we have. I give the Lord what He deserves and what is rightfully His.

— **Joslin Noronha**

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