



# Seed For Living

## Give Faith an Expression Make Your Dreams Come True



Many people have been a part of this ministry for years. They claim that they are serving God and yet I see that they are not growing. They seem happy to remain as they are. They do not want to change. They come here, sing and pray to God, and then go back home and start fighting. They have not learnt how to live. Therefore, their dreams are likely to remain unfulfilled.

Unless you make your faith grow, you will not rise to a higher level. Romans 10:17 says hearing brings faith. And once you hear the Word of God, you must act on it. Don't just listen to the Word; do the Word. Otherwise, you will be a failure.

### **Faith determines everything**


Your faith will determine your destiny. And faith grows only by hearing the Word. Now, there are two mediums through which you can hear God: the written Word and the spoken Word. The Book of Acts says the early followers of Jesus read the scriptures daily to confirm that what they had heard was indeed the Word of God. (Acts 17:11) They wanted to be certain that they were not being deceived by the devil. So besides listening to the Word of God, you must also read the Word. The reason some people are struggling is either because they have not received the Word, or because they have not obeyed the Word.

### **Be still and listen**

If things are not happening in your life, do not go around blaming everybody. Check yourself first and see how you are doing. Are you content with yourself? Are you happy with your situation? If not, it is time for a change. And change must begin with you. Open your heart to God and allow Him to touch you. Stop talking for a change and listen. God already knows your problems; He does not need to hear it over and over again. So sit in silence and listen to what God is trying to tell you. It might be the best thing you do for yourself.

- Bro. Manuel Mergulhao

# Leadership from **GOD**



These are the last days, and our lives today more than ever should be based on the Word of God. Since days immemorial, the topic of leadership has been a hot one—mankind has always sought responsible, reliable people to govern human affairs. Management students have turned pages searching for leadership techniques that they may use to become a person of power and influence. Politicians and social patriarchs across the world have tried to talk like Abraham Lincoln, John F. Kennedy and mimic many local favourites. Most of them, however, failed to make an impact on earth, forget heaven.

Needless to say, no expert technique, or impressive speech, or retort could ever create what God created through His Word and authority—leadership in truth and truth can only be found in His Word.

Come, let us probe the eight qualities of a leader—qualities that only the power of the Holy Spirit in a man or a woman can create. The first quality we will explore in this series is:

## **Character:**

Leadership is essentially people management. Colossians 3:12 says “So, as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and

patience.” Surrender your strength and weakness of flesh to God, He will take all of them to build His strength in you. As 2 Corinthians 12:10 says “for when I am weak then I am strong.” God can build His graces in your weakness and replace your stubborn strength with His softness when you allow Him to work in you.

**Love:** Remember, “Love one another as I have loved you” is the first foundation of a leader. If you cannot love, leadership will not manifest in you. Love is the prime hallmark of an excellent leader.

**Humility:** Christ humbled Himself and did not even claim His status as God but came in flesh and took the sins of mankind to emancipate us all from the slavery of sin. When you decide to serve others you will invariably gain a humble demeanour.

**Compassion:** Mark 6:34 says “When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, He had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So He began teaching them many things.” These were people without a shepherd and Jesus had compassion on them for this very reason. Usually, in such a scenario, a human mind thinks of ways to exploit the situation. The end result is a lost, forsaken and damaged sheep that is left without training and education and goes astray.

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– Editorial Desk



## **ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE YEAR**



## **RSF beats all odds to take top honours**

Rhema Sports Foundation (RSF) outshone its competitors once again in the football and hockey arenas. Our victory, however, truly came from our Lord, Jehovah Nissi, and bears testimony to the wonderful things He does for His chosen people.

RSF was pitted against WNS in the semi-finals of Mumbai District Football Association's Third Division. However, with just 10 players in hand, Bro Shodhan had his reservations about the match. Nevertheless, he kept his faith in God intact and never stopped praying. Then, a miracle happened. For some reason, the WNS team failed to show up. As a result, RSF got a walkover to the Finals.

In the Finals, RSF faced Magic Bus. With some of our best players missing from action, RSF decided to play the Finals with substitutes and still won 1-0. The victory gave RSF a leg-up from the Third Division to the First Division.

In Hockey too, RSF was not to be outdone. After a series of matches, RSF defeated Ordinance Factory 7-2 in its final match. However, victory would be determined on the basis of points. RSF's chances of topping the league depended on the results

of the other match. In other words, it was all up to God. And our wonderful Father, who always helps His people snatch victory from the jaws of defeat, worked a miracle once again. Hockey Santa Cruz, which was contending for the top slot, lost its match, giving RSF a clear win on points. RSF topped the tables and moved up from the Second Division to the First. Just goes to prove that God always creates a way for His people, especially when the going gets tough.



# IS HE "WITH YOU" OR "IN YOU"?

Anyone who has contemplated upon the depth and truth of Lent, the Last Supper, the Cross and the empty tomb cannot fail to be transformed by what God has done for humanity through His Son. The fulfillment of the entire work of salvation was the PENTECOST. Yes, the outpouring of the Holy Spirit – the Lord and giver of Life, Who proceeded from the Father and the Resurrected and Ascended Lord. It is the Holy Spirit Who births a million Jesus' on this earth. In other words, the Holy Spirit gives birth to sons of God through the descendants of the First Adam!! It was the Holy Spirit who overshadowed Mary, and Jesus was conceived in her womb!

"The first man Adam became a living being, the last Adam (Jesus), a life-giving Spirit!" (1 Corinthians 15:45)

Are you still seeking a meaning to your existence on this planet? What greater purpose and meaning could bring an end to our search than this glorious truth?

After the resurrection of our Lord, the book of Acts says, "He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God." (Acts 1:3)

The manner in which the Lord was taken up before their very eyes (vs 9) could beat any spectacular 3D science fiction!!! (Fortunately, this is not fiction.) And the astounding prophecy of the two men dressed in white who appeared to them suddenly, i.e., "This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven" should keep our eyes glued to the skies in joyful expectation.

What a consolation and assurance that Jesus' work did not stop here. Back in John 14, the day before He died (for us),

Jesus, in His promise of the Holy Spirit, reveals a wonderful truth about 'Him'. "But you know HIM, for He lives with you and will be in you!" (John 14:17b)

Now there is a "with you" and a "in you" in this revelation. It is only when the Holy Spirit is "in you" that you are born again of Him. The Holy Spirit is with human beings watching over them, helping them, leading them to Christ according to the will of the Father! But He is in you once you have accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as your only Savior and Lord!

Describing the work of the Holy Spirit, our Lord said that "He" will convict the world of guilt in regard to "sin" and "righteousness" and "judgement":

in regard to sin, because men do not believe in me;

in regard to righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer; and

in regard to judgement, because the prince of this world now stands condemned.

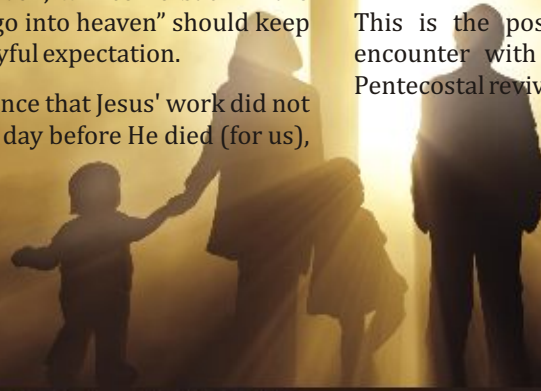
Note, the one sin the world is in, is not to believe in Jesus;

the one righteousness that the world needs to have is the righteousness of Jesus; and

the one judgement that mattered has already been passed on the prince of this world!

This is the post-resurrection period. Let us seek an encounter with the living Jesus and have a personal Pentecostal revival!!

**-Sis. Lynette Mergulhao**



## Our Future

Many schools & colleges will reopen in the month of June, We'll feel our summer vacation has ended so soon.

Many will enjoy their school or college work & play, And await their new study & work assignment for the next day.

With new teachers and friends & Jesus Christ in us, (2 Cor 13:5, test yourself; do you not realize that Christ Jesus is in you, unless you fail the test)

The school & college will resound in joy as it does.

We will not know what lies ahead, (Jer 29:11-13, I alone have a plan; then you will call upon me) Running the race to its goal instead (Philippians 3:14, I press on towards the goal to win the price)

Of being slothful and lazy, just lying in bed. (Pro 6:10-11, A little slip & slumber...and poverty will come)

Living in peace with one another, relatives, father, mother, sister, brother

Be patient with everyone; it is GOD we seek. (Matt. 25-40, What you do to the least of my people, you do it to me) Encouraging the timid, helping the weak. (1 Thes, 5:14)

**-Benedict Vivian Fernandez**

# The Ten Commandments

## The Seventh Commandment Protect the Marital Relationship

The Seventh Commandment that thundered from Mount Sinai was this: "You shall not commit adultery." (Exodus 20:14) The Commandment was straightforward enough, but Jesus expounded on it when He came down to earth. He made it very clear that the Commandment was not directed exclusively at physical actions but also the underlying sentiments.

Jesus said: "Whoever looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart." (Matthew 5:28) That takes things to a whole new level. It is not enough to just keep from sex outside of marriage; we must also keep our minds clean of the lust to do so. Adultery is detrimental to a relationship as it seriously destroys

the marriage relationship along with the all essential element of trust.

Even the lustful attitude leading to sex outside of marriage was condemned by Jesus because its ultimate result is an ugly mess of lies, deceit, hurt, sorrow and anger.

Such things have no place in the lives of people belonging to God's family. Instead, He wants to see us full of joy and pleasure in a fulfilling happy married life—the same type of loving, enduring relationship that Christ has with His Church. (Ephesians 5: 25–27)

Won't it be great when the whole world finally keeps the Seventh Commandment?

– Editorial Desk

## KEY TO PROSPERITY

# What is Confession?

Most of us have been taught that confession means remembering our past sins, feeling remorseful, getting emotional, and so on. That is not the heart of confession. In reality, confession is a very different concept.

Confession means agreeing with God about what He says. You can hear God when you worship Him. This brings us to the subject of adoration. When you enter God's presence through adoration, He is not going to start dealing with other people first. He's going to start shining His light on places you thought He knew nothing about. He is going to bring things into the open. You're going to think, "I hope nobody knows what I'm thinking. If they knew the things God is speaking to me about, they wouldn't stand next to me."

What God is saying to us, in effect, is this: "I don't want you to condemn yourself. I want you to tell me I'm right. Am I right? Is it sin? If it is, you must agree with me that it is wrong and stop doing it?"

Confession takes place when God points out something in your life and says "Get rid of that," or "That's rebellion," or "You know you shouldn't have done that," or "That's sin," and you say "Yes, God, You are right. I won't do that any longer."

You then put your trust in God to enable you to walk by the spirit. "Live in the spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature." (Gal 5:16) When the Holy Spirit shows you something in your life that is not right, you are to agree with Him. If you disagree with Him, you're not confessing.

Let us consider this in practical terms. What if God points out a particular sin in your life, but you ignore His prompting? Then you go to a prayer meeting and the Holy Spirit says, "Don't ask me for anything until you deal with this problem," but you continue praying about other things. The Spirit then says, "you did something wrong and you haven't dealt with it yet. I want you to fix it tonight." However, you sing and try to drown out the conviction. You're not confessing. When you agree that God is right, that is confessing.

"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins (1 John 1:9) When God forgives us, what else does He do? He purifies us from all unrighteousness (v9). The word "righteous" means to be in "right standing" or a position of authority. That means God will cleanse us from everything else that could prevent Him from repositioning us in right standing or alignment with His perfect will, so that He can bless us.

God Bless You.

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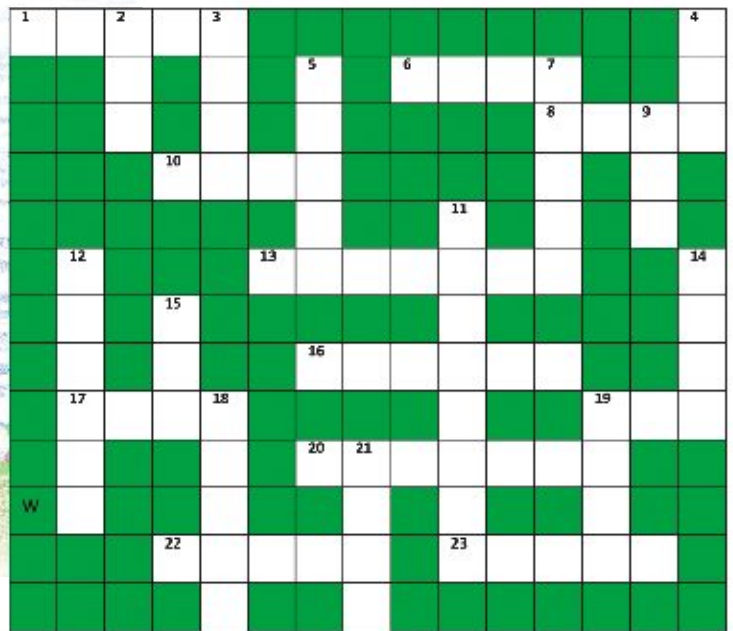
# KID'S CORNER

## MAMA, I LOVE YOU

Kids For Christ (K4C) warmly commemorated "Mother's Day" on May 9, 2010. Each one of us, at K4C, loves our mummy very much, and we wanted to spend time doing something special for the one who bore us in her womb and gave birth to us. So we put our little hearts and hands together, bowed down before JESUS, and asked our Lord to release an ocean of blessings not just upon our mother, but mothers all over the world. We also prayed to "Mama Mary" that she may guide us to JESUS all the days of our lives and intercede for mothers everywhere.

We then busied ourselves preparing Thank You cards for our moms. In it, we wrote a prayer for our mother. We also wrote why we find her so special and what is it that we love about her. Guess what happened when we took the card home? We got a million-dollar smile in return and the joy of seeing a glow on our mummy's face. Some of us even got kisses and ice-cream. Yum! Not that we did not celebrate with food; yes, we also gulped down some delicious cake. Thank You, JEHOVA JIREH, for your providence.

Father, You brought us into this world through our mothers; use our mothers as instruments of Your Love and Peace. In JESUS' name, K4C prays. Amen!! Hallelujah!!!



### Across

1. Healing type plants
6. They swim in the seas
8. Where God planted the first garden
10. First man
13. Creatures
16. To make from nothing
17. All of earth was created in 6 of these
19. One of Israel's 12 tribes
20. Apples, oranges, and bananas
22. Grew in the garden; one was life; one was the knowledge of good and evil
23. Our planet

### Down

2. God removed one from man to make woman
3. This is sown to grow a plant; fruits reproduce by this
4. Jesus, the \_\_\_\_\_ of God
5. Eve was the first one
7. Groups of horses, camels, cattle
9. First woman
11. Another name for the Garden of Eden
12. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Eden
14. The lesser light to rule the night
15. The heavens
18. Little night lights
19. To this you shall return
21. What God did on the 7th day

# TESTIMONIES

T E S T I M O N I E S



Kantilal Rathod

I was suffering from psoriasis due to which the skin on my hand used to dry out and peel off. However, after coming to the ministry and attending the prayer meetings and retreat, I have been healed. I also want to thank Jesus for bringing my son, who had gone astray, back to me. I have no words to express my gratitude to God.



Theresa

When Bro. Manuel gave a call to sow, I sowed 300 kg of rice on the altar and I have been reaping a rich harvest since then. I was suffering from knee pain, which has disappeared. My grandson who had an itching problem has also been cured. My son's wife who had disappeared for many days has returned. My ration card, which was held for the last twenty years, has been returned. The house I was living in for 21 years was retransferred to my name. My sisters have also reconciled with me. A river of peace has begun flowing in my family.



Madhvi

I used to have swelling and boils all over my body. However, after Bro. Manuel assigned me to a prayer warrior, I started praying regularly. I want to testify that I have been relieved of the swelling and pain since the day I began praying.



Trivedi

I conceived a baby soon after marriage; however, since it was an early conception, my husband and I decided to abort the baby. Thereafter, I could not conceive for the last 3 years. I have been coming to Bro. Manuel Ministries for the last six years and expressing my faith by attending every retreat. My perseverance finally paid off and I conceived a beautiful baby. However, I did not testify. Soon, my baby's eye started watering. She also had itching and discharge from her right ear. I did not know what to do. Finally, I decided to overcome my fear and come up on stage and testify. Thereafter, the discharge stopped completely.

## Solution for Crossword

Across: 1. Herbs, 6. Fish, 8. Eden, 10. Adam, 13. Animals, 16. Create, 17. Days, 19. Dan, 20. Fruit, 22. Trees, 23. Earth

Down: 2. Rib, 3. Seed, 4. Son, 5. Woman, 7. Herds, 9. Eve, 11. Paradise, 12. Garden, 14. Moon, 15. Sky, 18. Stars, 19. Dust, 21. Rest

## RETREAT & OUTREACH

**GOA OUTREACH**  
**May 21-24, 2010**

**THANE OUTREACH**  
**June 7, 2010**

**FREE RETREAT**  
**June 11-12, 2010**

### Wednesday

Indian Education Society (I.E.S.),  
Manik Sabha Griha,  
Opp Lilavati Hospital,  
Bandra (W), Mumbai-50, India.  
Time - 5:30 pm

### Friday

Green Village Resorts,  
Opp Akashvani Kendra,  
Marve Road, Malad (W),  
Mumbai-64, India.  
Time - 6:00 pm



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