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Hey, my amazing young friends! I want to personally thank you for taking the time to read this 52-week devotional. The idea behind it is to encourage and challenge student, staff, and faculty on public campuses to discover various ways of communicating the gospel of Jesus in their cities and on their campuses. In line with the Church's quinquennial theme, "I WILL GO," the 2024 General Conference Youth Ministries theme is I Will Go To My City!

In the book, *Testimonies for the Church*, Vol. 7, p. 40, Ellen White comments, "We all need to be wide awake, that, as the way opens, we may advance the work in the large cities. We are far behind in following the light given to enter these cities and erect memorials for God. Step by step we are to lead souls into the full light of truth." City evangelism allows spreading the message of faith and spirituality to diverse populations in urban areas. Cities often serve as hubs of cultural diversity, making it crucial to reach people from various backgrounds and lifestyles. Additionally, impacting city communities can lead to broader social and positive transformations.

This devotional is special for many reasons:

- It is written by public campus students from various parts of the world to celebrate PCM's tenth anniversary.
- It is PCM's contribution to commemorating the 150th anniversary of Mission within the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Every Adventist student or staff member on public campuses is encouraged to reflect on how they can reignite their passion for mission. This significant milestone invites us to explore innovative ways to celebrate and honor our shared commitment to spreading the message of hope and love.
- Through these weekly devotionals you will be exposed to creative ways of reaching the diverse population of the cities.

Let's stay committed to proclaiming the three angels' messages with passion and authenticity. Let's be beacons of light, sharing God's love and truth with everyone we meet.

FOLLOW JESUS | EMBRACE HIS MISSION | CHANGE THE WORLD.

#IWillGo





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President
Seventh-day Adventist Church

I am happy to celebrate ten years of Public Campus Ministry with you. I am excited about what Youth Ministries is doing to transform Adventist students on Public Campuses into Seventh-day Adventist ambassadors for Christ.

Let no one despise your youth, but be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity." 1 Timothy 4:12, NKJV

Throughout biblical history, God has called young people to accomplish His purposes and plans. The youth have energy and creativity that the older generation simply does not have. We read of Daniel and his three friends, sent into Babylon to witness to a pagan king; David, who used his musical talent to soothe Saul's possessed mind; Esther, who saved her people at the risk of her own safety; and Isaiah, who, when called to serve God, answered: **"I Will go!"**

Dear students and young adults, today God is looking for young people to play a vital part in His last day proclamation. He wants you to be an example—one who is completely committed to Jesus Christ and wholly allows the Holy Spirit to work in your life.

Ellen G. White, in the book, *Counsels to Parents, Teachers, and Students*, said "Your voice, your influence, your time—all these are gifts from God and are to be used in winning souls to Christ" (p. 529). Whether it be outreach through your local church or youth group, social media ministry, book distribution, Global Youth Day, Voice of Youth, Caleb Mission, or spending One Year in Mission, the Lord is calling you to share the wonderful news of His soon return.

Will you say, "Yes, Lord, I will go! I will do everything I can to share with my neighbours, with my friends, with fellow students, with staff members, with my loved ones, this precious, wonderful message." You see, God wants you to be involved. We are told in the Spirit of Prophecy that He could've tasked the angels with this responsibility, but what a privilege and blessing it is to be involved in the work of salvation! I have confidence in you. I am praying for you.





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Dear PCM Family:

I take this time to congratulate you all on this special milestone: ten years of mission, passion, and dedicated service.

As we journey together in faith, let's remember the incredible mission we've been called to. Our task is to spread the message of hope, love, and salvation to all corners of the world. The three angels' messages are not just words on a Bible page—they're a call to action to share the truth with boldness and compassion. I know you possess the necessary skills and tools to take the gospel to the cities matchlessly. "Mission work should be done in our large cities. Ellen White says in *Mission to Cities*, p.56, "There is special talent among us for this line of labor, and this talent should be educated and train." You are the special talent!!

In a world full of distractions and challenges, let's stay true to our calling. Let's stand firm in our faith, boldly proclaiming the message entrusted to us. I challenge you to get "Back to the Altar." From it, you will draw ennobling truths to share with others.

Together, let's be the voice of hope, the hands of love, and the messengers of truth.



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LIVING FOR CHRIST

WEEK ONE

And do this, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore, let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light. Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts.”
Romans 13:11-14

For some of us, life in its cruelest form has always served us with the things we least expected. Loss of parents before finishing college, accidents that can cause serious body injury, or suddenly losing your job for refusing to work on the Sabbath.

When such tragic intrusions occur, we are oftentimes left feeling devastated, and then, when we try to climb out of the chokehold, all our efforts are met with rebellion, criticism, prejudice and even rejection! Hopelessness sets in and you feel like resigning in life because nothing is worth living for anymore. Situations like these demoralize our hearts and eventually causes us to lose focus on our mission, which is an important purpose for existing.

For this reason, our Master after completing His mission on earth—but before His departure—gave assurance to His disciples that while it was not going to be easy for them (because the world will hate them as they hated Him) He will always be with them. In His prayer to His Father found in John 17:15, Jesus said, “I do

not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one.” The promise of JESUS being with them rebuilt hope and confident in their lives. For the Christian, an important purpose of being in this world is living for mission. Living to be His witnesses to the cities—starting from those within our reach and to the furthest point, preaching and sharing the Good News of the saving grace. A life that is committed to proclaiming His mission reflects Christ’s desire to save mankind. We cannot achieve this in our life unless we permit Christ, through the Holy Spirit, to work a transformation on our heart. We cannot change ourselves, but the Holy Spirit can. Just like David did, we need to ask God to create in us a clean heart and to renew a right spirit within us. We should lay aside every sin that easily trips us up, and instead, ask God to clothe us with His righteousness. Then, and only then, can we become His committed witnesses. Today just say to God, “Lord here I am. Take me and use me for your glory.”

CHALLENGE

- What are some of the situations that have challenged you and deterred you from doing mission? What lessons have those challenges taught you in life?
- Do you feel a burden for people coming to Christ? If yes, what is your plan of action for outreach now?

APPLICATION

Pray and develop a plan of action to share your testimony with someone this week.



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RIISING ABOVE

WEEK TWO

Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.” 1 Corinthians 15:58

In a world filled with complexities, distractions, and challenges, it is very easy for us to question if our efforts in serving God is making a difference. As Christian young adults, we have to be intentional in not letting life's challenges or complexities define the outcome of our walk and work with God. Instead, see them as opportunities for growth, perseverance, and faith. Remember, as we serve God wholeheartedly, we are called to be firm, steadfast, immovable, and unwavering no matter what obstacles we encounter.

Regardless of the difficulties we face in life as we witness for Him, there is a higher purpose of our calling in Christ. Every effort, no matter how small, contributes to a greater plan that we may not always see. The lives we touch, the love we share, and the faith we inspire in others creates a profound impact. Our work for God goes beyond the visible results; it is an act of faith and obedience. Your devotion to kind-heartedness, mercy, and faithfulness in serving God, even in the face of adversity, is a testament to your commitment and love for Him.

As youths, embrace the challenges that come your way. See them as opportunities to grow in faith and deepen your relationship with God. The Apostle Paul, gives us good counsel in Galatians 6:9: “And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.

This is why Paul in his letter to the saints in Galatia, emphasized the importance of not growing weary in doing good. Instead, he encouraged them (and us) to be steadfast and immovable in the work of the Lord. This perseverance will ultimately lead to a harvest of blessings if we do not give up. Let us ask God to grant us the strength to remain steadfast, immovable, and always abounding in His work, despite the challenges we face. Amen.

CHALLENGE

- How many times have you wanted to stop witnessing due to some frustrations as you go for mission?
- What advise can you give to someone who feels his/her efforts for witnessing are proving to be fruitless?

APPLICATION

Pray and ask God to help you remove any limits you have placed on doing mission. Ask Him to help you realize that nothing is too much or too little to do for God and building up His Kingdom.



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THE VALUE OF A TALENT

WEEK THREE

His lord said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you a ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord" (Matthew 25:21)

God has given us all something to use in His vineyard. In the Bible the parable of the talents reveals that all Christians are blessed with talents, and the diversity in the talents reveals the difference in their use and ability to reach out to the people we live with.

The Spirit of Prophecy clearly states that, "The Lord has a great work to be done, and He will bequeath the most in the future life to those who do the most faithful, willing service in the present life. The Lord chooses His own agents, He chooses His agents not because they are perfect but because, through a connection with Him, they may gain perfection." (Ellen G. White, *Christ Objects Lessons*, pg. 330.1, 1900).

As youths we are to use all the blessings that God Has endowed us with, spiritual gifts, talents, and economic blessings are all to be used for service to bring fruits of the gospel. The parable of the talent clearly teaches us that success can only happen if we do something. Nothing from nothing leaves nothing. We cannot be fearful and bury the talent that we have been given. It is our job to make use of every opportunity that we are given to evangelize the world. The example of the lazy servant and the consequences of his behavior is a proof of the truth that we

are placed on earth to use, not waste the talents God has given to us.

Remember, a talent is only useful if it is used. Our talents are given to be used for building up the Kingdom of God, and we must use everything we have been given Youth, we must share the love of God like an explosion. Take the risk....give Him back everything.... let your talent work for God. Let's use all we have and fill the towns and cities and the world with the overflowing love of Christ expressed by the Three Angels' Messages of Revelation 14:6-11.

CHALLENGE

- Have you ever thought of the blessings that God has given you?
- How many times do we ignore the abilities and gifts that have been given to us? Now understanding their value, what can you do to change that?
- Jesus is coming soon why not getting involved in His work, with all the strength and talents given to us?

APPLICATION

How do you plan to use them for the ministry?

Visit our website and do the Spiritual Gifts Assessment. This should give you an idea of what your spiritual gifts are. Pray for guidance in applying your spiritual gifts in helping to lead others to Christ. Do the Spiritual Gifts Assessment here: gcyouthministries.org/resources/spiritual-gifts-assessment



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NO EXCUSE

WEEK FOUR

For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord over all is rich to all who call upon Him. For “whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, who bring glad tidings of good things!” (Romans 10:12-15)

The entire chapter of Isaiah 52 is about good tidings to the Israelites and their release out of captivity from Babylon. Verses 1-2, encourages them to arise and get ready for their deliverance. The removal of the Jews from Babylon to their own land, again is here spoken of both as a mercy and as a duty; and the application of verse seven to the preaching of the gospel plainly indicates that this deliverance was a type and figure of the redemption of mankind by Jesus Christ. It is also about our salvation.

The imagery of a city in this chapter is wonderful. We are the city of God. And so, as occupants of that City of God and believers in Jesus Christ, we must take the good tidings of the gospel to the people of this world. We should introduce Christ as our Commander who is to take us home, for he paid the price of our Salvation. Our cities are under siege. Our schools, colleges, and universities are all under siege and many are longing for the Good News, filled with promises of a better life with Jesus. As youths in big cities, colleges, and all university settings we are that “City of Zion”, we need to be involved in the gospel outreach. No one is excused.

While in high school, we had a singing group called “Sound in Harmony” and we had the opportunity to minister a lot during our worship sessions. Sometimes we were invited to sing in other religious

congregations like Catholics. Years later after leaving our high school, I was worshipping at one of the local churches in Dar es Salaam and I met a guy who approached me gladly and greeted me. His face looked familiar, but I could not easily remember him. Then he told me that, even though he was from a Catholic background, the songs that we used to sing planted a seed in him. One day, he attended a crusade conducted by the SDA church and got baptized.

In today’s Bible text (Romans 10:12-15) we see Paul reminding us that everyone, both Jew and Gentiles are Zion. We need to bring this good news of freedom to the many who are perishing without knowing of THIS better life. This better life which we can share with Jesus because He shed His blood for us and for them.

So, what is your excuse? Arise, Go! and use whatever talent God has bestowed you with. No more excuses. Get involved. Let us go and share this Good News with others.

I will Go!

CHALLENGE

- In your Christian journey, have you ever identified what your talent is? If yes, do you feel you have fully utilized it for outreach?
- Read Revelation 3:21: “To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne.” Don’t you want your friends and family members to all share in this joy with you?

APPLICATION

Start a journal and each day for this week, write the name of a classmate or someone you know who does not know Jesus. Pray for them every day and ask God to show you ways you can present the Gospel to them. Think of creative ways.



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WISE LIVING

WEEK FIVE

But, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ—from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love. This I say, therefore, and testify in the Lord, that you should no longer walk as the rest of the Gentiles walk, in the futility of their mind, having their understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart. Ephesians 4:15-18

In chapter 4 of his letter to the Ephesians, the Apostle Paul talked about the works of the flesh and warned the Ephesians that living a wasted life will exclude them from any inheritance in the kingdom of God (vs 5). This kind of lifestyle causes a lot of hindrances to many Christians who would have been zealous witnesses for Christ.

Nevertheless, we are told to live as people of the light and reflect God's character. We are to do what pleases our God and glorifies His name. To act wisely either in eating, drinking, or speaking, because as witnesses of the gospel our lives should shine like a star in the dark night sky. Our evangelism field—the cities, are clouded with all sorts of evil, and so if we are to be witnesses in this kind of environment, then we ought to be changed first, shed

off evil surroundings from our lives and become witnesses for Him. The important question then would be, Is your life a light to the world?

The battle to save souls is intense, and we only have a short time left because we are living in the final hours of our days. Make every opportunity count towards growing God's kingdom. Miss no opportunity to witness for Him. Without fear or favor, move forward while trusting in the power of His grace.

Finally, Paul warns of the spiritual drunkenness that benumbs our senses, weakens our zeal, and diverts us away from our potential and purpose. It makes the flesh rule over us and will finally lead us to perdition. However, being Spirit-filled awakens your abilities to use every chance to serve God beyond all limitations and borders. Being Spirit-filled will help you step into your potential and purpose. If, or when the challenges in mission come along, being filled with the Spirit will help you walk through them in victory.

It is imperative that we be filled with the Spirit. Is your life a reflection of a Spirit filled life?

CHALLENGE

Are you using the best of the opportunities that God provides?

APPLICATION

View your education and career path as a mission field. Do your work to the best of your ability, with excellence and integrity. Share God's love with everyone you meet.



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PREPARED TO GO?

WEEK SIX

Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. 16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven. (Matthew 5:15-16)

Every time we do mission work in the Czech Republic, I ask myself if I'm ready to tell people about God even when I do not feel like doing it. How can I tell others about Him when I don't have Him fully in my heart? Will they believe me if they do not see me living like I believe in Him? I really want to be the light of God in this world, but I know I need to live in accordance with the Bible and I must accept Jesus' sacrifice and the Holy Spirit. Without accepting this sacrifice and the indwelling Holy Spirit, I will not be able to serve Him. We need endurance.

- You may ask, "But how can we receive the Holy Spirit?" Here are a few steps:
- Study the Bible and pray. Let God speak to you through His Word and prayer.
- Confess your sins sincerely and completely and turn away from them. Repent.
- Declare your unworthiness before God; humble yourself before Him.
- Stop making excuses to sin. Put sin aside, even the sins that you like.
- Listen to God's call, even if it seems strange to you.
- Stay connected with other Christians around you and share your testimony and experiences with them.
- Control your thoughts and make them pure and clean (Read Philippians 4:8).
- You might say, "I've heard this a million times already." But have you tried it? We usually think that the only mission is something big in the city squares and we become

frustrated when it does not work. But what if you rethink mission. What if it's not what you think..." something out there is a faraway land"? What if you begin to see mission as happening right now, and right here....where you are?

I challenge you to try— if not all, at least some— of the above recommendations during your personal devotions. I believe, that if you follow them, they will help you in your walk with God. You will feel His presence and realize that the Holy Spirit is working in your life. Be intentional in getting to know God better. Examine the things you do daily and the influence they have in your life, if you see that these things you are doing are not helping you to glorify God and to feel His presence, try to cut them out of your life. You'll see the difference.

Use your influence for the glory of God and to lead others to Him. People are observing you, so if you fully live in, and for God, they will see and appreciate it even more than empty words—that even you yourself don't believe. So, start with yourself, dedicate your life to God. Protect your relationship with God. Pray and ask Him to help you, through your words and actions, lead others to Him.

CHALLENGE:

- We read in Luke 9:23 that Jesus said, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me."
- Write five things you can do to incorporate this into your daily routine.

APPLICATION:

Every day ask God for discernment and the Holy Spirit. Try to incorporate something from your challenge list into your life each day and then graciously witness to the work of Jesus in your life.



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BEYOND BORDERS

WEEK SEVEN

Then their eyes were opened, and they knew Him. (Luke 24:31a)

One day, my father told me he hated me. I mean, he proposed that I try parasailing, but it was the same to me—he must hate me. I’m not an amusement park lover, I hate swings. But of all his ideas this one seemed the least dangerous, so I said yes. They put our safety vests on, we got on the boat and headed to the deep blue. After a while, the boat stopped, and we were lifted in the air. I was so scared that I only stared at the rope and didn’t notice anything around. Then I lifted my eyes, and I was amazed—the color shades of the sea, the rocks, the sun rays dancing on the water surface, the schools of fish... It couldn’t have been more beautiful. Oh no, it could! A few minutes later we were about 150 meters above water, and it was even more beautiful, believe me! Now I had a story to tell.

Jesus proposes us to try “parasailing”—to step beyond our fears and trust Him. In the Bible we can read about many personal inspirational “parasailing” experiences. But what about us? Sometimes, we are disappointed and scared like the disciples walking to Emmaus (Luke 24:21). We wish things had happened another way—our way, on our terms, in our time. While our disappointment in some of life’s outcomes is understandable, we must realize that it’s a result of our wrong ideas, but Jesus doesn’t condemn us. Instead, He loves to listen to us and encourage us, just as He listen to the disciples and comforted them as they walked and talked. He didn’t interrupt them, He didn’t argue with them, He was just there explaining the scriptures and teaching them. As our Bible text at the beginning says, their eyes were opened, and they recognized Him. From that

night on, they saw the world with fresh eyes; their personal experience with Jesus had changed them.

HOW DO WE KNOW THAT?

They walked all the way back, to share this experience with the other eleven disciples. *“So they rose up that very hour and returned to Jerusalem, and found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together...”* (Luke 24:33, NKJV) Christianity is like parasailing was to me. We have to step beyond our borders, and accept Jesus’ journey proposal with Him. Be honest and tell Him about your ideas and the things that disappoints you, even if they are from Him. He is waiting on you to reason it out with Him. In Isaiah 1:18 we are invited to reason with Him, to talk it through. *“Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord...”*. He will listen to you, and then He will challenge you. He will invite you “to do parasailing” with Him. If you say yes, He will show you a beauty you can never imagine. Your perceptions will be transformed, and you will see that God is bigger than your wildest dreams!

I’m in! Are you?

CHALLENGE:

- What do you do when you cannot see or understand Jesus?
- Do you wish God was different? In what ways?
- How does your idea of God influence your attitude toward yourself and others?

APPLICATION:

Re-read today’s lesson and write down as many things as you can that will help you when you look for God but cannot sense His presence. Keep this list and use it in your daily journey, especially when you are seeking God but cannot seem to sense Him near.



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THE DIFFERENCE

WEEK EIGHT

Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others. (Philippians 2:3-4)

I noticed a trend on my university campus, where I study and live. People are interested in some form of spirituality, but not in God, and the idea of attending a church does not interest them. While I couldn't put my finger on the root of this situation, I do know that, because of this, it is harder to talk about our Savior. So, in this case, what can you do when you get stonewalled every time you try to have a discussion about the love of God? It's very easy: you don't talk about it.

And the times when I still try to talk about God's love, I face skepticism. As soon as you talk about religion, you are labeled a fanatic, whose main purpose—they think, is to indoctrinate others. But, by not explicitly talking about it, you only avoid the surface issue of labeling, but you still must face the hardest part—the need to proclaim God through your behavior and lifestyle. For that, you must live out the principles you claim to adhere to as Seventh Day Adventist. As Adventists we cannot just talk about how Jesus gave His life on the cross because He loved us, while at the same time we are getting angry and shouting at a classmate.

We need to empty ourselves in order to become the perfect receiver of God's love and to let it flow outwards to others. We need to ask God to give us the spirit of discernment so that we can identify where help is needed and help people before being asked to do so, and to show them that we care without saying it out loud. They need to notice that something is different about us. When

people notice the difference in us they will want to talk about the way they observe that God works within us and through us. After all, during His life on the Earth, Jesus Himself made helping others a central focus of His mission. He was all about the mission.

The theory of this is somewhat easy, but there is a certain “thing” something, that while not tangible, it can still be felt in the air, that emanates from someone when they are helping others out of love, compared to when we are helping others out of duty or to “look good”. You see, people can feel whenever we do something that is not genuine, something that comes with ulterior motives. The way we behave, the way we talk, the way we answer the challenges, every action and reaction must reflect the love of our Savior. Everything we do should be done without expecting anything in return, just enjoying the fact that maybe we can make a difference in someone's life.

Maybe we can't perform miracles in the same manner Jesus did, but a small act of kindness can be a miracle for your classmate or friend.

CHALLENGE:

Without a doubt you know someone who needs help, be it carrying a couch up the stairs or understanding some tougher subjects that were taught in class. My challenge to you is to offer your help without waiting on someone to ask you for help, to be the light that shines around them so that they would praise the Name of God. And whatever you do, do it with a smile on your face and enjoy the opportunity you have to be of help!

APPLICATION

Ask God to help you demonstrate that each person brings value to the world and to God's kingdom.



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THE BEST YEARS OF YOUR LIFE

WEEK NINE

Your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying, "This is the way, walk in it," Whenever you turn to the right hand Or whenever you turn to the left. (Isaiah 30:21) Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another. (Romans 12:10)

For many, the years spent at college/university are generally seen as "the best years of your life". However, they can also be synonymous with stress, anxiety, and loneliness, not just for a young Adventist, but for all the young people who pass through the institution.

It can be a real challenge to be able to apply yourself to your studies, to start an "adult life" on your own (like students who are away from home) and to manage it all in your head. This is also the time when external pressures arise, sometimes from the academic world and other times friends. Away from our family and church support, we are now forced to "review" our principles as Seventh-day Adventists, and make decisions to live out our faith and develop our own journey with God.

And so, I ask you: "How is your relationship with God?" Seriously, think about it... "How much time do you take out of your day to simply talk to Him?" Perhaps only when you pray before a meal? Maybe before you go to sleep? Maybe not even that... I've been there. My Christianity becomes mechanical, and I find myself doing things out of habit, living aimlessly, living without God. But I want to remind everyone reading this, "Be strong and of good courage, do not fear nor be afraid of them; for the LORD your God, He is the One who goes with you. He will not leave you nor forsake you." He will not leave you nor forsake you." (Deuteronomy 31:6). And "them" includes the stress and anxiety, etc.

I was blessed to be born into an Adventist home and to grow up according to God's

principles. Those who are born into families attending the church are often pressured by the imminence of baptism. This is a major risk; baptism should be talked about prudently and with wisdom; so many times we are often pushed to live a "borrowed" faith rather than making our own choice. The freedom to choose is something that God gave from the beginning of time... it was in heaven, and it was in the garden of Eden. When difficulties and tribulations come, that's when our faith is tested and tried. When we are on our own and have the freedom to choose without our families or church there to see, that's when we are tested. Student socializing that involves alcohol or other substances, exams on the Sabbath, colleagues who run over us to get to certain places of prominence, etc. How do we react? Let us keep close to our hearts the words of Paul to the Romans, *So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God* (Romans 8:8). So how can we testify to our colleagues and teachers when we are empty and aimless?

First, we need to take care of our relationship with God, have a connection so that we can help others. We have to love ourselves and we have to love others... because how can I love my neighbour if I don't love myself?

Then you might ask: How can we love ourselves? Like any thirsty person, we must go to the source. He who does not love does not know God, for God is love (1 John 4:8). Love is the perfect cure for everything that seems hopeless because love is God and God is love.

CHALLENGE

Think of someone you know who is going through a difficult time in their personal life. Find an encouraging Bible verse and share it with them. Don't forget to tell them that they're not alone and that you are there to help or just listen. Be an agent of love.

APPLICATION

Genuinely love and honor each other.



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TRUST IN GOD

WEEK TEN

For the Lord will be your confidence and will keep your foot from being caught. (Proverbs 3:26)

I am happy to share that there are victories in professional life that are won by placing our trust in God.

Today, my job responsibility is to sustain the performance and service of an important company in the food industry. This was not easy to achieve, in fact, I would not have achieved it without the help and guidance of God. Eight years ago, I was about to leave the company and my position as a quality technician because they could no longer accommodate my request to have Saturdays off. However, God had other plans.

I remember the day, it was a Friday, around 2 in the afternoon and the entire management team was no longer in the offices. God showed His favor towards me. As I was leaving for home an engineer approached me and asked if I could meet with him and the operational director of the company. I felt fearful and surprised by what was happening at that moment, but I trusted that God is just, and God's timing is perfect.

God's timing is never before, it is never after. It is never early. It is never late. It is always in God's moment, so I hurriedly went and entered the room in the company of the Engineer. The director mentioned something, referring to a previous conversation we had, I will never forget these words he emphasized: "I don't have a magic wand to move you to the position you want, but if you trust in your God, plans can change". And so, it was at the last moment God made a complete turnaround to my life, the director asked me to stay as a supervisor,

with responsibility for a line of products co-manufactured in Saltillo, Coahuila. At that moment I understood that God always has a better plan than mine. A better plan than ours.

If today you find yourself feeling uncertain and fearful, I want to invite you to reflect on God's goodness. I invite you to put your trust in God. He did it for me. He has done it for others. And He will do it for you. Just trust and believe that He will do it.

Just as Joseph ministered to the small details and God exalted him and placed him as governor of Egypt, that same God will fulfill His plan in your life and your dreams will be fulfilled according to His Word. The plans that God has for our lives will always be better.

In a world filled with unfilled promises, misplaced trusts, and broken lives, only Jesus is unchangeable and worthy of all our trust. Commit every day to pray for God to give you a spirit of discernment to know and seek His will for your life. Trust completely in the Lord.

CHALLENGE:

Make a list of ways you can trust the Lord... date them and write beside them the dates that God answered your requests. Being able to revisit them, will help you grow your faith.

APPLICATION:

Challenge yourself to never fear or doubt, but instead to walk in obedience and faith, and acknowledge Him in everything you do. To trust in God is to acknowledge God in every aspect of your life. Read Proverbs 3:6 "In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths".



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THE FATHER'S VOICE CALLS FOR YOU

WEEK ELEVEN

And when she had said these things, she went her way and secretly called Mary her sister, saying, "The Teacher has come and is calling for you." (John 11: 28, 29).

Have you seen the thirst for the Word on your campus?

Do you long for your friend's salvation?
Do you allow the voice of Jesus to be heard through you?

Some time ago, during my early professional years, I had many doubts about where God wanted me to be. I thought the only place to be surrounded by spirituality was at an Adventist institution. That's when I started a 40-day fast and prayer. It wasn't many days into the fast when a co-worker noticed what I was doing and asked me, "Are you challenging someone to do something?"

"Yes, I responded. I am challenging myself to do things that I wouldn't do by my own free will. So, every day I do a fast".

"What is tomorrow's challenge?" she asked me. "It's a vanity fast", I replied. The next day she came to work without makeup. I can't forget that scene! And from that day on we decided to continue the next 30 days of fasting.

I watched her struggle to fulfill each challenge on our Fast Days with an emotion that was contagious. The experience made me realize that God calls us in countless different ways. He

called her and He called me. I continue to pray for her as she cannot imagine. In each experience I reminded her of how much God does and can continue to do for her, because just like Mary when she heard that Jesus was there, she ran to meet Him.

I no longer have any doubt that God's presence is with me and that this was the place He chose for me. And that He is also calling me.

Are you sure that God is here? Do you hear him calling?

CHALLENGE:

What do you do when, like Mary, life takes your breath away? Do you run to meet Him or do you walk away disappointed?

When faced with unexpected circumstances, challenge yourself to read Matthew 11:28-30: "Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."

APPLICATION:

Prayer—personal contact with Jesus—changes everything. However, Jesus said there are some things that only happen by fasting. Commit to praying and fasting until you hear God's voice. Click here to read an article on fasting.

(<https://adventist.news/news/what-is-fasting-for-what-is-it-and-how-should-it-be-done>)



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UNVEILING THE UNKNOWN

WEEK TWELVE

How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? (Romans 10:14).

Calling on Jesus is one of the many blessed privileges of being a Christian. I encourage you to pause for a minute and reflect on the diverse circumstances in which you have called on God—times of happiness, thankfulness, love, devotion, fear, uncertainty, decision-making, sadness, remorse, challenges, sickness, and so on. What an opportunity to call on the King of this Universe, knowing He responds with unconditional, incomprehensible love!! Innumerable are the high honors that we enjoy because of our relationship with God. Unfortunately, billions in this world go through life unacquainted with this divine, transcendent love. Why is that? Why would someone carry their guilt and sorrows? Why would someone share their greatest joys with the jealous and uncaring? Why would someone labor arduously for achievements that never truly satisfy? Why would someone strive for a better life and never experience real transformation?

We might blame secularism, the world with its allurements of power and wealth, broken philosophies and perspectives, and existing world religions, etc. But while these influences—with their false assurances of hope and peace—do play significant roles in keeping multitudes away from Jesus, a vast majority of people do not call on God simply because they have never heard of Him.

How could someone remain unaware of God in this age of information? We find ourselves in an unprecedented era of accessibility and knowledge. It's difficult to fathom that today, in this day and

age, there are persons who have never heard of Jesus. After all, Isn't it a fact that anyone with internet access can swiftly obtain information on any subject?

Nevertheless, popular yet misleading beliefs about Christianity, misconceptions taught about Jesus, negative encounters with nominal Christians, misinterpretations of the Christian faith, inaccurate perspectives ascribed to Christians, and erroneous doctrines attributed to Christianity, along with many other reasons, have kept the real Jesus and His true character hidden. Truly, the billions of this world need someone to tell them about the Jesus they have never heard of.

I invite you, first and foremost, to experience Jesus more personally. Call on Him now! Embrace the unconditional and incredible love He offers. Additionally, partner with God to boldly embody the Jesus portrayed in the Bible for those who haven't heard of Him. Finally, in prayer, surrender your time, resources, and energy to God's disposal.

CHALLENGE

- How have you shared the story of Jesus with those who have never encountered Him?
- How can your life be a beacon of a love for those around you?

APPLICATION:

Read Joel 2:32, "And it shall come to pass that whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved." You are the answer. You are the one they are waiting on to tell them. What are you waiting on? Pray and ask God to show you someone to share the gospel with. Some family member, friend, classmate, or colleague who need to hear about the path to salvation. Someone who need to hear about Jesus and how much He loves them.



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WORTHY OF THE MISSION

WEEK THIRTEEN

For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. (Romans 1:16)

Have you ever felt undeserving of something? Or perhaps your thoughts have led you to believe that due to bad decisions or poor choices that you made, you can no longer represent the vision of the gospel. You can no longer be bold in sharing your testimony with others. This feeling has caused many young people to give up on participating in the mission that God has destined for them and to feel they are no longer worthy because of sin.

Have you ever felt small when living in a big city or when arriving at a large and diverse campus? When I entered university, this thought came to my mind and heart. I felt incapable and unworthy of sharing the gospel in such an imposing place, filled with people holding diverse ideologies and challenging thoughts to counter my belief. The enemy reminded me of each and every one of my sins, along with the feeling of incapacity, and the power to be a light at the University. So, what could I do to receive an explosion of divine strength within me and allow myself to be guided by the Holy Spirit?

Then I remembered that Jonah felt this way when he tried to flee from the divine commission. He expresses his feelings in Jonah 2:4 'Then I said, 'I have been cast out of Your sight; Yet I will look again toward Your holy temple.' Going through moments like these does not make you less valuable in God's eyes, quite the opposite! It's the perfect opportunity for God to remind you of the wonderful meaning of the gospel: 'it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes' Romans 1:16. Even in that vulnerable moment where the enemy tries to remind you of everything that has distanced you from the Divine presence, may God himself remind you that His immense power is perfected in weakness! (2 Corinthians 12:9-10). Neither heaven nor the preaching of the Gospel will be the same without you. 'Just as surely as there is a place prepared for us in the heavenly

mansions, there is a designated place on earth where we are to work for God.' (PVGM 262.3).

Today, lift your eyes to the sky; Jesus misses your voice in prayer. He knows the torment you are surely going through, and that's why the Lord tells you today that your negative thoughts about being an instrument to fulfill the mission don't matter; Satan and his torments have no more power over you. Today, by the grace of God, you are worthy in Christ Jesus; you are worthy of the divine commission through the same gospel we preach: "The power of God for salvation to everyone who believes." Today, I challenge you that when the enemy tries to ask you, "Are you worthy?"

"Do you still believe you are worthy?" Confidently respond: Yes! By the grace of Christ, I am worthy of being an instrument in the hands of God to fulfill the mission.

For the glory of God, in my university, we managed to conduct a campaign donating Adventist books to the university library. We made an impact for a week with students and teachers by distributing the book "The Great Controversy," held a reading club where we reviewed a chapter of the Book of Ecclesiastes once a week, created a prayer garden and burned petitions at the end of each month, and held consecration services at the beginning of each semester. God has blessed the mission at my university and with my peers of my generation.

CHALLENGE

Remember, we cannot save ourselves. Today, write down the names of classmates, faculty, or staff members who you would like to pray for and with. Each day pray and ask God to open up a way to reach the persons on your list. Keep a record of how God is working it out and how He is answering the prayers.

APPLICATION

Pray, that like Paul, you will boldly proclaim the gospel of Christ to everyone you meet.



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WEEK FOURTEEN

*So shall My word be that goes forth
from My mouth; it shall not return to
Me void, but it shall accomplish what I
please, and it shall prosper in the thing
for which I sent it. (Isaiah 55:11)*

Large schools provide a stage for witnessing and an opportunity to see how God can use you. This is my case.

Have you ever wondered... “Why me, Lord”? Surely, we’ve all asked this question at some point. I realized I was no exception when I received an invitation from the PCM director of the Central Association of Honduras, Professor Nils Andrade, for a meeting of Adventist university students on my university campus. Have you ever found yourself in a new situation that could make you feel ashamed, especially when you are part of the minority? That day, only three young people gathered, and being exposed to so many unknown faces, I felt a bit of shame. However, I didn’t stop attending the weekly meetings. Every Wednesday, we gathered to meet Jesus under the shade of a large, leafy mango tree that shielded us from rain and sun.

Have you thought that Jesus often impacted great cities through a dialogue with just one person? Do you believe that can also happen in our times?

On one occasion, a non-believing friend and classmate saw me at our “meeting place” and without hesitation, he approached and asked what we were doing there. My friend was an athlete, and the idea of changing his lifestyle intrigued him greatly. So, I immediately told him it was meetings to know the love of Christ through songs, biblical activities, and reflections, and I quickly presented a brief summary of the “eight natural remedies.”

On many occasions I share a meal with my friend, as he was not from the city and sometimes couldn’t afford to eat due to his tight budget. During those moments, I had the chance to listen to him and invite him to our growing group meetings. However, due to the pandemic, he had to start working, and it became difficult for him to accept

my virtual invitations. One Saturday, returning from church, a mutual friend messaged me, and with sadness, I learned he had been in a car accident and lost his life. Can you imagine all that went through my mind?

There have been many opportunities for witnessing. We have conducted missionary activities on the campus, giving away books and magazines, providing Bible studies, and praying for the fidelity of every young Adventist, holding on to our beliefs, and guiding them to seek alternatives with their professors to avoid academic activities on Saturdays, and above all, showing God’s love to everyone by addressing basic human needs. And you know what? I am no longer ashamed to be a Seventh-day Adventist on my campus.

That day, I thanked God for crossing paths with my friend and knowing that his purpose in my life was to be that first person to whom I spoke about the Bible and the love of Christ with at my university.

Large cities offer a stage for witnessing and opportunities for God to use you. Today, I invite you to talk to your classmates, professors, cleaning staff, or anyone else you encounter. Do they know that true love can only be found in Jesus Christ? Touch one heart at a time, and you’ll touch the whole world!

God bless your ministry as a Missionary on the Public Campus!

CHALLENGE

Do your best to share the truth in love. Many new believers will have many questions about salvation, so study the Word of God and read as many material as you can find that our church has provided on topics that they are asking about.

APPLICATION

Remember, grow your relationship with Jesus as you try to tell others about Him. Pray daily that God will open opportunities for you to share the gospel of truth with persons on your campus. Remember, the only difference between you and them is the grace of God.



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HIS DESIRE

WEEK FIFTEEN

But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light... (1 Peter 2:9)

While serving as a PCMer, I often felt shy because I did not grow up in a religious environment, and so I did not have the confidence I thought I needed. My friends, on the other hand had a different experience—they grew up in religious environments. Every Tuesday we gathered together to sing hymns, pray, study, and share God's Word—we called this special time "Love Lunch." Initially, I worried that my friends only attended these meetings for the food or because of me, but I prayed to God about this. Over time, I realized that my friends were genuinely engaged, they would ask questions about the Bible and listened keenly to the stories I shared. This to me, was a testament of God answering my prayers.

We would sing Korean hymns in our gatherings, even though some friends could not understand Korean. Gradually, they became familiar with the songs and bravely sang the lyrics. This, I believe, was God's grace, helping us overcome language barriers.

I believe the Bible holds the answers. One Bible verse I particularly love and often use when praying is Psalm 119:5: "Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path." Even as a missionary, I sometimes still have doubts about faith and life, but amazingly, my questions often find answers through

pastors, fellow believers, and other youth sharing insights from the Bible. This is why I hold this verse dear because the Bible, God's Word, has all the answers.

My journey as a PCM missionary drew me closer to God. This was a time when I felt closest to God, especially when I was tired and facing challenges. God always used my friends to encourage me. Sometimes, even when I did not tell them anything, they could sense that something was wrong, and they took me to the places I wanted to go and treated me to the food I craved. It felt like God knew exactly what I needed and granted my desires in a special way. Although my term as a PCM missionary will end next year, I will continue to work diligently in God's ministry to spread the gospel.

Thank you, everyone.

CHALLENGE:

Do you want to become a PCM missionary? How has God responded to your prayers in a special way?

Ask God to use you to share the Good News about Jesus, the Christ with others. Pray that God will raise up PCMs across the nations and the world to help and bring many souls to a knowledge of Jesus and be saved.

APPLICATION

He gives you the strength to walk boldly in His will. Sharing the gospel is an opportunity to learn that Jesus is trustworthy, wise, and always with us. Pray for God to open your eyes to the opportunities around you to share every day.



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HERE I AM, SEND ME

WEEK SIXTEEN

*Also I heard the voice of the Lord,
saying: "Whom shall I send, and who
will go for Us?" Then I said, "Here am I!
Send me."'" (Isaiah 6:8, NKJV)*

When I was a little girl, my favorite Bible stories dealt with callings. I deeply enjoyed the scenes of God calling ordinary people to do the extraordinary through His power. Isaiah chapter 6 quickly became my favorite calling scene as it shows what happens behind curtains when God raises a prophet among men.

God had an urgent and special message to be delivered in the midst of a complex society, but He does not start the process with a powerful sermon for the multitudes. Instead, God first calls Isaiah in a vision. Isaiah 6 begins showing us the prophet in the very presence of the Lord. At the sight of His glory, Isaiah feels the weight of his sinful humanity and cries in recognition of his condition (v.5). On his own, Isaiah was underqualified but in verse 6 we find the Lord equipping His prophet for mission by cleansing his lips with a live coal from the heavenly altar. Whatever words Isaiah spoke were to be pure, as he was being commanded to be God's voice for a corrupted generation. Next, God forgives Isaiah's sin (v.7), making him a

clean vessel which He could use. Lastly, the Lord ask the question: "Whom shall I send?" After undergoing the whole process, the prophet accepts that he's been made ready and with no hesitation he answers: "Here I am! Send me."

What I keep finding amazing about this process is that the Lord is using the same method, even today! He has seen a great challenge in getting His message of salvation to the cities of our secular world, but He has also seen you. Yes, you! He knows how ordinary you are, but He also knows your full potential in His hands. God is calling you into His presence today. He has shown you all of His glory! You have bear witness to all of what God can do. Today, God is touching your lips with live coal from the altar and has cleaned all of your sinful records. You are clean! The Lord has already put in your heart the words you shall carry into your city and He's asking time and again: "whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Will you answer?

CHALLENGE:

What are three opportunities for mission that you can see in your city? Reach out to your mentors and leaders today and pray together for God to show you the doors He has opened for you to accomplish your divine mission.



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FAITH'S RIPPLE EFFECT

WEEK SEVENTEEN

And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ.... (Ephesians 4:11-13)

Have you ever found yourself ministering in a way that you were not aware of? “Do not try to become preachers but become ministers for God.” (Christian Service 92.1)

In the book of Acts we see Paul and Silas, travelling through several cities during the early part of his second missionary journey. They had different experiences everywhere they went. When they got to Philippi (on the border of Macedonia and Greece) they had a particularly dramatic encounter with a young soothsayer girl and Paul cast the demonic spirit out from her. On first glance, one might say that this young girl was doing a good thing because she bore witness that Paul and Silas were on a divine mission. But we see that her owners were not happy that Paul cast the demonic spirit out of her. They accused Paul and his companion of promoting a false god. The “big problem” was that this young girl divination/soothsaying was a means of income for her owners. This caused an uproar that got Paul and Silas beaten and thrown in jail.

However, the Bible tells us that they began to sing hymns and prayed. It may not be the most surprising detail to read yet exciting to learn that they chose to worship God in this grim time. They had genuinely done no wrong. The God who had seen

them through many ugly experiences before was with them yet again.

Suddenly, there was an earthquake that shook the foundations of the building till the doors were opened and all the prisoners’ bands were miraculously loosened. The Philippian jailor woke from his slumber, and afraid that the prisoners had escaped, decided to kill himself to avoid getting in trouble. But Paul presented himself to the jailer and let him know that they were still in the building. Shuddering his way to the men of God, he asked, “... Sirs, what must I do to be saved?” (KJV Acts 16:30) and they responded “... Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.” (KJV Acts 16:31) They preached to the jailor, and he invited them to his home where all rejoiced, believing in God.

It was during their full commitment to their mission that they found themselves in a trying moment. At an uncomfortable moment, that could have discouraged them, their unshaken faith in God caused them to worship instead of murmur. These men were also kind towards those who oppressed them. This was a form of ministry that won souls that day!

CHALLENGE:

How can you, in this draining, unfair, threatening, and terrifying life hold on to the mission and promises of God? When perplexed and in disheartening situations, do you trust our loving Father to come to your rescue?

How can you share your experiences as a testimony of what God can do in someone else’s life and lead them to Christ?



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UNEXPECTED OPPORTUNITIES

WEEK EIGHTEEN

Fear not, little flock; for it is your father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom" (Luke 12:32, KJV)

As I was preparing to attend a Tuesday evening vespers service I received a notification indicating that an exam that I thought I was going to take on the Thursday at 4 pm, was actually on Wednesday, the next day, at 9 am. Naturally, anxiety quickly kicked in because I had spent the day studying other courses and now, I only had a few hours to prepare for my exam.

I still decided to attend vespers because I felt I had a case to present to God. At the end of the service, I realized that I wasn't the only person sharing in this predicament. What I realized was that I was given the perfect opportunity to encourage my fellow friends who were equally distressed.

When we think of opportunities for sharing our faith, we often imagine them to be under the best of conditions and in perfect circumstances. But sometimes, great opportunities for mission is veiled in painful circumstances. If we allow ourselves to see everything through the eyes of God, we will find many unexpected opportunities to influence others for the Master.

How can we find the strength to encourage others when we ourselves need encouragement? We can find encouragement in the scriptures, and one text which speaks to me in stressful times is Luke 12:32. I am encouraged to not be afraid because it is my Heavenly Father's good pleasure to give me the kingdom. I interpret this to mean that God desires the best for me and for others and our difficult times may just be the means through which He provides opportunities for other people to be drawn to Himself.

CHALLENGE

- Do you see your negative circumstances as 'unexpected opportunities' for reaching out to others?
- Have you thought about asking God to use your challenges as means for reaching out to others?
- Do you desire to be used by God to strengthen others even when you are weak?

PRAYER THOUGHT:

Dear Lord, give me the eyes to see opportunities in my circumstances to reach out to others. Help me to strengthen others even in my weakness. Amen.



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I MUST WORK THE WORKS OF HIM THAT SENT ME

WEEK NINETEEN

The Signs of the End as found in Matthew 24 and Mark 13 declare the soon appearing of Jesus and urges every person to place their hands on the plough of evangelistic work. As we see the signs being fulfilled the message is to be spread with power and reach all the corners of the earth. We need to work the works of Him who has sent us. (John 9:4 KJV)

The greatest work ever entrusted to man is before us. A work to stand in the highways and byways, in the busy cities, in our workplaces, wherever a soul is found and declare the Good News. To make known the Message of the Three Angels of Revelation 14. Calling people to the Savior, telling them of His tender love for them, teaching of His soon coming, and warning them of the consequences of sin and the end thereof should be our daily mission. Time is no more. Now more than ever are we to work tirelessly towards this end.

From the life of Jesus, we clearly discern that our life's greatest responsibility is service to God (see Luke 2:42-51). We have no excuse but to carry the duty appointed to us with love: we must hunger and thirst to serve God in a greater way. Especially in these last days we must have a burden for the salvation of others. Let us now go into the cities,

asking God to pour the Latter Rain—His Holy Spirit—to liven our evangelism. When this is done, an explosion of the work will be witnessed in divine proportions. Like Samuel, I encourage you to answer His call. Partner with the Savior in seeking the lost and calling sinners to repentance. Then GO! Paul writes, "...It is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of His good pleasure." Philippians 2:13 KJV.

Let us like Christ echo the words: "I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work." (John 9:4) Let us labor on our school campuses, in the large cities, in the small communities, anywhere people are to be found. "Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest!" (John 4:35b NKJV). An immediate response is imperative. "Today, if you will hear His voice, do not harden your hearts..." Hebrews 3:7, 8 NKJV.

CHALLENGE:

Read and think on Luke 18:8. Wherever you are placed seek to answer this question in the affirmative by action. Find a way to include God in your conversation with your friends. Study your Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy to help you evangelize and lead others to Christ.



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EMBRACING THE YOUTH'S MISSION IN EVANGELISM

WEEK TWENTY

Have you ever wondered how involvement in city missions' shapes lives, especially as youths? How about the impact our dedication to missions could have, lighting the way for a world in need of hope?

We cannot share what we do not have. It's like the process of a seed needing to undergo its transformation. , much like our journey in mission work, starting with a kind of self-renunciation. It's about shedding our doubts and relying fully on Christ. Just as a seed requires daily sustenance for its growth, through activities like reading the Bible, prayer, and sharing our faith, our goal is to ultimately guide others (Fruits) in their spiritual journey, urging us to devote time to missions away from home.

Missions aren't just a means to share the gospel, they deeply contribute to our own spiritual growth. Many of us are hesitant due to different reason. So, what's the path ahead? Well, the call to missions is apparent, echoing the quote that resonates with me: "All are not called upon to enter ministry, but nevertheless, they are to minister." (MCP 344.5 1977) It underscores each person's role in sharing Christ's love. Never forget that

we're not alone—Christ accompanies us every step of the way, *"surely I am with you always..."* (Matthew 28:20 NIV), now is the time to act, as "Every day the probation of some is closing," (PP p. 140.1) and that mission work isn't restricted to specific locations; it's a lifestyle. It's a call to step out of our comfort zones, even in our daily lives.

Life as a youth can be busy, but even in those moments of relaxation – hanging out, chilling, or simply unwinding – there's an opportunity to make a difference. Sometimes, learning that a friend has missed out due to sickness a it is prompt to pay them a visit. During these unplanned encounters, I've shared remedies, health laws, and the gospel, all while praying together. Observing the transformations in their health or lives showcases the remarkable way the Lord works in our everyday lives.

Missions isn't just a task or a duty; it's a journey brimming with joy and spiritual fulfillment. It's an opportunity to share the love of Christ with others, a chance to witness lives transformed and a path to experience a piece of heaven on earth May we daily embrace the call to disciple.



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ADVENTIST IDENTITY AND EVANGELISM

WEEK TWENTY ONE

*Let your light so shine before men,
that they may see your good works
and glorify your Father in heaven.”
Matthew 5:16 (NKJV).*

I count myself privileged to be part of Adventist Students on Campus ministry. Serving God through that platform via various opportunities and positions had a great impact on my life, both as a student and a young professional.

I enjoyed the warm and friendly relationships among Christian students on my Campus (Federal Polytechnic, Ado Ekiti, Nigeria). Members related to one another as a big happy family, where love and unity prevails. It was encouraging to see that despite the uncomfortable nature of the worship center, so many students were committed and would worship under harsh weather conditions such as hot scorching sun and even under the rain. The love and eagerness to study the Word of God together was second to none. Every worship program was always a delight, especially time for evangelism. It was really a wonderful experience.

I would not forget to testify of a wonderful roommate of mine who had observed that I attended church meetings on Saturdays (Sabbath). She

was surprised to find out that some people attend church on Saturdays, so she agreed with me to search the scriptures about it. One Sabbath morning, as I was getting ready for church, I noticed that she was also dressed up. She told me that she would follow me to our church meeting that day. I initially took it as a joke but soon realized that she was serious about it. We attended the church program together that Sabbath with joy in our hearts. After the service, she said “I observed that you all worshipped like one big happy family, and everyone participated in the program especially Sabbath School”. I was glad when she said this. She also told me that she really enjoyed the service. That day she decided to attend our weekly and Sabbath services. Although at the time she was not attending regularly, she studied and searched the Bible and would attend when she could.

I was overjoyed when after some months of study my friend was convinced and decided to get baptized. She is now active member in her local church. I am so glad I identified myself with the Adventist Student Fellowship on campus. It is a privilege to follow Jesus, embrace His mission, and be a part of changing the world one soul at a time.



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EMBRACING THE CALL: FROM GETHSEMANE TO THE WORLD

WEEK TWENTY TWO

Father, if it is Your will, take this cup away from Me; nevertheless not My will, but Yours, be done.” Luke 22:42, NKJV

Let’s travel back 2,000 years in time and imagine our Lord in Gethsemane. A lot of things, doubtless, must have been running through His mind as the powers of hell rushed on him with an avalanche of temptations. There seemed to be no hope in sight as He was about to drink the greatest cup of suffering—all for humanity’s sake.

The feeling of unity with His Father seemed broken and the same Jesus who had before declared with confidence “..He who sent Me is with Me. The Father has not left Me alone...” (John 8:29, NKJV), could not at this point say so with the same gusto and aplomb as before. He seemed to be shivering all through, for how could He go through this great trial without evidence of His Father’s approval and presence?

The fate of humanity hung in a balance. Will Jesus go through this suffering, thus, giving hope to Adam’s fallen and helpless race or will He wipe the bloody sweat off His face and

abandon humanity to its dreadful fate. Jesus, relying on the many evidence of the Father’s love given to Him hitherto, chose the former, bringing life to all penitent and repentant persons of the rebellious planet.

Since Jesus is our example in all things and we are to ‘follow His steps’, we are to submit to the will of God just as He did and embrace the call to step out of our comfort zones to reach out to souls that are perishing. The fact that Jesus gave all for us should be the greatest motivation of giving all for His service.

It is very true that there may be lots of uncertainties in submitting to God’s will, but those uncertainties will fade away, if by God’s grace, like Jesus, you will declare “Not My will, but Yours, be done.”

May God give us the grace to give all for Him.

CHALLENGE QUESTIONS

How can you trust God’s plan even when the path is unclear?

How can you find strength in sacrificing for others?

How can you embody Christ’s love through acts of mercy?



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GOD SEEKS YOUR INPUT

WEEK TWENTY THREE

And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." (Matthew 28:18-20 NKJV).

The great controversy—the battle between Christ and Satan—has always revolved around 'loyalty. Ellen G. White puts it this way: "It has ever been the design of Satan to draw the minds of the people from Jesus to man, and to destroy individual accountability". (EW 213.2).

The prophet Hosea says, 'My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge....'(Hosea 4:6a. NKJV) but God desires all men to be saved by coming to the knowledge of truth, says the apostle Paul (Read 1 Timothy 2:3,4). Hence, the truth must be heralded for some people to be saved.

The question then becomes, what medium does God employ to herald this saving truth?' Christ's commission to His disciples answers this question "Go therefore and make disciples of all

the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age. (Matthew 28:19-20 NKJV). Today we are the living disciples of Christ and the great commission to teach the gospel truth is still in force today as it was approximately 2,000 years ago. Experience has shown that many people are ignorant of this special saving truth but they will willingly accept it when it is presented to them clearly.

Everyone has a role to play in this great commission of our Lord Jesus Christ to all His followers and God expects us to share in the joy of this service for the salvation of souls. We can begin right where we are on our campuses, and then to the cities, and the ends of the earth.

CHALLENGE QUESTIONS:

- What are some practical ways you can reach out to your friends, fellow students, faculty and staffs in your campus? Make a list.
- In what ways can you use your career or knowledge to advance the gospel of Christ?
- How have you been proclaiming the gospel by your lifestyle?



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DEPARTING WORDS

WEEK TWENTY FOUR

And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go [a] therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age. Matthew 28:18-20

It is often the case that the final words that people share before they part ways for a significant amount of time are solemnly remembered by all parties involved. Picture a student who's about to go to college for the first time. Just before they walk through the terminal gates of their local airport, they embrace their parents whilst mum and dad whisper, "We love you and we'll miss you." Those words hold the power of influence strong enough to carry that student through the upcoming difficult semester. As our Lord Jesus departed this earth, He too left us with a message so dear and relevant for our time, that He believed that it was the last message that we would need to hear from His very own lips before he ascended to heaven.

"And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them

to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen." Matthew 28:18-20 (KJV)

Isn't it interesting, that the last thing that Jesus told His disciples before ascending to heaven was not a promise of a great education or successful careers but rather a command to tell others of His love. This puts a lot in perspective. While we go about our lives hoping to enjoy our youth, achieve high grades and subsequently carve out comfortable and successful lives on this earth, we often lose sight of the importance of seeking God and spreading the Gospel. Perhaps this is why Jesus thought it best to leave us with the words that He did, and recorded in Matthew 28:18-20; so that whenever we get lost in the cares of this world, we may recall His Words and re-center our focus on the world to come and our work in preparing humanity for His return. "Go ye therefore and teach all nations."

CHALLENGE

As you contemplate the words above, ask yourself the following questions:

- Have I been faithful in doing my part in spreading the gospel?
- Have I at times prioritized other things over my relationship with God and the spreading of His Word?
- In what areas of my life do I have an opportunity to tell others of God's love?



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MISSION EXPLOSION

WEEK TWENTY FIVE

*But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is a chosen vessel of Mine to bear My name before Gentiles, kings, and the children of Israel."
– Acts 9:15 (NKJV)*

University campuses are some of the most diverse places on earth. Young adults from around the world come to live on the same campus as us for a few years. We speak different languages. We hold different religious beliefs and varying political ideologies. We come with different degrees of wealth and privilege. And in this context, we encounter concepts and ways of thinking we never imagined before. It's beautiful, exciting, and sometimes also very daunting.

In this diverse crucible we oftentimes create some of the best friendships, and make our best friends—the friends we will keep for life. We also meet our enemies—those people who are so different in seemingly hostile ways that we can't begin to understand them. As I write this, professors at my school are saying now is the most difficult time of their careers to be on campus. In some places tensions are so high, we genuinely feel as though we are in class with our enemies.

In this difficult context, how can we conceive of building bridges with our classmates strong enough to hold the immense meaning and beauty of the gospel—the "eternal weight of glory" as Paul writes in 2 Corinthians 4:17-18?

It starts with thinking differently about our enemies. See, before Paul was able to understand, much less write, about the gospel in his epistles to the Corinthians, he was an enemy to many. In Acts 9, members of the fledgling Christian movement like Ananias were resistant to even be in the

same room as Saul. He was truly a threat to them. And yet, when Ananias questioned God's request for him to visit Saul, God responds: "Go, for he is a chosen vessel of Mine to bear My name before Gentiles, kings, and the children of Israel."

Saul had in every way acted as Ananias' enemy up until that point, and he had no reason to believe Saul wanted to change. And yet by God's intervention through Ananias, Saul was transformed from enemy to friend, ally, and explosive evangelist to people around the world.

Some people in class with us may not seem like people we can understand. They may not seem like people we can ever get along with. They may be our enemies. And yet God is working in the lives of all of us—even those who seem like our enemies—to create transformations like that of Paul.

CHALLENGE:

How would your relationship with your classmates change if you viewed them all as "chosen vessels of God"?

When you find yourself assuming the worst about someone, how might God's message to Ananias apply?

Do you think that bridge-building is an important part of mission? Why or why not? What is God inviting you to do on your campus in response to the story of Paul and Ananias?

APPLICATION

Everytime you find yourself judging someone or you find it difficult to love them, look at them as someone God is advocating for. If you begin to see each person as a member of your family, it might be easier to understand them. And even if you cannot understand them, just knowing that God loves them will help.



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GOD'S UNBOUNDED REACH TO EVERY CITY

WEEK TWENTY SIX

Now the Lord spoke to Paul in the night by a vision, "Do not be afraid, but speak, and do not keep silent; for I am with you, and no one will attack you to hurt you; for I have many people in this city." (Acts 18: 9,10 NKJV)

In the face of envy, strife, idolatry and sensuality, the Gospel of Christ experienced triumph in the city of Corinth. Corinth was cursed with licentious behavior to such an extent that the very name of the city became a symbol and byword for sensuality. The word "Corinthianize" signified extravagant dissipation. An understanding of the nature and the extent to which Corinth had been entangled in sin helps us grasp how God can save the vilest sinner via human agency. There was also in Corinth the worship of false deities such as the worship of Aphrodite, the goddess of love. It is believed that about 1,000 attractive young ladies served as courtesans or public prostitutes, at the shrine of the goddess of love. Whereas the pious Jews were blinded by their false expectations of the messiah, the Greeks regarded the everlasting gospel as foolishness.

Ellen G. White, in the book, "Ministry to the Cities" comments, "God requires that we shall give the message of present truth to every city, and not keep the work bound up in a few places. Wherever an opening for the truth can be found, there let men be stationed who are capable of presenting its teachings with a power and conviction that will reach hearts" (MTC 86.1). This shows us how intentional God is in reaching the heart of everyone in the cities, even the most sin-hardened person. He has invited us to do this work with Him.

In his 18 months of missionary work in that adulterous city, Corinth, the message of God to Paul "...I have much people in this city" was confirmed. O, that we know how much people in our cities God desires to save through our unwavering effort.

At the end, Paul witnessed numerous people give their lives to Christ and the Church of God was planted among the prodigal people of Corinth. In the face of these recent chaos, elevated crime rate and opposition to truth, God desires the young missionary to bring hope to the hopeless and to release those who are entangled in sin through the power of the gospel. Like Paul in Corinth, the young missionary's work in the city will be faced with opposition and great hatred. However, the Word of God remains, "Do not be afraid, but speak, and do not keep silent; for I am with you, and no one will attack you to hurt you; for I have many people in this city" (Acts 18: 9,10 NKJV).

CHALLENGE

In calling the Corinthians to believe the everlasting gospel, Paul was faced with numerous dangers.

- Can we as postmodern missionary expect any less danger as we go on God's mission?
- One night in a vision, the Lord said to Paul, "Do not be afraid, but speak, and do not keep silent..." How is this fear different from that fear which is mentioned by the first angel in Revelation 14:6,7?
- How does fear inhibits the furtherance of the gospel?



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NEVER ASHAMED TO GO

WEEK TWENTY SEVEN

For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek..”
(Romans 1:16, NKJV)

Multiple reactions followed the granting of citizenship to Sophia by Saudi Arabia in October 2017 and understandably so—Sophia was a robot. Designed by Hanson Robotics, she acted like humans and physically looked like them. Sophia could respond to questions and even ask questions. After seeing an interview with the humanoid robot on YouTube [1] I wasn't as fascinated with the robot as I was with her designers. But no matter how amazing Sophia may have been, she remained the brainchild of her creator, man.

Man, created in the likeness of God and empowered with dominion (Genesis 1:26), has never grown weary of creating things. With unending advancements in science, the world has become soaked with the creations of man to the extent that urban dwellers see much of the latest technologies than they see the handiwork of God in nature.

Lately, artificial intelligence (AI) has taken center stage in technology. The goal of AI is to enable machines to mimic the way humans process information and execute tasks. Programmers achieve

this through the use of very complex algorithms. Sophia, the humanoid robot, is a typical example of AI.

AI and other advancements in science have led men to think so highly of themselves that many have belittled and/or are even denying the existence of God. However, investigating AI has only served to solidify my belief in God. Can AI ever come to be without humans? What if I argued that Sophia came to be after a big bang?

Like we read in today's text, I too am not ashamed to tell the world that man, who so intelligently crafted AI, was equally crafted by a more intelligent God who has chosen Jesus Christ as the means to salvation for all. If the Hanson Robotics is so proud to present and speak of Sophia to the world, then I am not ashamed to declare Christ in my circle of influence, my campus.

CHALLENGE

- In what ways can I confidently witness about the truth of God's Word to the staff and students on my campus?
- What parts of the Advent message am I ashamed to present and what can do to grow my confidence?
- How can I remain focused on the wonders and teachings of God's Word, and not allow the words of men to cloud this?



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WHEN GOD GUIDES

WEEK TWENTY EIGHT

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.. Phil 4:13

Dozens of people were murdered during the protests that were taking place across the Sudanese territory due to the military coup in 2021. Since it was only my fourth day in the country, I wondered whether God really had brought me there or if He still wanted me to stay in Sudan as a student. Then I did what the Bible teaches us to do in times of important decisions, I prayed. In one hand I had friends, family members and also missionaries asking me to leave the country, however my passion for serving was telling me to stay and not to leave the country. As I spent time in prayer, God was whispering in my ear that He had a plan, that I should not fear. Since I was going against what a natural, rational decision seemed to be I decided to trust and give once again my heart, body and life to God. If death would be His will to glorify His name on earth I was accepting the calling.

For several weeks I went to sleep to the sound of gunshots and explosions that happened on the street of my house. On one of the protest days I saw something that shocked me to my core. I was afraid. But God touched my heart and told me

that I didn't need to fear, because He was protecting me, and so it happened, He has kept me safe all these months. Around my 18th month serving in the country, I had the privilege of working and assisting the pastor in one of his home churches, during which time a former non-Christian was baptized, and the membership increased by 300%.

We gave Bible Study to a Sudanese woman, God used me to cast demons out of people suffering from demonic possession, we prayed for the sick. I got engaged to a missionary woman, who was also serving in the region, and today it has been more than four months since our wedding. I have seen how God leads and guides my life.

CHALLENGE

- What would you do if you receive a calling that does not please your friends and family? What if they say it is not rational and perhaps that plan just popped out of your head?
- How do you recognize/know when it is God's voice?
- Is your relationship with Him mature enough to discern which way to go? Are you ready to say before God : "I Will Go" ?



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BEING AN ANGEL

WEEK TWENTY NINE

Then I saw another angel flying in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach to those who dwell on the earth—to every nation, tribe, tongue, and people.” (Revelation 14:6 NKJV)

You certainly have heard about angels in your life. Sometimes we talk about them figuratively, like a friend who is always by your side in times of need. Either way, rarely we put ourselves in position of being an angel, specially speaking beyond protection role. If we turn to the Bible, we'll find several characteristics of angels, but one of the most important, I think, is being the bearer of a message.

In the stories of many patriarchs and heroes of faith we see angels bringing messages of different tones, from consolation to judgment. Revelation is a book filled with angels since its first chapter, where the angel of Jesus Christ gave John the message of the book.

Revelation 14 begin with a glimpse of some of God's people standing before the Lamb. Then the Revelator saw an angel “flying in midair, and he had the eternal Gospel to proclaim”. Historically, Seventh-day Adventists have interpreted this passage as indicating the role of God's people in end-time preaching, beginning on October 22, 1844. Since then, we have been living in a time that urges our attention and full commitment to preaching the Gospel.

An important point to be highlighted in this passage is the prominence of the angel. In addition to flying through the sky, something that would attract enough attention, verse 7 says that the message is proclaimed with a “loud voice.” If we are supposed to be that angel, I would like to invite you to reflect on this question: How prominent has our preaching of the gospel been?

As college students, we can often be more “preached to” than being “preachers.” However, we are called by the Lamb to be His angels in the midst of this fallen world, informing those who “dwell on the earth” that God's judgment has already begun and that the time of mercy will soon close.

Today I would like to challenge you to be an angel. Not a timid angel, but a great angel, flying in the midst of heaven and proclaiming the Gospel with a loud voice. And remember that we don't need a megaphone to be heard.

CHALLENGE

- How prominent has our preaching of the gospel been?
- What does it mean to you to be an angel in the midst of this fallen world?
- What does it mean to “proclaim the message loudly”?



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CHANGING THE WORLD, ONE CITY AT A TIME

WEEK THIRTY

Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen” (Ephesians 3:20-21 NKJV)

I don't know about you guys, but I spend most of my waking moments at the university I attend or at the company where I am doing my internship. Is the part of my life that demands almost all my hours, my strength and my efforts. For a long time, my dream was to be a missionary in a remote country, somewhere people really needed me and my abilities. Somewhere I could really make a difference, you know?

But as soon as I started my graduation, that seemed to be an afterthought. That dream began to seem so far away, so unlikely to come true. My life now was all about studying and getting my degree...and it was all-consuming.

But then, something changed. God showed me the purpose He had for my life and that changed everything. That cross-cultural mission is only one part of our mission as disciples and followers of Christ and He made me realize I'm in a unique position to fulfill His call on my life. In the exact place where I am inserted, I am the only person who can reach and influence the people with whom I have daily contact. And His plan

for me was far greater than anything I could ever imagine!

We can be sources of influence anywhere. The cities today are full of people with crowded routines and empty lives, they need God. And why we usually don't show Him? We must be beacons of light and love for the cities in which we live and study, reflecting Jesus with our lives.

Now I know that, for now, this is where I'm meant to be. This is where God showed me my purpose and where I can join Him in expanding His Kingdom in the city I live in, and in my community. And where I can boost other students in my university to do the same. Doing so, I know I can make the difference right here, in my city.

Always remember that God can use us in spite of ourselves, no matter where we are. And together we can change the world, one city at a time!

CHALLENGE

- How can you make a difference in the environments you are in?
- Has God shown you any purpose for your life that you are reluctant to accept?
- If you are reluctant, why?
- Is there any project that you can organize, using your area of study, to impact your city?



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HOPE, JOY, AND PEACE

WEEK THIRTY ONE

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.” Romans 15:13 (NIV)

Today, I want to invite you to analyze a fascinating biblical text in Romans 15:13. To do so, let's divide it into three parts:

“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace [...]” How can we feel joy and peace in such turbulent times? We have just come out of a pandemic, which was a desperate situation, and we are now facing a scenario of war, increased impunity, frequent heinous crimes, price increases in basic items, natural catastrophes, lack of security, and the establishment of crises in many places. In short, the list of problems is huge, not to mention those we go through in our homes, families, and everyday interpersonal relationships.

The answer to this question is in the following part of the Bible verse:

“[PUTYOUR NAME HERE] as you trust in him,”

In other words, we will only feel joy and peace when we trust God completely. Trusting Him is assuming He is in control of all things, regardless of the scenario in which we find ourselves. When there seem to be no way out and we find ourselves in difficult and even desperate situations, that is when we need to exercise our faith and trust in the God who can do everything, in addition, to seeking Him in Spirit and Truth. We need to keep in mind what the Psalmist says in Psalm 10:9, “And those who know Your name will put their trust in You; for You, Lord, have not forsaken those who seek You.”

It is when we seek Him and trust Him that we are filled with the joy and peace that is beyond all understanding and that only He can give. But what about the rest of the verse? Let's see:

“[...] so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.”

When we trust in God, in addition to joy and peace, He also fills us with hope; even better, He overflows us. In this context, overflow is to transmit to others what the Lord gives us. In the world we live in, more and more people need to anchor themselves in something or someone, and in this incessant search, many people place their trust in ancient meditation techniques, in false gods, or even in themselves. The truth is these people's needs will only be satisfied when they know Jesus. This is our role: to introduce Him. Through our actions and words, we can be this channel between Him and our neighbors, relatives, friends, college classmates, and other people with whom we come into contact. Our testimony and the attitude we have toward different situations lead others to have a glimpse of what it means to have joy, hope, and peace amidst chaos. Dear young and valuable university student, by the power of the Holy Spirit, may you overflow! This is my wish and my prayer.

CHALLENGE

- How can we demonstrate the joy that comes from Jesus amid the chaos of this world?
- What does “overflow” mean to you?
- Why does believing in God and his power bring us peace? Do you truly feel this?



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HOW DO YOU HONOR GOD

WEEK THIRTY TWO

Don't let the excitement of youth cause you to forget your Creator. Honor him in your youth before you grow old and say, "Life is not pleasant anymore." Remember him before the light of the sun, moon, and stars is dim to your old eyes, and rain clouds continually darken your sky. Remember him before your legs—the guards of your house—start to tremble; and before your shoulders—the strong men—stoop. Remember him before your teeth—your few remaining servants—stop grinding; and before your eyes—the women looking through the windows—see dimly. Ecclesiastes 12:1-3, New Living Translation (NLT)

Honor him in your youth before you grow old and say, "Life is not pleasant anymore." Remember him before the light of the sun, moon, and stars is dim to your old eyes, and rain clouds continually darken your sky"

What do you do to honor God?

When I was very young I always thought the only way to honor God was by regularly going to church, reading my Bible daily, singing and worshiping God, and returning my tithe and offering. Yes, those are ways we can honor God, but today I realize that there are many ways to honor God.

Did you know that you can honor God by teaching His Word to someone who doesn't know Him?

You can honor our God by showing hospitality to strangers, by smiling to your Muslim friend and by being helpful. You honor God when you are productive each day you are on the job and respect the people in authority over you.

Actions speak louder than words. When you give your very best to serve others,

your whole life is giving praise to God. Showing your good attitude to your peer, being friendly, organized, just being your best. The people will notice there's something different about you. They will want what you have.

What do you believe makes you different?

In the answer to that question, you will be able to share a Good News of Jesus to a non-Christian friend. As a Missionary we should set the standard in all areas of life. People should see the depth of your character and your spirit of excellence and know that you are a child of the Most High God. Will you make the decision to honor Him by showing hospitality, checking on your secular friend and friends of other faith to see if they are okay.

Be a smiling machine at your university and above all honor God in all that you do because You are His representative, and ambassador in the earth today!

In the book, *Counsels on Sabbath School Work*, p 74 by Ellen G White, we read, "We are Christ's representatives upon the earth. How do we fulfill our mission? Christ's representatives will be in daily communion with Him. Their words will be select, their speech seasoned with grace, their hearts filled with love, their efforts sincere, earnest, persevering, to save souls for whom Christ has died."

CHALLENGE

- Did you check on a friend today?
- What do you do different in your life than your secular friends?
- How can you honor God in your routine? power bring us peace? Do you truly feel this?



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GOD'S BIGGER PLAN AND THE MISSIONARY

WEEK THIRTY THREE

There are many plans in a man's heart, nevertheless the Lord's counsel—that will stand. Proverbs 19:21, New King James Version (NKJV)

Are you willing to leave your family to follow God's plan?

Certainly, God's purpose are above everything in life and his true disciples should reject all in order to fulfill the Lord's commands, but sometimes is not easy to do it. When I finished my university studies I went to serve as a missionary in a city called Gaziantep, one of the biggest cities in Türkiye. As soon as I arrived I applied for my student visa and I was so happy because everything was advancing well by God's grace. Suddenly, the immigration office called me to let me know that my visa process got stopped due to a new government law, and because of that law the immigration offices of Gaziantep and five other cities on the border with Syria were not allowed to process any more visas. The only solution I had was to process the visa in the Turkish embassy of my home country. I went back home with mixed of feelings because I had stayed only few months in the mission field. In my country, I flew to my mom's house far away and restarted the visa process. I had all the papers from the university and Turkish government, but strangely they rejected my visa.

What was happening?

I really wanted to go back to the mission field as I had been sure that it was God's plan for my life. But now I wasn't sure anymore. Just after two weeks of being there at my mom's house the COVID-19 was declared a "pandemic" and the government closed the borders.

I started to understand God's plans. While I was staying with my mom

she fell sick. After two months she was diagnosed with cancer, and though we did everything we could for her recovery, she died, and is resting in the Lord. This was one of the hardest moments of my life, but I can say that was a blessing to care for my mom during the entire 2020. I understand that God brought me out of "the mission field" so I could care for and say goodbye to my mom. Our Bible text, Prov 19:21 says, "Many plans occupy the mind of a man, but the Lord's purposes will prevail". Sometimes problems and doubts make us reject God's plan. However, when you ask Jesus to guide your life, God will make a way and provide everything that you need.

The Lord's purpose will prevail in bringing the gospel to big cities. Don't be afraid of anything that you are leaving behind. God will always make a way! Put your hands in His hands and he will lead and guide you.

CHALLENGE:

- What is confusing to you might be that perhaps God is working a bigger plan. Ask God to give you the faith to trust His will and purpose for your life.
- Knowing that we do not know everything should be enough to let us submit our plans to our all knowing, all wise Father. Are you willing to do that today?
- Are you willing to consider how your plans will affect others?

APPLICATION

As you submit to God's purpose for your life. How do you plan to help spread the gospel so that others can know that they need to be saved? Device a plan to help spread the gospel on your campus, in your circle of influence, and in the cities. Pray and ask the Lord to give you a spirit of obedience so that He can fulfill His plan and purpose for your life.



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Now the Lord had said to Abram: "Get out of your country, from your family and from your father's house to a land that I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name great; and you shall be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and I will curse him who curses you; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." (Gen. 12:1-3)

Abraham is a very important person in the Christian and religious communities. Abraham is also a good example of who and what a missionary is. Like us, Abraham did not live a perfect life; however, we can learn the nature of God's calling on his life from biblical history.

What radical nature does God's calling have? First, God's calling is personally radical. God's first demand for Abraham was 'Get out'. The New King James Version (NKJV) suggests that God told Abraham to leave his country, but the King James version is a little stronger, it translates it to be "Get thee out", it means "Get yourself out". God's calling is direct. It is not good enough just to be part of a Christian community or group or to say, "Well, I'm in a Christian family and I've always been part of a church". God calls us into a real and personal encounter with Him. We must make the personal commitment for the mission.

Second, God's calling is radical. When God called Abram, he told Abram what he had to 'get out' of, such as country, who and what he had to leave behind—family, land, etc., but he did not tell Abram where to go. God's call involves giving up things like our own judgments, predictions, and expectations. God actually says to Abram 'Get out' and Abram says, "Where to?" and God says, "I'll show you later, just go". And at another time God says, "I'll give you a

son." and Abram says, "How?" and God says, "I'll show you later, just trust Me". That is God's calling and Christianity. God is telling Abraham to get out and be radically changed. God does not want us asking Him whether or not what He is going to do will fit into our agenda. So, every day—the first thing in the morning or as soon as we wake up—need to pray "Lord whatever I discern as your will, I will do unconditionally." Pray for discernment.

Lastly, God's calling is missionally radical. God says to Abram, "I will bless you, and you will be a blessing". To become a real Christian (Missionary) is to be changed, so that now you are not making your decisions based on where you live, what's the best job for you, or what is the most comfortable. Instead, as Christ's Ambassadors, His missionaries, we do believe that if we seek to be blessed, we will be empty; but if we seek to bless others, God will bless us.

What does it mean to "Get out" of your country and family, it means to get out of your security zone, get out of your comfort zone so that you can be used by God to bring the Good News of Salvation, and spiritual comfort and security to others.

For the past two years I have been living as a missionary in Taiwan. I used to be a person who preferred stability and found it challenging to step out of the well-trodden path that others take. However, one night I made the decision to take a leave of absence and embark on missionary work. I extended it for another year, and now I am in my second year of missionary service. The fact that I had such a change of heart can only be explained as God's work in me.

During this missionary period, I can say I have learned a lot more about ➡

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life. Of course, there have been difficulties, but the greatest lesson I have gained is the understanding of God's amazing love. Understanding God's amazing love is incredibly valuable on its own. I continue to discover myself and God in this mission field, and I am very grateful that God has called me and provided me with this learning opportunity.

CHALLENGE

With great privilege comes great responsibility. God has called you to share His love with the world, and that is a privilege. Are curious about the world that God will reveal to you? Are you ready to respond to God's call?

APPLICATION

Pray that God will give you discernment to hear His calling and strength to do what you are called to do.

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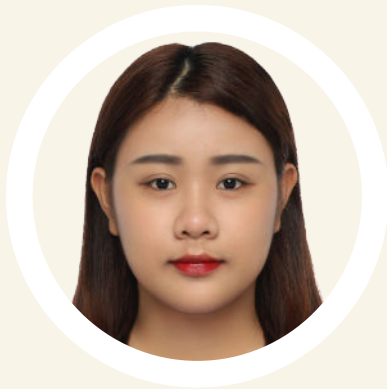
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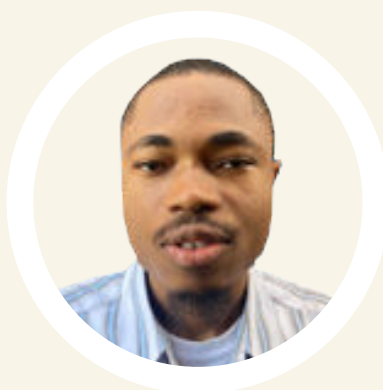


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