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Give me the heart of a servant,
Tender and faithful and true.
Fill me with love, then use me O Lord
So that the world can see YOU.

Heart of the Servant

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WOW-MOM.

Recently my younger son Kevin brought a picture with a caption WOW, and upon his request I read it aloud. He then reversed the image and asked me to read again. Sensing my inattentiveness, he read shouting- MOM. Having amazed at his inner thought, I asked what he really mean? He said that it is WOW-MOM, explaining that mothers were wonderful, and good.


Mother is a word which fills everyone with emotions. Motherhood is a divine role. We can be a mother (noun), and we can mother (verb). A Mother is certainly the most important human being in everyone's life. In a most secular sense, it is really "heaven upon the earth" to savour the empathy and love of one's mother. No relationship on earth is so passionate, so deep-seated, so sincere and so genuine as one existing between a mother and her child. It is based on the highest and the most unselfish form of love. We usually hear that woman is the most beautiful creation of God. It is equally right to say a mother is the most noteworthy and unequalled creation of God. God's creation in any form owes its very origin to a mother. Sometime back, an Essay was asked to be written by some elementary school kids, on "If there are no mothers....?" One student wrote only a single word – Nothing (emptiness). Though it looks simply, but the dimension it has is enormous. Mother love shapes cultures and individuals and it forms the "motherland".

A mother's role in the Bible is one of the key things because a woman brought Jesus Christ to this world. Every mother in the world is like Mary from this point of view. Every woman can feel the sacred calling of being a mother and giving birth to another of God's creation. Motherhood is one of the most important functions in the life of many women the Lord has assigned to them. In his letter to Titus, Paul the Apostle says that women are assigned to love their children, to love their husbands, be pure-minded, accurate, caring of the home, kind and dutiful to their husbands. This is a good mother Bible verse, one of the most meaningful for the understanding of the importance of a wife and mother in a family and her role in it. It says that every woman who has been blessed with motherhood should treat the role with the utmost respect and responsibility. As we remember and celebrate the Mother's Day, we need to recall how best the influence we had from our mothers to carry on our life journey. As Thomas S. Monson outlined "One cannot forget mother and remember God. One cannot remember mother and forget God. Why? Because these two sacred persons, God and Mother, partners in creation, love, sacrifice, service, are as one." We have featured articles on Mother's Day from our respected ZSWM and well-wishers.

We are focussing this issue on "Servanthood". The Bible has a great deal to say about servanthood because the central theme of the Bible is the Servant of all—Jesus Christ. The five words in the New Testament translated "ministry" generally refer to servanthood or service given in love. Serving others is the very essence of ministry. All believers are called to ministry. We do trust that you will deepen your faith with this valuable content, and it lays a path to lead a life of servant to be able to live for others.

We also want to encourage you to give us feedback to improve and to serve you more better through this media. Your thoughts and comments can be sent to national@inn.salvationarmy.org.



May God be with you and guide you through, as we still face unfavourable conditions. Blessings! 

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Desires of A Mother's Heart



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We read in Matthew 20:20-28, about an interesting conversation between mother of John & James and Jesus. These disciples were in Jesus's inner circle. The request she put to Jesus was to grant her sons a prominent place in his kingdom, and this makes me imagine about her character: She was ambitious, the proud mother of her two sons, desiring for them to rise to the greatest positions, and she wanted to play her part for them to achieve what she desired for them.

Jesus points out that true greatness is to be expressed by a deep humility and a willingness to serve others. Perhaps she may have missed the real and true meaning of what she was desiring for her sons. She only saw the miracles and good things that Jesus was doing for the people of his time, but she was not aware of the greatest price that Jesus would pay on the cross for all humanity in the later part.

God blessed us with three wonderful children who are growing in the Christian faith. I am always thankful to God for them, and always pray for them, always asking God for good things for them. As we were waiting in Mumbai to move to our new appointments, we had the privilege of having our four grandchildren around us. It gave us immense joy and we felt so blessed. In our family prayers we would ask God to bless them, protect them, and make them good faithful Soldiers, and so on. There is nothing wrong with having such desires for our children, but when I read about this particular mother in the Bible, it makes me to rethink the desires I have for my children.

I consider the answer Jesus gave,

correcting the intention of the mother, expecting her to know what she really should desire for her children. The lesson for us as mothers is that we should desire that our children would serve God's purpose in their lives, see the good in others and have a humble and caring attitude towards all people - becoming such children of God, who are forgiven and called to serve others without the expectation of receiving any reward in return, but knowing the true hope of real rewards in heaven.

In the world today, there are many things that attract us. We dream and desire that our children would have the best in every aspects of the world. Our children are growing up in a very competitive world, and as parents, we want to see our children move up and do well according to the world's standards. There is nothing wrong in having such dreams and thinking big, but more importantly, the children in our Christian families are missing God's desire for their lives. As faithful soldiers of Christ, we the mothers need to consider the answer Jesus gave to the mother of John and James - advising her to review what she desired - and thus be guided regarding our children, so that they become true, humble servants of the living God, and be a blessing to others.


Having said that, we know that many of our women live under tremendous poverty. Some young mothers are constantly subject to all kinds of discrimination, violence in their own homes and communities, troubled and

hurt by their own people; having little or no support from their families, left alone to compromise and live with fear and uncertainty, unable to see hope for their children. Also, children are vulnerable to misleading influences through social media, and through other worldly role models. These mothers are helpless to even to dream of good things for their children.

I am sure that, we as mothers have good desires for our children, we should also be willing to help those mothers in difficult circumstances, who are unable to dream of a good and bright future for their children.

Here lies the responsibility of every salvationist to rise to that responsibility: to stand up for those mothers and women who are suffering from violence and poverty. We must do something to give them needed support and strength to have the right dreams for their children.

As we celebrate Mother's Day, let us unite as the body of Christ to fight against violence, sexual and social injustice against women in their homes and in our neighbourhoods. Let us develop a godly attitude in bringing up and guiding our children, with the desire that they would become true disciples of Jesus Christ.

I pray for all the mothers, that they will be filled with gladness because of their children, as we read in Proverbs 23:22-25. "Let your father and mother be glad; let her who bore you rejoice" (v. 25). 

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GOD'S PURPOSE OF MOTHERS ON THE EARTH

Many mothers were remembered and honored in the month of May on the occasion of Mother's Day. Motherhood is a unique and special experience. Motherhood is part of God's integral design for humans to carry out God's purposes in this world.

The bible gives us numerous stories of the important roles played by many mothers. In 1865 William Ross Wallace wrote in his poem - What Rules the World, "The hand that rocks the cradle is the hand that rules the world." Abraham Lincoln said about his mother, "All that I am or hope to be, I owe to my angel mother." George Washington said about his mother "All I am I owe to my mother. I attribute all my success in life to the moral, intellectual and physical education I received from her."- Godly mothers help to fill the earth with the glory of God. Let us see God's purpose of Mothers on the Earth.

MOTHER'S ARE GOD'S CREATION :

In the second creation story in Genesis 2:18 we read, God was not happy to see Adam being alone. God could not find any helper for Adam from his creations. So he said he will make a suitable helper for him. From verse 21 onwards we read God made the man to sleep and out of his ribs he created a woman and brought in front of man. Man called her as woman. What we learn from this, God created man out of earth and woman was created out of man. In Chapter 1 verse 27, we read God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. So the creation of woman is also the will of God and He had a purpose of the creation of

woman, to be a helper and companion to man and to be the mother of the children. God instituted the first family in the garden of Eden.

MOTHERS ARE LIFE GIVERS:

After the creation of Adam and Eve, God placed them in the garden of Eden. Genesis chapter 1:28a "God blessed them and said to them "Be fruitful and increase in number 'fill the earth and subdue it'. Genesis chapter 3 gives the account of the fall of man and the punishment of God to man and his wife and the serpent. Chapter 3 verse 16, to the woman he said "I will greatly increase your pains in childbearing; with pain you will give birth to children. God has punished the woman for her disobedience that she will give birth to the children in pain.

Now a days woman may say that there are painless deliveries through surgeries. Whether the deliveries are painful or painless giving birth to a child is only the mothers' responsibility which is given by God. Mothers are life givers. God has created mothers as life givers.

MOTHERS ARE RISK TAKERS:

All the mothers are risk takers when it comes to their children lives. There is no gender discrimination in this matter. Mothers risk their lives to protect their children. We see this in the life of Jochebed. She risked her life to bring up her son Moses.

Jochebed was a mother in a difficult time. All male babies were under sentence of death. We can read it in Exodus chapter 1 and 2 Pharaoh planned to kill all the Hebrew boys by ordering them to put into the Nile river, and in this beautiful incident, the heart of the mother is well

depicted.

MOTHERS ARE SACRIFICIAL:

One of the attributes of a godly mother is her sacrifice. From the time of bearing a child onwards, she starts sacrificing her life. She sacrifice many things for her children, her health, her wealth, her time, her pleasure, everything. Some mothers sacrifice even their family life also. We can see a good example of such a mother in Hagar.

She sacrifice her life to find a place for sleep, finding food, in time of threatened by the wild animals, wild climate, in time of sickness, every moment she sacrificed and prayed to God. Her success was not by her own strength, it was because of the hands of God that lead her to success. Her sacrificial life made her son to become a nation. God created Mothers to sacrifice their life for the better of their children.

MOTHER'S ARE LOVING:

When we think about a mother, the first thing come to our mind is the love she shows. Her love towards her child begins from the womb until the death. We see such kind of love in Mary the mother of Jesus. When she saw her son on the cross it was unbearable for her. Even she steps forward to wipe out his face while he was carrying the cross. As a deeply wounded mother she was following Jesus all his ways up to crucifixion. Mother's love towards her child never ends.

Let us recollect our dear mothers on this special time and show our deep gratitude by paying our heartfelt tribute for all they have been doing. May God bless our mothers in fulfilling their purpose.



The Theology of Servanthood

Greek word for 'minister' is diakonos, which means, 'a servant,' or 'one who executes the command of another. ...Thus, a minister works for both God and man in service. "For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many" Mark 10: 45. True leadership is servanthood, and the greatest leader of all time is Jesus Christ.

I am highlighting some thoughts from the book - Servant Leadership by Robert Street.

1. Jesus made Himself nothing:

Jesus emptied himself, taking form of servant, being born in the likeness of men (Phil. 2: 7 RSV). The Greek word Kenosis means 'self-emptied or make himself nothing'. It is an expansive statement and illustrates something of the enormity of the step Jesus came from Heaven to Earth. Paul said, "For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich. 2 Corinthian 8: 9. W. Dyer wrote, "Christ uncrowned himself to crown us, and put off his robes to put on our rags and came down from Heaven to keep us out of hell. He fasted 40 days that he might feast us to all eternity. He came from Heaven to earth that he might send us from Earth to Heaven.

We are called to follow the footprints of our Lord Jesus Christ who humbled himself and washed feet of his disciples and obey his Father's will

2. Jesus took the very nature of Servant:

Jesus' Servanthood is at the heart of Christianity. Jesus Christ, 'being in very Nature of God... made himself nothing taking the very nature of Servant (Ph 2: 6 – 7). Jesus left heaven and came down to earth to save and serve suffering humanity. Jesus embraced a life of sacrifice and simplicity yet possessed

leadership qualities which have never been equaled. In John 13:1-17 Jesus gives a very practical example of what it means to serve others. Jesus Who is King of kings led with towel. He washed the feet of his disciples, which was actually the responsibility of the house-servant. Jesus' basic motivation was love for his disciples. Jesus was fully aware of his position as leader. Before the disciples experienced him as their servant, they had already experienced him many times before as Master, and as a strong and extremely powerful leader, Jesus voluntarily becomes a servant to his followers. Peter protested, but Jesus insisted: Unless "I wash your feet, you have no part with me".

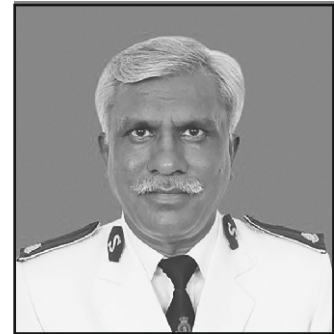
3. Jesus humbled himself:

Several Questions have been raised as to how Servant Leadership can take place in a movement that has a command structure, particularly in the Salvation Army. It need not be a problem. It will only go wrong if those within the structure forget to get their orders from the Servant King – Jesus Christ. When Jesus humbled himself, he did not give away his authority or neglect his responsibility, but significantly for us, his authority seems heightened by his servanthood. John Ruskin said, "I believe the

first test of a truly great man is in his humility. Apostle Peter urged to the Leaders, "Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, serving as overseers - not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be ... not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock (1 Peter 5 : 2,3).

4. Jesus became obedient to His Father:

The concept of obeying someone else in



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today's egalitarian society is largely resisted. Having to obey is seen by many in this world as demeaning, ignoring the self – worth and rights of one who serves. It is shortsighted attitude. Without rules, obedience and duty, there would be no order in the world. Industry, government, church, and family rely on them. How could God Almighty become obedient - to whom and why? It is in this action that the servant heart of God is seen most clearly in Jesus Christ. He became obedient to death – even death on the cross (Philippians 2: 8).

Jesus Christ chose us to serve suffering humanity and to win souls for Christ in this world. We are called to follow the footprints of our Lord Jesus Christ who humbled himself and washed feet of his disciples and obey his Father's will and died on the cross and paid ransom for humanity. Let us demonstrate Servanthood through our deeds and words in our Church and community and become transforming Agents for Christ. Mother Teresa said, "Prayer in action is love and love in action is service". Jesus said, "Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me" John 12:26.

May God bless the Salvation Army. 

Servanthood and Others



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"If you have a desire to be great among your companions then you are to be their servant" Matthew 20:26 (The Gift).

The concept of servanthood is strongly presented in the Holy Bible. More than 1600 references in the Bible are listed to the word servant, servants, serve, served, serves, service, servile serving and servitude. The derivations of the word "serve" are interesting and varied, but generally follow a similar meaning, though used in different contexts over the centuries.

"A person who performs duties for others, especially a person employed in a house on domestic duties or as a personal attendant." As a definition of Servanthood itself describes the role and responsibilities of a Servanthood, Servanthood is always for others, servanthood does not have his own identity, he is created for others and others only. As we know about democracy that ...of the people, by the people and for the people same as Servanthood is for... of people (Others), by the people (others) and for the people(others).

This is the heavenly rule of Servanthood. Once, if one becomes a servant that is then to serve others and even to give of self to others. When we divert our focus others than ourselves, that is not quality of Servanthood. Servanthood always give credits to others, is not about making our names known. It is about making God's name known.

Servanthood is listening to Masters / Others (1Samuel 3: 1 -10)

We can see in book of 1st Samuel chapter 3, there we can find, God chose Samuel before he was born and Samuel was born with the nature of servanthood, so when God called him the prophet Eli asked him to respond in such a way that "Master speak "Thy Servant is listening". He responded to God Almighty that thy Servant was

listening. We can see in the life of prophet Samuel, he always listened to God. As a servant, listen to his master, his ears should be ready every time to hear the words from his masters and from others. If we see in the SASB song no 614, the heart of the servant was portrayed: "MASTER, speak thy servant heareth, Waiting for thy gracious word,"

Yes, the heart of servant towards others does not come naturally, but with maturing of our Christian Character. We must develop our Servanthood character out of thorough listening from the Master.

Servanthood is obeying to Masters / Others

The servant, since he does not have his own choice; whatever command has been given by master or others ,he has to follow as it is. In the Bible we can see many good examples of that, Jesus Christ always obeyed to His heavenly father and Holy Spirit. He obeyed what the Holy spirit has led Him, that is why Jesus has Christ told His disciples In John 6:38,39- "I have come down from heaven to earth not to do my will but to do the will of who send me, as servanthood always ready to work, act according to others will not his own wish and will".

We see a good example recorded in the book of Genesis. Abraham wanted a wife for his son Isaac, He was adamant that Isaac's wife should be chosen from among his relatives, who still mainly resided in and around Haran. Abraham asked his servant Eliezer; He was charged with finding a wife from Abraham's relatives. The response of Eliezer we note that he listened, obeyed, not only that, even as a faithful Servant he performed his assigned work faithfully.

Servants demonstrates faithful Stewardship.

The servants exhibit highest standards as outlined – "to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace. — 1 Peter 4:10 (ESV). God has given many different gifts to each and every one of us and as mentioned here as a quality of servanthood we should show a true and good stewardship. If we see the parable in Matthew 25:14-30 of the bags of gold who has received five, he gained five more, who has received two , he gained two more, because of servanthood quality they gained and gave account as a good stewards, so as we call ourself servant we have to have this quality of servanthood and develop it and serve to others, to be accountable to God and others.

Servanthood is being tolerant with others and strict with self.

Servanthood is an "acquired" taste for many. For many Christians, a heart of servanthood towards others does not come naturally, but with a "maturing" of Christian character.

In May 1846 -an evangelist, named "James Caughey" visited a chapel in Nottingham England and preached a sermon on the words recorded in St. Mark, "Therefore I say unto you, what things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them." Caughey preached that the key to this verse was to learn to desire God's desires, and that God's foremost desire was that we develop the character of a servant, to help the poor, and to spread the gospel that souls might be saved. A gangly young man was present at this service. He had been saved for two years but had been drifting. But on the same day, God spoke to this gangly young man through evangelist James Caughey. The Holy Spirit gave the young man a passion for desiring servanthood. The young man acted on God's direction, and he devoted himself to starting

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THE INFLUENCE OF CHRISTIAN SERVANTHOOD IN THE SOCIETY

During the Corona period, The Salvation Army Evangeline Booth Hospital in Ahmednagar district treated Corona patients from the very first patient and continuing. Although there are a total of 168 hospitals with essential facilities in the city, but people insist on being admitted in Booth Hospital and the reason is that the selfless services being offered at Booth Hospital.

Christian Services and Servanthood are very different from other services. Servanthood is not a position, but a performance entrusted by God to do only for God. There are two aspects of being a servant of Lord, one involves serving the Lord and other involves serving one another. Many feel they are good at serving the Lord but have a problem in serving one another, For sure we are to serve Christ supremely, but we are also to serve one another.

"This commandment we have from him, whoever loves God must also love his brother." (1 John 4: 21) John makes it clear that all Christians are commanded to love others, as God loves us, because we are his children and that the one who loves God should love his brother as well. Because who love God and hates his brother, is a liar.

Jesus emphasised that "The son of man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as ransom for many." (Mark 10: 45) . He was the eternal son of God, the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. But he did not demand the service of others, but knelt to wash his disciple's feet. The one before whom all creation will one day bow in humble adoration, came to be a servant to all and he gave his life as a ransom for many. In the same way, he who is called by God must serve God as well as one another.

Every servant of God who tries to help others should do everything for the glory of God, not for himself or for his own, but for the of Glory of God. "Whatever you do,

work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men." (Colossians 3: 23) Paul reminds us that, every person is called to work for God's honour and God is one ultimately judging all we do, so all of our service is really for him.

The servant should be a faithful, humble, honest, caring, simply loving and living like Christ. His speech is as sweet as salt, who is eager to help others, tries his best to solve the problems of others, does everything selflessly, being a good listener, understand the problems of others, and when he does, he impact many others.

General William Booth also had a great concern for the poor, the destitute, the weak and the neglected. In his ministry, he gave importance to "OTHERS". Even today the Salvation Army works still going on with slogans such as "Soup, Soap and Salvation" and "Heart to God and Hand to man" it may sound a simplistic motto, but it addresses the heart of human need.

Doing good works brings glory to God. " Let Your light shine before others, So that they may see your good works and give glory to your father who is in heaven." (Matthew 5:16) We have that light shining through our lives, if our action reflect the nature of Christ, his love, compassion and forgiveness. His light shines through our attitudes, words and deeds. When people see that our lives have been changed and glorify the God.

Many souls are drawn to God and experience God's love. Christ has the power to transform lives. But our responsibility as servant of God to be a good example in front of others. A good work attitude makes a tremendous difference in one's personal life and in our influence on others.

Worship of God is the ultimate goal of Christian Servanthood. Our goal is to help more and more people to enjoy life in God and glorify him forever. Those who live



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unto God before the world will rewarded in Heaven. (Matthew 25: 4 – 30) The parable of the talents, with the expectation that God given resources are to be used and multiplied. Two men invested their master's money well and doubled his return, and Jesus rewarded the servants who had multiplied but he was not at all pleased with the servant who had not grown what had been given into his care, so Jesus called the one who buried his talent " wicked" and " lazy". Jesus was saying that he expects initiative and hard work from his servants. Therefore do not hide your light under the basket, but put on a stand so it gives light to all. 🏠

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an organization committed to the salvation of souls and service to the needy. A sermon on "desiring servanthood" inspired the young, gangly William Booth to fulfil his destiny and found the Salvation Army. (Central Sermon), And we know about our Founder and General William Booth as a true nature with Servanthood, and he worked only and only for "Others" and gave a best example. Our Lord Jesus Christ also showed a good example as a true servant. Are we following, What Jesus Did?

When it is happened, to develop, or grow a quality of Servanthood eighter only and only we look to Jesus or we look Jesus into others. We must totally submit ourselves to God to mature our servanthood. Amen

In the loving service of God 🏠

ENCOURAGEMENT IN DARK DAYS

We have a little come through a very difficult year. We have all suffered loss of some type – loved ones, jobs, finances, peace, mobility, natural disasters, relationship strain and distance from loved ones. It's been hard, it's been long.

Acknowledging our grief and despair is important to our health. Wallowing in it is destructive.

Contemplating my own losses, God has opened my awareness in many ways, and I would like to share some of my heart thoughts with you.

First, what we are going through is difficult, but God's people have always struggled with tough times. All great Bible persons faced trouble, distress, disaster, failure, loss. Re-read the stories – Moses, Joshua, Gideon, Ruth, Esther, David, Jeremiah, Daniel, Jesus, Paul, or any other.

Remember, too – they came through it all! It was not easy for any of them – but each one found God to be faithful. He provided the strength and encouragement they needed. They survived, stronger at the end, a witness in their community.


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God is faithful. Call out to Him. He is our strength, our Deliverer, our Guide when we do not know which way to turn.

God revealed that I am not to go through my circumstances alone – He provides people to help me. Re-read any of those stories – others who helped, encouraged. Learn to share your struggles or discouragement and ask for help.

Lastly, God told me to keep seeking Him through His word and promises, such as "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." (Joshua 1:9)

Dear readers, God is with us! Immanuel is not merely a Christmas title for baby Jesus. God is with us today. We are not alone! Have courage, God will see us through. 

**Only God Himself
fully appreciates
the influence of
a Christian mother
in the molding
of character in
her children.**

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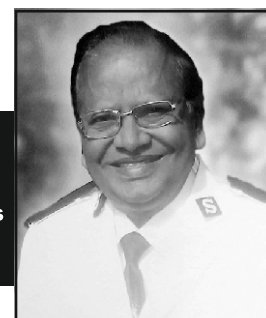
Our Mission

"The Salvation Army is an international movement, a part of the Christian Church whose spiritual motivation has practical application in an evangelical, social, educational and health ministry.

It's goal is to help all people find fullness of life in a relationship with the living Christ discovered through the scriptures and demonstrated by holy living in peace and harmony with others."

THE SERVANTHOOD IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

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The word 'servant' means one who gives his life willingly for others. Therefore, 'servanthood' means the state of being a servant. Hebrew and Greek words for 'servant' can also mean 'slave', that means 'to work' or 'to serve'.

WHO ARE SERVANTS:

The Old Testament reveals that God called devoted worshipers, prophets, kings, law makers, army commanders etc as servants. Angels and forces of nature were His servants. Apart from calling them servants, God also allocated to them specific duties and responsibilities. As a creator, God is the Master of all as all are His servants whatever they do.

NOTABLE SERVANTS:

In the Old Testament Moses was often called a servant of the Lord. When speaking about Moses, God declared, 'Not so with my Servant Moses' (Numbers 12:7). Joshua (Joshua 24:29). David (II Samuel 7:5). Elijah (I Kings 18:36). Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego (Daniel 3:26), Prophets (Daniel 9:1). God called Nation of Israel was His Servant (Psalm 136: 22; Isaiah 41: 8-9; 49:3). Abraham was devoted servant of God (Psalm 105:6). The king of Babylon Nebuchadnezzar, the one who fulfilled God's purpose was called God's servant (Jeremiah 27:6). The Old Testament tells Angels are God's servants (Psalm 103: 19-21). The forces of nature are His servants (Psalm 104:4). All are Gods servants.

CHARACTERISTICS OF SERVANTS:

In the Old Testament, the servants exhibited various characteristics such as ability to understand, able to listen problems, aware of short comings, releasing healing power, prophesizes, develop communities, encourage others to grow were some to mention.

SERVANTHOOD IS A SERVICE ORIENTED ONE:

A servant is basically to serve or to work at his Master's house. They had some extraordinary aptitudes as follows:

1. Relationship:

Being God's servant means having a close relationship with Him. Moses had that kind of relationship with God. In every aspect of his leadership, he consulted God on every issue. Eleazar, a servant had cordial relationship with his Master Abraham. He was instrumental in identifying a girl Rebecca to be his daughter-in-law i.e, Isaac's wife.

2. Quiet Time With God:

King David had Quiet time with God (Psalm 5:3). Daniel had regular prayer time (Daniel 6:10).

3. Obedience:

This aptitude had been seen in several servants of the God in the Old Testament. Noah was obedient to God (Genesis 6:22). Abraham (Genesis 22:2) and Joshua (Joshua 11:5).

4. Faithful Towards Master:

Abraham was faithful to God (Genesis 22:8). Caleb (Joshua 14:12), Job (Job 19:25).

5. Commitment To Work:

Nehemiah did not leave his work (Nehemiah 6:3). King Hezekiah, did what was good, right and true before the Lord his God (II Chronicles 31: 20-21).

6. Dedication To Master:

Enoch dedicated his life to God, therefore he was able to walk with God (Genesis 5:21-24).

7. Earnest Desire:

Job had the earnest desire to serve the Lord (Job 7:1).

8. Proclaim The Good News Of God:

Ezekiel spoke God's word whether people hear or refuse (Ezekiel 2:7).

9. Exhibit Humility:

Moses was humble before the Lord (Numbers 12: 3). David declared his humility (Psalm 131:1-3).

10. Joy:

Enjoined (Ecclesiastes 2:26; Isaiah 58:14)

SERVANTHOOD OF JESUS PROPHESIED IN THE OLD TESTAMENT:

In the Old Testament, 53 Chapter of the book of Isaiah is the most detailed, prophecy dealing with 'Servanthood of Jesus'. It deals with programs of God's Servant (13-15), His passion (4-6) and His patience (7-9) and His provision (10-12). This prophecy also described, the servants 'Passion' or Suffering' that Jesus took up our sins and brought redemption work.

SERVANTHOOD EXAMPLE:

During his training at London, Major Booth Tucker (Later Commissioner) was given his first assignment to polish candidates' shoes. He did the given assignment happily remembering that his Master; Jesus washed His disciple's feet. He was an officer with a servant's heart. His true leadership was the spirit of 'Servanthood'.

BLESSING HAVING NATURE OF SERVANTHOOD:

Old Testament tells that many were blessed. Abraham became Father of multitudes. Moses became a Law giver of Israel. Daniel's life made Kings honor God. Joshua led the conquest of the Promised Land. Nehemiah repaired the wall of Jerusalem. Major Booth Tucker pioneered The Salvation Army in India.

Dear reader you can become a great blessing to so many by being a servanthood of God. God Bless you.



WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP SEMINAR – ISET



Warise and Shine" themed seminar on Women in Leadership was held at Nagercoil for women leaders, and hosted by the Salvation Army, India South Eastern Territory with the support of National Council of Churches in India (NCCI), Christian Service Agency, and Tamil Nadu Christian Council, (TNCC) under the leadership of Colonels John Kumar, and Mani Kumari Dasari, Territorial leaders of the Salvation Army, India South Eastern Territory with the support of Lieut-Colonel Mariamma Davidson, Territorial Secretary for Women's Ministries, ISET, during 23rd and 24th of March 2021 at The Salvation Army, Red Shield Guest House, Nagercoil.

The group of 63 women leaders representing various Churches and Christian Institutions from the Salvation Army, Church of South India, and India Evangelical Lutheran Church, etc. were the part of the seminar. Rev. Asir Ebenezer, General Secretary, NCCI, Mrs. Aleyamma Thomas, Vice President, NCCI, Mrs. Esther Kathirolu, Secretary & Director, TNCC, Rev. Sobana Kinson, Church Worker, Dr. Johnsy Rani, Associate Professor, TSA,


Catherine Booth College of Nursing, Dr. Johnson Raj, Executive Secretary, and Colonels John Kumar & Mani Kumari Dasari, TC & TPWM were the resource persons.

The day – 1 of the seminar events began with the welcome address of Colonel Mani Kumari who presented and introduced the delegates and resource persons. Mrs. Esther Kathirolu took over and conducted Bible study, by focusing on Isaiah 60:1 'Arise and Shine' and she explained the theme of the seminar. In her address she presented the life of Prophet Deborah and encouraged the participants by describing how Deborah rose from her community to arouse the people of Israel by her words and deeds of faith, courage, and commitment. Colonel John Kumar Dasari, spoke about the role of women in the Church highlighting the power of women, the qualities and principles of leadership, etc. to the women leaders. He encouraged by explaining the role of a women in building a family, Church, and a community as well by exemplifying various women personalities from the Bible. Rev. Sobana Kinson's 'my mission as a Christian

woman', leadership qualities of every woman in her family, community, and the workplace, and Dr. Johnsy Rani's Women's Self-Image, Self-Esteem, Self-Confidence, Factors affecting self-image, Cause of low self-esteem, Steps to develop, steps to overcome low self-confident were all good subjects of learning.

Colonel Mani Kumari, shared about the Significance of Women in God's Ministry. She said that a woman as a teacher in the family and in the Church in Sunday Schools, Etc. holds a unique role for the blessing of the whole community in the creation of God. By explaining the life of Aquila and Priscilla from the Bible, she led the listeners to think more about gender focus ministry. She led Group discussion to reflect on challenges, opportunities, and benefits in God's mission. The evening trip to Ganapathipuram sea shore for prayer walk was a spiritual energy boosted of the days activities.

The Day – 2 of the seminar events was started with Mrs. Aleyamma Thomas' morning devotion who emphasized the theme of the seminar and encouraged the women leaders by saying what we do ought to be done well and good with better attitude. Rev. Asir Ebenezer exposed the group to the structure of NCCI's administration and shared the contribution of the women leadership and its blessings from grass root to the top. Dr. Johnson Raj's team building, and the advantages and disadvantages thereof was a better reminder for the women in leadership.

Colonel Mani Kumari Dasari led the closing session where Rev. Asir Ebenezer, NCCI, spoke from Mark 10: 32-33, which reminded that any leadership which ought to lead to front. 

Colonel Mani Kumari Dasari
Territorial President of Women's Ministries
India South-Eastern Territory


SKILL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING FOR WOMEN – INDIA CENTRAL TERRITORY

With the theme "NEXT LEVEL", a Skill Development Training for Women from 17th to 19th March 2021, at HRD Centre, Chennai, was organised for the DDWMs, WDOs and Field Organizers of SHGs, with a total participation of 54 delegates from THQ, Divisions, Districts, Areas, Training College and EB Hospital. This programme is organised with the financial assistance from National office. Commissioner Prema Wilfred, TPWM took lead of this training, with a focus on training was to strengthen women's capacity and skills to be effective in their ministry.

This special Training Programme was commenced with the welcome meeting led by Lt Col Vethamony, TMFS and message was delivered by Lt Col Sumitra Masih,

TSWM. Colonel emphasised on the life of Deborah from Judges 5:12,31, and explained about Deborah, how she moved to the Next Level, being a woman and the leader of Israel. The delegates were able to learn preparation of Paper bag, Paper Envelop, Christmas Wreath, Beed's Cross, Star Making, Wool Pouch, Sling bag, Pain Balm and tips on Organic farming at home. Lt Colonel Sumitra Masih, TSWM taught Women and Accountability, and Captain Aruna Kumari on Women Empowerment.



It was blessing to all the delegates being empowered with the required skill training. 

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TWDO, India Central Territory

PRAYER HALL OPENING – INT

It is a blessing to India Northern Territory, to commence ministry in Kangra, Himachal Pradesh, and we praise God for the direction and guidance to establish the ministry in this new area. This ministry was officially launched on 7th March 2021, by Colonel Daniel Raju Dasari, supported by Lieut. Colonel Trarsem Masih Secretary for Personnel and Lieut. Colonel Raj Kumar Secretary for Programme. Major Salamat Masih District Officer and Major Manjit S. Masih DDWM arranged meeting with support of Lieutenants Shikander Masih and Suninta S Masih Corps Officers, Kangra. The Territorial Commander after having inaugurated officially, handed over the Salvation Army Flag to the Corps Officers, while explaining the meaning of the tri colour flag. He spoke on Exodus

8:16-22, on the theme "Let my people go, so that they may worship me". He inspired the people and motivated to come closer to God. 45 people with another 10 children attended this meeting.

We request all the readers of the War Cry to uphold new Lieutenants Shikander & Sunita and Kangra people in your personal prayers. May God use these Officers to bring great revival in Kangra City and extend God's kingdom through the Salvation Army. 🇮🇳



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A REPORT ON INTERNATIONAL YOUTH AND CHILDREN SUNDAY – ICT

On the event of International Youth and Children Sunday, Uppal Corps in Hyderabad Division, ICT conducted a special programme for the benefit of children & youth. As this Corps started celebrating the silver jubilee, this programme made a significant start emphasizing on the global ministry call. The youth and children prayerfully prepared to participate in this event under the leadership of our Commanding Officer Lt. & Mrs. Ch.Manikyala Rao, led by Mr P Kiram Varama, Youth Fellowship Leader, with the Bible address delivered by Ms B Lathasree. It was encouraging that every act of this event was well conducted and participated by youth, which brought a divine motivation.

We thank the almighty for his guidance in making this programme meaningful and spiritually blessing. The participation of youth in all the Corps activities is really encouraging and helping the corps to move progressively. The Corps have



many plans to do on this special year, and the youth & children play major role in these celebrations. We request the readers to pray for our Corps and the ministry, particularly the active youth & children. 🇮🇳

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Motherhood
is a million
little moments that
GOD WEAVES TOGETHER
with GRACE, REDEMPTION,
& LAUGHTER, TEARS,
most of all, LOVE. 🇮🇳
- Lysa TerKeurst -



PRODUCING FRUIT

As we continue to look at the theme of gardening in Scripture, the purpose of the planting is to produce fruit. In the fruit are found the seeds for reproducing what has been planted and the nourishment needed for life. by Lt. Colonel Dean Hinson



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As we continue to look at the theme of gardening in Scripture—whether in reference to the Garden of Eden, the trees of Psalm 1 that never wither, the tree of life of Revelation 22, the flowering desert of Isaiah 35 or the vine and branches of John 15—the purpose of the planting is to produce fruit. In the fruit are found the seeds for reproducing what has been planted and the nourishment needed for life (i.e., bread).

Paul, in writing to his early converts in the Galatia region of Asia Minor says, “For if you are trying to make yourselves right with God by keeping the law, you have been cut off from Christ! You have fallen away from God’s grace” (Galatians 5:4). He goes on to say, “What is important is faith expressing itself in love. For the whole law can be summed up in this one command: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself!’” (Galatians 5:6,14) With the Holy Spirit controlling our lives (behaviors), we will produce fruit: “But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things!” (Galatians 5:22-23).

A MIRROR

Unfortunately, we often use this list of fruit as a telescope for examining other people instead of as a mirror to look at our own behavior. When we see someone who is mean or harsh or joyless, we think we can determine their level of holiness. Paul gives this list not to use to look at others but so


that we can examine our own actions and gauge who is actually controlling our lives. How patient or gentle are our actions towards others? Can we be counted on and have control of our appetites (desires), or are we living out of control? Do we bring strife or peace to a situation? An honest answer to this self-evaluation can reveal exactly who is ruling our lives.

I often hear people pray for joy or goodness or patience. Fruit trees don’t decide to produce certain types of fruit—it is just what happens when they are being the tree that they are supposed to be. Likewise, we don’t get to decide which fruit we like or which one fits our personality. The Greek word for fruit is singular, not plural. And the best way to view this fruit is not as apples and oranges but a cluster of grapes. The fruit produced by the Spirit is love, as indicated in the context of Galatians 5, and Paul’s list is a description of love in action. And don’t think the list is exhaustive. Paul could also include forgiveness, agreeing with each other, and obedience to the actions that the Spirit produces by abiding in us (just to name a few examples).

Jesus says it this way, “A good tree produces good fruit, and a bad tree produces bad fruit. A good tree can’t produce bad fruit, and a bad tree can’t produce good fruit. So every tree that does not produce good fruit is chopped down and thrown into the fire. Yes, just as you can identify a tree by its fruit, so you can identify people by their actions” (Matthew 7:17-20). What type of

identity do you want the people around you to see in you? As followers of Christ, our deeds should be deeds of love. Our lost world needs to see demonstrations of peace and patience, kindness and gentleness. We are to represent Christ with lives that are under control, full of joy, faithful and good.

Remember what I said earlier. In the fruit are the seeds for reproduction. Just as God designed the plant to reproduce through the fruit, He has designed us to produce fruit that will reproduce these actions in others. When acts of kindness are witnessed by others, they will be encouraged to show kindness to others. When gentleness and patience are displayed, we will see these actions repeated in the communities in which we live.

Are you bothered by the anger and bickering we see in the world around us? As you allow the Holy Spirit to abide in you, filling you (Ephesians 5:18), producing fruit—you will see God at work, replacing evil with good. “Imitate God, therefore, in everything you do, because you are his dear children. Live a life filled with love, following the example of Christ” (Ephesians 5:1-2). 

PENTECOST Part - I

Circumstances or atmosphere surrounding Pentecost. Jews celebrate many feasts and festivals during the whole year. But among the three important feasts, the feast of Harvest or the feast of Weeks was one the most significant. At that time, the celebration of this feast was going on, the streets of Jerusalem were filled with thousands of pilgrims, who had come from every corner of the world to celebrate the goodness of God and bringing in the wheat harvest. They do not call it Pentecost because it is the Greek name Pentekoste meaning fiftieth. In rabbinic tradition "Feast of 50 days."

After the crucifixion and resurrection, many disciples ran away from Jerusalem because the fear of Jews religious leaders. Those who remained were together with doors locked (John - 20:19)

Why Pentecost Required? There may be question, why the disciples need Pentecost? Was there any other option? God could have used to empower the disciples to carry on divine mission to the ends of the earth. The answer is, no other way before God. Because sins were committed in human body for this reason the punishment must be born in human body. The condition was, it must be sinless body, Bible tells. There is no one righteous, not even one (Romans 3:10-12) For this reason God had to send His sinless Son in human body to bear the punishment (cursed & painful death) on the cross. After the resurrection Jesus was in glorious heavenly body. Now He cannot move into this sinful world in heavenly body and function. Jesus had to deposit His heavenly glorious body with His Father in heaven and come down to live in the hearts of His disciples to empower and guide them for divine mission.

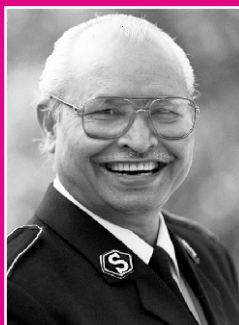
Pentecost was not God's sudden decision after the resurrection. It was the fulfilment of the prophesy made by prophet Joel (Joel 2:28). From the very

beginning of His earthly ministry, Jesus kept on telling His disciples for their benefit, He must go and come again. "I will not leave you as orphans I will come to you" (John 14 :18). You heard Me say I am going away, and I am coming back to you.... (verse 28). I have told you now before it happens..... (verse 29). It was Pentecost Day when Jesus descended upon His disciples in the form of His Spirit. We call Holy Spirit, to live in the hearts of 120 praying together. Then subsequently live in every believer heart to work and carry on the mission and purposes of God to the ends of the world.

Holy Spirit is the gift of God. The word of God teaches us that no church leader, preacher, or believer can earn this gift by following church doctrine, Christian principles or by their own efforts, etc. Salvation is the gift of God because of the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross. Same way Holy Spirit is the gift of God because of Jesus resurrection and Pentecost.

The study of the gospel records tells that from the beginning of His earthly ministry Jesus clearly told His disciples the purpose of His coming into this world, crucifixion, and resurrection. He comforted His disciples by assuring that He will come again to stay with them permanently. Specially in John's gospel, that they will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit (John 14:16-17,26,15:26,16:7,13) after the resurrection and before ascending to heaven, 'On one occasion.... He gave them this command "Do not leave Jerusalem but wait for the gift My Father promised which you heard Me speak about"(Acts 1:4)


Holy Spirit Function- No one should ever endeavour to know or understand the function of the Holy Spirit fully. How a



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limited (finite) person can understand the function of unlimited (Infinite) person (Holy Spirit). I would try to share only a few things for our benefit. Holy Spirit was there with Godhead before the creation of the whole universe. At the time of creation God said the word, and it was the Holy Spirit Who immediately implemented. Holy Spirit is the only source of all the connectivity between heaven and earth which means God and humanity. Human being came into existence by the togetherness of two things, spirit, and body. When spirit departs, body is taken to graveyard.

Holy Spirit convict us of our sins and lead us to seek forgiveness and salvation. Without His conviction we feel as good as anyone could feel. Holy Spirit sanctify and make us holy (2 Thess.2:13). Every believer is the temple of God and His Spirit lives in us. (1 Cor.3:16,6:19). In O.T times He came to selected people for specific purpose. When the message is conveyed, or job is done, Holy Spirit departed. In N.T. at Pentecost Holy Spirit came upon the disciples and stayed in their hearts permanently to empower and guide them for divine mission.

There are two things related to the Holy Spirit and each believer. They take place in our day-to-day life. We do not give them much attention. May be due to our ignorance or carelessness. But they are of serious nature we must give them careful attention as they are for our benefit. 

A MOTHER'S WAIL IN THE WILDERNESS

Hagar was an Egyptian woman. When Abraham and Sarah went to Egypt during famine, the Egyptian king Pharaoh respecting Abraham gave several gifts to him along with Hagar. Accordingly Hagar became slave to Sarah. A slave was not having any rights and her mistress was entitled to do as she pleased with her. Sarah sent Hagar to her husband to get children for her. When she became pregnant, she was in afflictions and ran into wilderness. God saw her, spoke to her and blessed her son Ishmael. Hagar through her son thus became the foundress of the Ishmaelite and Arab people from whom came Mohammed the founder of Islam.

1. She submitted to her mistress (Gen 16:3): We must remember that Sarah was an active missionary of faith of Jehovah among women, as Abraham was among men; and therefore Hagar became worshipper of true God. Character does not develop in vacuum, and it is cultivated over a period of time. Sarah was barren woman. She gave Hagar, her handmaid to her husband that she might have children by her and she was entitled to do anything with her slave. Poor Hagar simply became helpless victim of Sarah's scheming. She was real sufferer, and Sarah's sin bore bitter fruit, she originated rivalry through ages, and which oceans of blood have not quenched. The whole affair was sin before God.

2. She pleaded God in her applications (Gen 16:11): When Hagar was pregnant, problems arose in Abraham's home. Sarah started harassing Hagar that she had chided childless Sarah and jealousy begotten between these women, this was

penetrated even in their children. Hagar fled from house in to wilderness because she believed better to flight than to fight. She had manifested the grace of self-control amid the cruel chidings and reproaches of Sarah. As Hagar travelled further from her jealous mistress, the Lord was at her heels and said to her in her distress to return to her mistress and submit to her. These words might have seemed like a death sentence to Hagar. But they came from God of life, so they could only be meant for life. Life has its luggage, but God has promised to carry it for everyone.

3. She lifted her voice and wept for her son (Gen 21:16): Through encounter with God, and in the strength of God's revelation in the wilderness, Hagar returned to her mistress and lived with her for 14 years. She also gave birth to a son Ishmael. When Abraham reached 100th year, Sarah gave birth a son Isaac. Hagar and her son lived in that home with all the tension and ill-feeling. When Ishmael began maltreat Isaac, Sarah compelled Abraham to cast out the bondwoman and her son. The pathetic situation was that the poor woman and her son were thirst-ridden and ready to die in the wilderness. As a mother Hagar in an agonizing prayer lifted her voice and wept saying- let me not see the death of the child. Motherhood is high calling where the woman gives herself to the life of her child.

4. God opened her eyes (Gen 21:19): We must understand here Hagar's extremity became God's opportunity. We must also remember that when God allows trials in the lives of His people, He remain in control. Hagar tenderly placed her almost dead son under the shrubs; God heard the dying cry of the lad and also the wail of the Hagar's broken heart. Then God opened



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her eyes, with a word of comfort. Prayer is a life expression of faith. It is the union of God's will to our will. What a faithful God we have. This woman was without husband and without any support but God had not left her. He took care of her. She saw a spring of water, and both Hagar and son were saved from death. Even though we have to walk the valley of the shadow of death, the Lord is with us. Abraham gave only a bottle of water, but God gave a spring of water.

God heard the voice of the lad (Gen 21:17): God not only heard the prayer of Hagar, but dying cry of the lad. Psalmist says- call upon me in the days of trouble, I will deliver you, and you will glorify my name (ps 50:15), and God is our refuge and our strength (ps 46:1) God blessed Ishmael, so many generations came out. Ishmael might have seen the prayer life of his mother, he also prayed to god in his afflictions. Abe Lincoln once said- "no man on earth is poor who has prayerful mother". Many times we think we are alone and nobody cares us but that is not true. If we open our eyes we see God is always taking care, and comforting us. ☺

Prayer is a life
expression of faith. It is
the union of God's will to
our will. What a faithful
God we have.

Women as the reflector of Godly servanthood

Let us explain servanthood this way. A servant is one who does whatever his or her master tells him/her to do without seeking any personal benefit or interest. Whenever we talk about a servant of God, the role model that comes immediately to mind is Jesus Christ. While he walked among people, he showed the true spirit of a servant through humbleness, grace and love while preaching the Kingdom of Heaven. He never complained of being tired but instead preached with courage, righteousness and forgiveness; he came to sacrifice himself to fulfill the work given to him by the Father (Luke 22:42, Matthew 20:28). "My food," said Jesus, "is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work." (John 4:34.NIV)

During the early church, there were many esteemed women followers of Christ of whom I want to mention a few.

1. Lydia (Acts 16:14,15) - Since the Scriptures said "Lydia, seller of purple", we can assume that she was a wealthy merchant. Her heart was touched by God through Paul's preaching and she and family became baptized. She was the one who looked after Paul and Silas and gave them food. When Paul and Silas were released from prison, it was to Lydia's house that they went where they felt safe among the brothers and sisters. Lydia was an important instrument towards having a lively church during the early Church period.

2. Lois and Eunice (II Timothy 1:5) - It can be seen from Paul's second epistle to Timothy that Lois and Eunice were strong believers. Lois strong faith was transferred to her daughter Eunice and Eunice, in turn transferred her strong faith to her son Timothy. Paul believed that

Timothy had inherited the faith in Jesus Christ through his grandmother and mother that Paul selected Timothy to be his disciple to look after the Church. These two women planted the seeds for a strong faith which contributed hugely towards the success of the early Church.

3. Dorcas (Acts 9:39-49) - We know from the Bible that Dorcas served God through work and that when she died, she was greatly missed. Using Peter, God restored life to Dorcas. Using her own hands, Dorcas had worked with zeal and enthusiasm for God.


4. Mary, mother of Mark (Acts 12:17) - After Jesus ascended to heaven, we know from the Bible that his disciples faced persecution from King Herod who killed John's brother Jacob and imprisoned Peter. During this difficult time, the believers used to gather together and pray in the house of Mary, Mark's mother. Mary kept the believers together and helped them in any way she could.

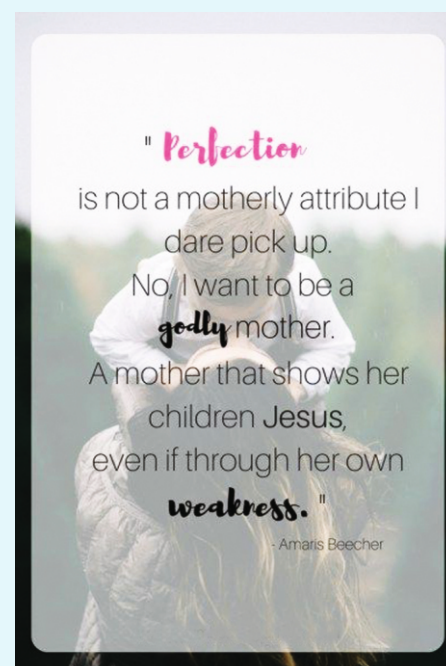
They were courageous, untiring and generous in order to keep the early church alive. They contributed immensely towards spreading the gospel

5. Priscilla (Acts 18:18-19, 24-26) - Priscilla and her husband Aquila were tent makers and as Scripture always mentioned them together, we can assume that they were always together as one entity. Paul took them with him during his ministry finally leaving them behind at Ephesus. In his epistle to the Romans, Paul said, "Greet Priscilla and Aquila, my fellow workers in Christ Jesus, who risked their own necks for my life, to whom not only I give thanks, but also all the churches of the Gentiles. Likewise greet the church that is in their house." (Romans 16:3-5). They were ready to give even their lives for Paul such was the zeal and belief they had for the fledgling Church.



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These women played an important role to keep the nascent Church alive during the early Church history. They were courageous, untiring and generous in order to keep the early Church alive. They contributed immensely towards spreading the Gospel and they are our role models even to this day. Let us follow in their footsteps and work for the glory of God with enthusiasm and passion. 



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER & INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

It is encouraging to receive and report on a blessed event took place in every part of our country in various territories celebrating the International Women's Day and conducting special prayers on World Day of prayer. This year the World Day of Prayer worship was prepared by the women of Vanuatu country, with the theme "Build on a Strong Foundation". Through the worship service, the prayer warriors participated in this special prayer movement could able to hear the voices of the Vanuatu women, whom invited to focus on the Bible parable mentioned by Lord Jesus in Matthew 7:24-27. As mentioned in the scriptures, the wisdom of the builder of the house comes from hearing and acting on the word of God, which is a word of love. This is the foundation on which the women and the prayer

warriors called to build homes, nations and the world. As a result of this prayer focus, A call of faith was earnestly considered by responding to the prayer of commitment: "What is the house that you would build?" In receiving this voice as a gift of wisdom, the participants shared their hope and creatively engaged in respective communities in "Informed Prayer. Prayerful Action."



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