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and cultures
#ineverystep is a
biannual magazine
that tells the stories
of those whose lives
are being transformed.

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heartfelt testimonies,
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in His great love
relentlessly pursues
the lost and found.

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our story, our story
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love story. God is
indeed in every step.

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BUCKETS OF HEARTS

A woman from a distant land has come to us. With passion and love she speaks about 'true worshippers'. She told us it is a heart-to-heart connection with the Father. Something inside me is changing. I am from another faith and do not know this God. The more she talks about His love for us and that He sent Jesus to us from His heart, the more I want to know this God. She continues. The Father wants to talk to us and journey with us, because He loves us so much.

When she said these words, 'Worship is a heart-to-heart connection,' I had goose bumps all over my body. She asked everyone to close their eyes and give time to God. If we want to have a heart-to-heart connection with Him, we must open our heart to Him and surrender. I knew at that moment this was the true God and I needed to receive Jesus, who the Father sent to be our saviour.

As she prays, I open my heart and saw a big bucket of hearts. I ask her to pray for me individually as I wanted what she had. She came over and held out her hands under mine. At that moment I saw God's heart which was held in her hands and placed into mine. I heard God say, take care for My heart. She carries His love, and in that moment, He chose me to do the same.

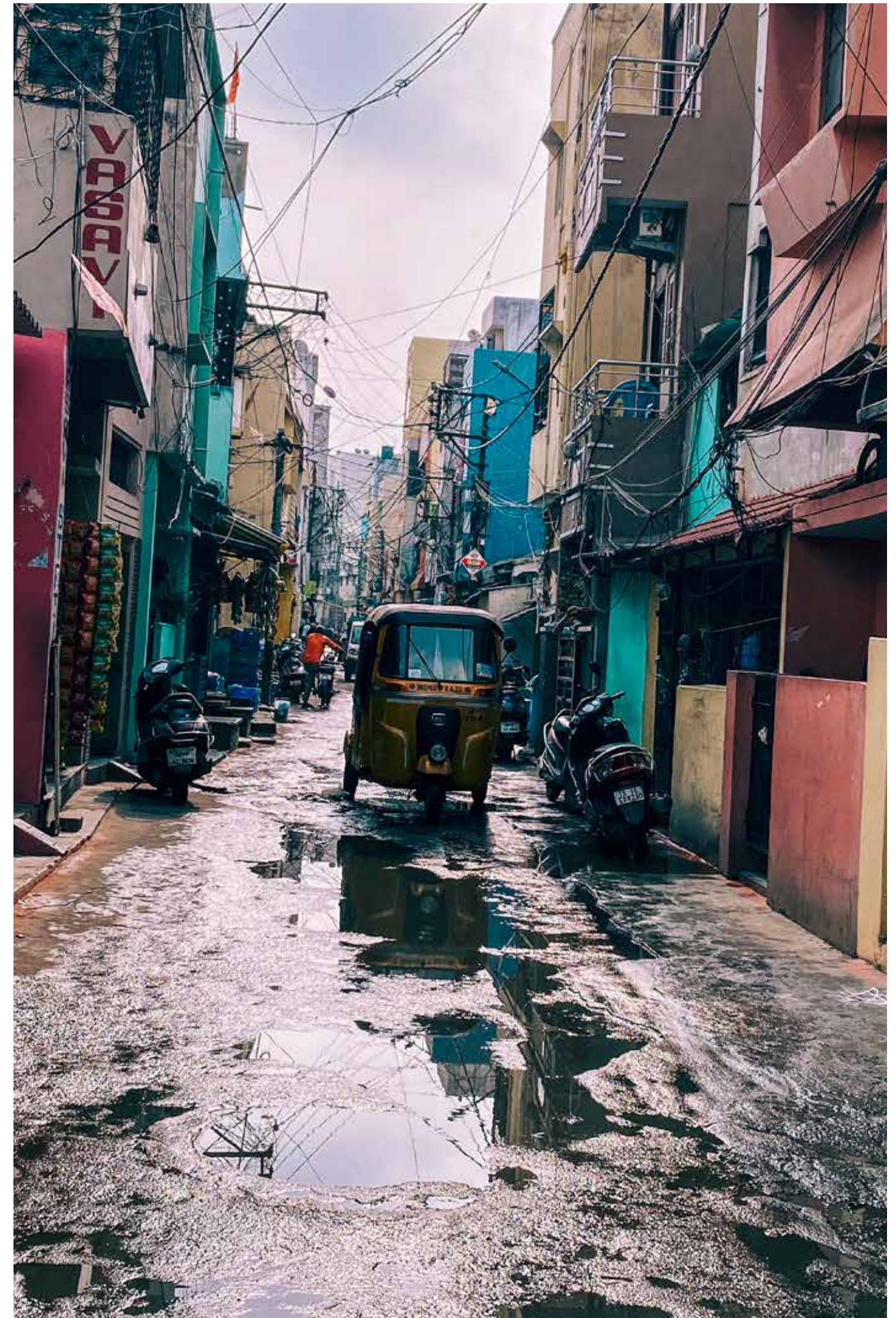
I want everything that God has to give me. I pray that each day I will care for God's heart and serve the people. He has buckets of hearts to give to everybody who wants to have a heart-to-heart connection with Him.

THE CANOPY OF LOVE

Dirt and dust, sounds and smells. The morning sun filters through, revealing the story of the night's shadows. They have been cold, sleeping on the streets, on carts, on steps, wherever a space is found. No blanket, no padding, no comfort. The contrasts of the 'haves' and the 'have nots' are extreme. Turn into the next street and a very different story is told – walls of painted concrete, pinks, blues, greens and reds; abstract reflections in the puddles of the road; spiral staircases leading to balconies draped with the morning washing, revealing glimpses of family life. Pumps bring in the water and huge clumps of intertwined cable bring in the electricity.

The days have been humid. Into another street we turn. Auto drivers flock like birds to scraps: 'Ride? Ride?' 'Sorry, we are walking.' A man just awake from his slumber on the streets interjects, 'Can't find one when you need one.' I smile, giving respect. 'I have problems smoking and drinking,' he says apologetically. He shakes excessively. His name is George. 'Would you like me to pray for you, George?' He is surprised and smiles appreciatively. 'Yes please.' In the middle of the chaos I declare peace over his body, his mind and his spirit. Peace in Jesus' name. He is very grateful. His eyes begin to show a little long-lost hope. We journey on in different directions.

The intensity of the streets is magnified. Past the train station there is a proliferation of beggars; some asleep, some awake reaching out for a few coins with pleading eyes. Workers and school children rush by, immune to the surrounding mounds of rubbish, open drains and other foul odours. Sounds escalate in crescendo waves. Darting here and there are autos and carts; crowds gather at the markets and stalls... an onslaught of colours and textures. Life here can be hard. I wonder what has happened to George.



THE CANOPY OF LOVE



It's time to move on. We are now travelling through fields, towns and villages. We turn into a familiar street. I recall a few months ago we taught the *Secret of Success* to the locals here. Pastor Ryan greets us warmly. The first time we met he was adorned with a fabulous bright aqua shirt – my favourite colour – clean shaven and with a big smile. Today he's in a checked shirt with the same big smile, but with a new addition: a goatee!

I look out over the gathering. An elderly man sits at the back. His eyes tell of hardship, sorrow and pain. An elderly woman, clothed in red, gold and green stripes, walks in gingerly and sits on the step just inside the gate with her back to us. She turns and our eyes meet. She's curious, yet hesitant. I smile. She quickly looks away.

A small gathering sit under the red, purple and green canopy, sheltered from the sun. They are mostly women wearing brightly-coloured cloth. Some men arrive and sit on the chairs up the back, detached from the rest.

I sense a spiritual cloud hanging over the people blocking them from receiving from the Son of God. I wonder, why is there no transformation? Surely, they have done the *Kingdom of God Discipleship Program (KoGDP)*? I quietly pray, 'Father, ignite their hearts with Your fire.' Pastor Tim testifies to the entire gathering how the *Secret of Success* has changed his life. Praise God for the one!

It is time. The special word for this gathering is 'Good Gifts'. But few are willing to surrender. Father, I give it all to You, I have preached the word You have given.

One of the local people journeying with us concludes with a song. I don't understand the language, but I certainly understand the sentiment and revelation of his song.

Later, as we eat lunch, I ask for a translation of the song. I am told it's about God's grace. My whole life is about God's grace, so any song about God's grace is our song... my Father in heaven and me. It is His grace and revelation of His great love that touches deep in my heart and brings tears of joy. The words of the song are simple and powerful. We need His grace for daily life. It is His grace that comforts, is wonderful and sufficient...

'Father, once again You amaze and astound me. Your canopy of love is always present and I live and thrive from that place. Thank you Father for your amazing grace. That You chose for all Your children to be part of your wonders that delight, amaze and astound.'

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Pastor Ryan waits until all are gone and asks for prayer. 'I see the light of the gospels on your feet. You are to follow the leading of the Holy Spirit and not go here and there, but follow His leading when and where to go.' He admits he has been going here and there and surrenders this to the will of our Father. We say our farewells, until we meet again.

As the evening dusk sets in, we head off to another gathering. After some time, among the fields at the end of a long road on the outskirts of a small village, we stop outside a small building. We take off our shoes before entering, for this is hallowed ground. We give respect. A voice from the midst of the packed house of over 50 people says, 'Please come.' A big red cross is painted on the back wall. Father, what is Your word for Your people? 'Abide.' I ask my son what he observes. He says, 'I feel some people need to stay in Jesus.' I smile and tell him our Father's word for the people is 'abide.' He smiles and gives thanks to God. Taking a moment, he prepares his heart.

As we worship I feel to move among the people. I observe Manan. I recall his story of how God raised him up from shame to honour. He now preaches our sermons to a rapidly growing congregation. He testifies that when people come with sickness and brokenness, when they listen to the sermons and give time to God, they are getting healed. As he worships his heart is open wide. Father, you whisper, 'Lay hands on him.' As I gently obey, Manan begins to shake. I speak over him, 'the Spirit of the Lord is upon you... as you speak forth, He will ignite your tongue with His fire going straight into people's hearts.' I continue among the congregation. I see fire on my hands. Again Father You whisper to me. 'You are my nail-pierced hands, My words, My heart, My love.' Thank you Father, I am in awe and wonder of you.

Pastor Jacob, in his brisk military style, states time is running... one hour has already gone. Translation: I need to start preaching!

Using the example of the right and left hand coming together and enclosing as one, this is just like the oneness of the Father and Son and the Son and us. The meaning of abide goes deep. Each heart and mind is intently fixed on you Lord, and receiving from You.

As we are immersed under the canopy of Your love Father, we take a moment to surrender. I sense relationship tension, sickness, broken hearts, unworthiness, fear and doubt. In this moment of surrender and stillness I declare, 'Look into His nail-pierced hands.' There comes a release, relief, and receiving of His peace, love and joy. Thank you Father, thank you.

'My heart is like glass. When someone puts some stones on it, it breaks out. Out of that brokenness the enemy has charge and I feel like falling away. Yet today I understand it is His heart in me and He will never let it break out, it is just my feeling, emotion. I am in Him and He is in me. God has spoken a lot to me through this message.' – Sermon listener.



THE CANOPY OF LOVE



Testimonies flow freely. Pastor Jacob is the first.

'Whatever you are speaking I feel Jesus is speaking to me those words. I took the time to surrender to Him, it was God speaking to me in my life. We think we know Jesus so we know everything and we can do anything with Jesus, yet we sometimes cannot see ourselves in Him. It is a continued process that only happens when we surrender. He is in us even when we do bad, but am I in Him. I asked, am I in Him? Tonight I got my answer: yes!'

'We know Jesus can do miracles, now we see the Father is working in Him. We have come to know the Father through this message.' - Ps Jacob

Kabir stands up. 'The enemy comes and talks to us, saying we are not worthy. I now know God has chosen us and surrendering I'm in Him. This gave me confidence that I am chosen for this and in a good place in Him.'

'We have to be strong in Jesus and not fall away due to hard things. I felt His Spirit talking to me and working in my life tonight and I responded.' – Rohan

The sense of oneness and community is very strong. We are showered with garlands, shawls and a lot of selfie requests! It amazes me how there is always at least one smart phone in a village at the ready for a selfie. Son interjects, 'Mom they don't want us to go!' 'I know son, I know.'

Back at our accommodation I reflect on all You are doing Father and say thank you and praise you for Your kingdom has come to Your people. As I lay down to sleep Your presence covers me.

It's morning and like the Psalmist says, Lord You are here. 'Father I thank you that I woke up in the canopy of Your love. Like in a cocoon of Your presence. That is where I have to live from and thrive from that deep secret place in Your heart. Oh Father, such unconditional love and amazing grace, that is Your heart's desire.' I am still. 'Father what is the word for Your people today?' 'Compelled by Love.'

Under blue skies with just a little cloud we drive out among the very lush and vivid green rice fields. We park in the open fields under the shade of a coconut palm. There is a man there with wild, curly hair and a weather-worn face. As we walk past, I give him respect. Turning the corner, there are two women dressed in brightly-coloured cloth with bold patterns. They are busy preparing food in a huge pot on an open flame, with smoke rising up through the trees. They pause and smile. Around another corner there are several mats laid out on the grass. Some fabulously patterned cloths of flowers and geometric shapes are draped over poles for shade. After some time, people of all ages gather.

The moment has come. I commence, 'The Father's heart is here...' As I begin to speak I sense some hearts are empty, some more open; some drift and others are totally engaged. Until the moment I say... surrender! There are blockages of the flesh that rise up, conflicting with a readiness to be free. 'Do you want to be truly free?' A resounding 'yes' is heard. So let's give God a moment.



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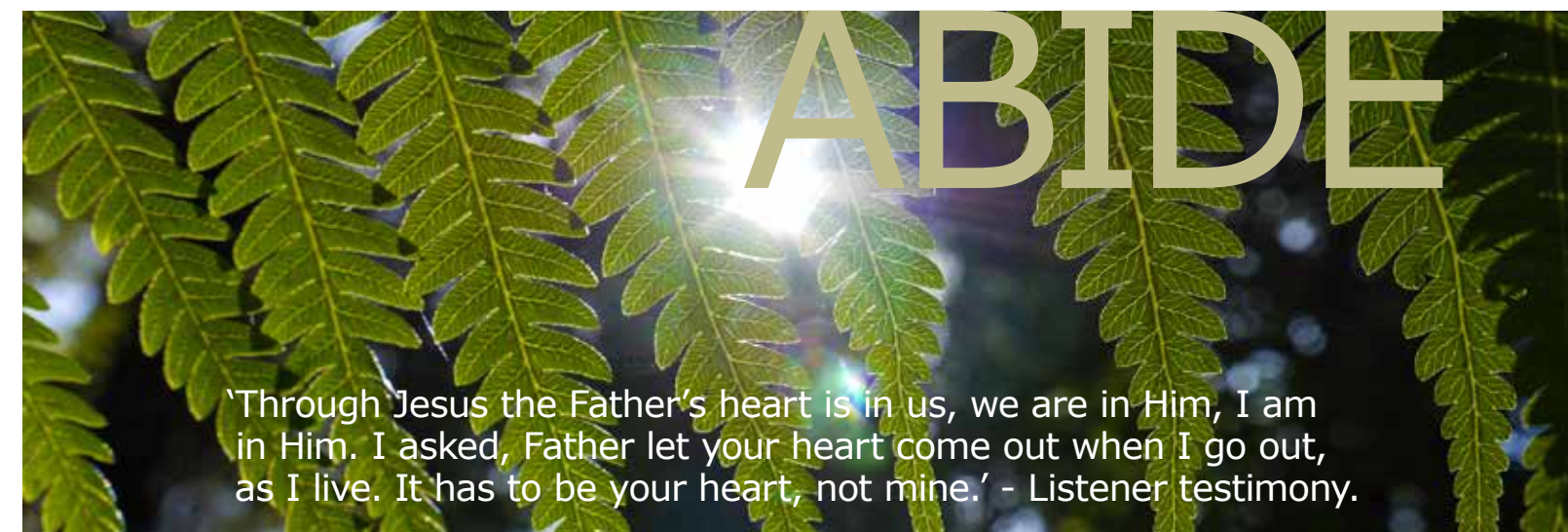
Your canopy of love is always there Father. Oh, that the whole world may know You and that Your presence and desire for intimacy is always there. Father, we commit all into Your hands.

We observe that this group is halfway between last night's group and the first group in their journey with You. Later we learn that the first village had not done the *KoGDP* due to the inability to raise money for workbooks. The third village at the time of our meeting are doing the program and the second village, who were willing to completely surrender, had completed the program. They are established in His truth, rooted in His love and transformed in His power, and are enabled to live in the reality of His canopy of love.

Many respond and surrender. I declare, 'The old is gone, the new has come. The truth of a new creation in Christ Jesus becomes a reality, by Your Spirit Father, in Jesus' name. Amen!'

Isaac testifies, 'When we receive Jesus the old hasn't gone until we surrender to receive His resurrection power. Now we have surrendered we are going to live a new life. The new has come as we have let go of the old.'

Jason adds, 'When we receive Jesus we think everything new and after that, the air goes out of the balloon. We don't see others through God's eyes and we can't come out of self. But today we surrendered self to the Father's will and have new life. When you came today some of us were empty, now we are full.'



'Through Jesus the Father's heart is in us, we are in Him, I am in Him. I asked, Father let your heart come out when I go out, as I live. It has to be your heart, not mine.' - Listener testimony.

'To abide is to be immersed in God's love, living from a safe place of trust and rest.'
jesuslovetheworld.info/sermon/abide



WORDS IN SEASON

As the crickets sing and the stars twinkle, the night air is still. People gather. Sitting on the steps of houses, in the dirt and on mats, we worship. Tonight mom will give the word from God. She is here with us. Every time she is with us it is special, and this time it is even more special, as dad is with her. He is so gentle and kind, supportive and wise.

The word of God for us is so clear. Jesus carries our burdens and we are to be anxious for nothing. There was a heaviness in most of us tonight. But when we heard that the Father sent the Son to carry our burdens, we opened our hearts and minds to Him. Now we are lighter, having surrendered our burdens to Jesus. We look forward to tomorrow with new hope.

It is morning. I arrive at the gate. Mom and dad are ready. Onto our motorbikes and off we go. Through the fields of rice that are so green. Over rivers we travel on new bridges and roads built by day labourers. We journey through markets, villages and the forest. After some hours and a rest stop along the way, we arrive. It has been many months since mom was here. It was such a blessed time... it was for my wedding! She danced and danced, laughed and cried, prayed and prophesied. So special.

The time is now. People are ready. We walk inside. My colleague asks mom, 'Why don't we hear from God when we pray?' Mom replied excitedly, 'Today's message will give you the answer.'

We worship. I invite mom to worship on the drums. She told me later that just before that moment our Father had told her to be the drummer as well as the preacher for today, and she said to Him that He has to put that on our heart to invite her. This was a good confirmation for me.

Mom's word from God was 'Lord, Teach Us to Pray.' Jesus' response to the disciples asking Him this we know well, we recite it every Sunday. Our Father who art in heaven...

Today we receive a new revelation. It is all about relationship with Jesus and the Father. Our Father. A place where we can live with identity and purpose. Mom said, 'In a heart mind condition of surrender the transforming power of God freely flows.' I know there are so many problems, anger, pride. I wonder, do people want the transforming power of God?

As we drive back and the sun begins to set, we talk more. Mom tells me she had a prophetic word before the message about pride being a blockage. 'Mom, you should have said, as pride is big problem. That would show God knows the secrets of the heart and they would give attention.' Mom responds, 'we trust our Father as He told me to pray against it, so I did.'

As I think back, the majority of people gathered said they wanted to live in the place of God's identity, purpose and transforming power. My colleague got his answer. Yes, there is much more work to be done. The truth is powerful, the revelation deep. We all need to surrender to live in this place. Lord, teach us to pray.

OUT

INSIDE

'My name is Arin. I am in 9th standard. I was doing the *Kingdom of God Discipleship Program*. I took my workbook and the *Secret of Success* handout home. My father was doing black magic and would earn money from it. He used it as a weapon over the people, making them to fear. He wanted to come out from it and **change** but he could not. Seeing my workbook and *Secret of Success* handout he asked me what was my new subject.

As soon as I started to explain to him, he surrendered all those things to God and now follows and worships only Jesus.

My father did the *Kingdom of God Discipleship Program* and is totally changed.

He now has a new life bringing the blessing of Jesus to the people, instead of destroying life. My whole family has been changed. Our community sees the change.'

'I was born and brought up in a well-educated family. All my family are in good jobs and positions. I had a good education, post-graduation and good marks, but I did not get a job after I had finished. My parents and family members started to pressure me a lot. Because of the shame I started to act mentally upset, so no one would question me and I would not have to work.

After some time I wanted to come out of this but I was not able to as it had become a habit. No one could help me. One of my family member's daughter was in 10th standard and she had a *Kingdom of God Discipleship Program* workbook. She started to talk about the *Secret of Success*. When I heard these words, the *Secret of Success*, I felt I could come out of my illness.

I wanted to know what it was, so she took me to a man who showed me how to give weaknesses to Jesus, to get strength from Him.

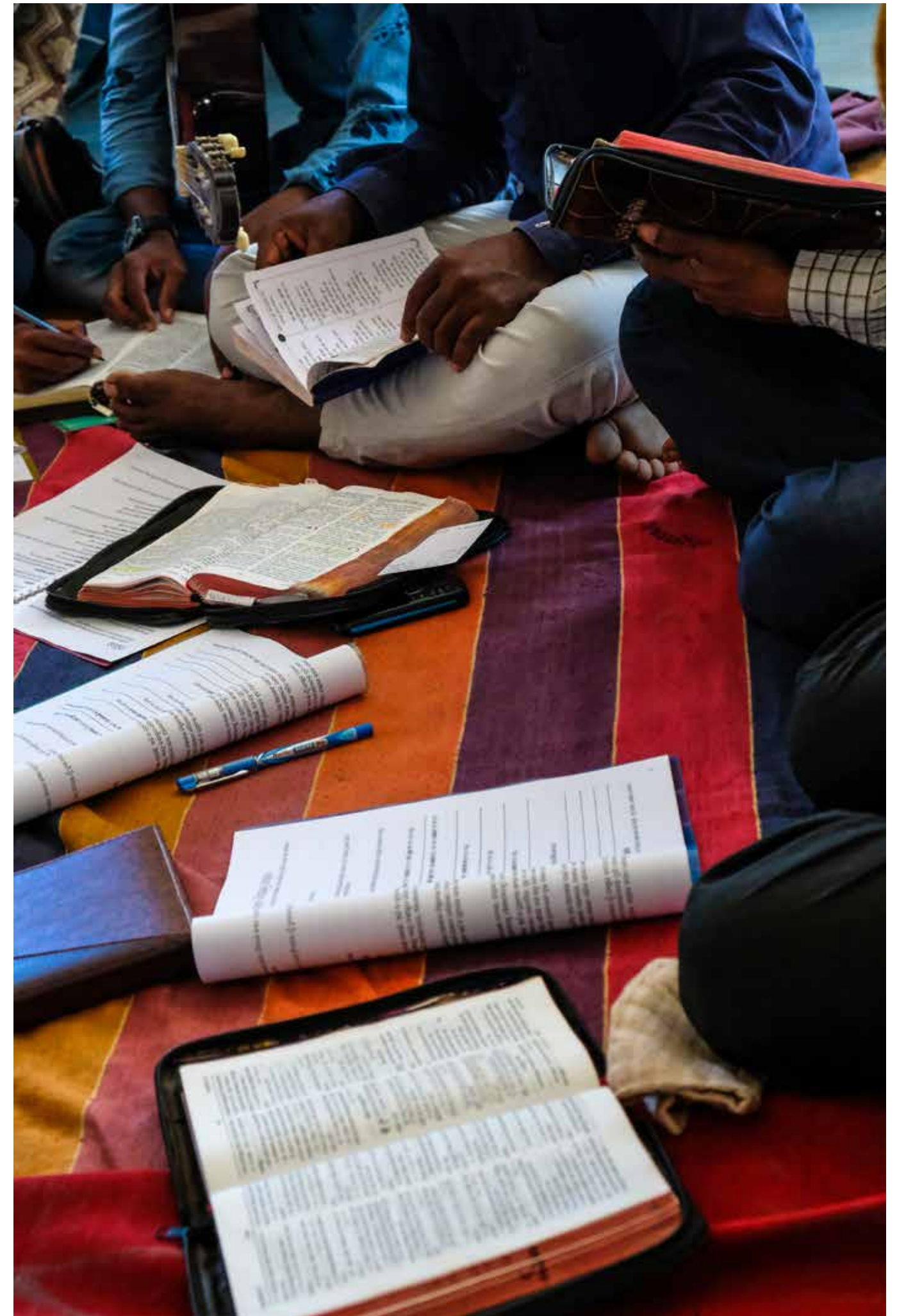
I questioned in my mind if Jesus could help me. He told me Jesus will help a lot and if I need to know, just surrender it to Him. I went home and I said, 'Jesus, if you help me a lot I will serve you and give the *Secret of Success* to all the family.' So I did it, I surrendered to Jesus. I felt in my heart forgiveness, my heart was totally changed. It was different.

I went to my parents and asked their forgiveness and I taught them the *Secret of Success*. Through Jesus and the *Secret of Success* I have come out of it all and have gained equality and respect. I have decided to serve Jesus and the people with the *Secret of Success*.' – Joel

'People doing the *Kingdom of God Discipleship Program* are now hearing God's voice so clearly. They are now understanding what is truth, living from truth, doing truth and truth now rules their lives.' - Jon

'People put words on him, they throw stones on him for the bad things he has done. The community is not going to represent him or receive him as he was, so that kind of mind is there. So he made up his mind when he came out of prison to give up his life. He started to do the *Secret of Success*. He doesn't know Jesus and each day he started to say the bad things he has done and surrender each day. Now he is free and become one of the leaders in the jail for the *Kingdom of God Discipleship Program*. When he comes out he is going to lead the program in his community. Before the community would not respect him, now they will receive him.' - Tippoo

'I've been in jail 2 years. No one has come to me, so I decided I will give up my life. I'm now doing the *Kingdom of God Discipleship Program* and when I come out I will do the program with others.' - Vicky





'Every sentence is a new revelation for us so we are meditating on it and are able to understand.' - Jon

'I am in government school. I was doing the *Kingdom of God Discipleship Program*. Now I have no fear of what is the future. I know the most important thing is to give time to God.' - Anita

'My name is Eta. I have one son and one daughter. My son who is 24 years old never listened to me, he used to hate me, abuse me, sometimes he beaten me. He always used to break my heart. I would cry a lot and prayed a lot but nothing had happened. Seeing the destruction of his future I never had peace and I lost my hope. I thought nothing will change him, but one day I did the *Secret of Success* and I felt this will help my son. I got a hope. One day I put The *Secret of Success* in his wallet. He had seen it and asked his sister about it. She led him to surrender to God. As soon as he had done it he was changed. He now lives life in surrender to God, as well as he loves me a lot and listens to me. The *Secret of Success* brought my hope back and changed our lives.'



BECOME ALIVE

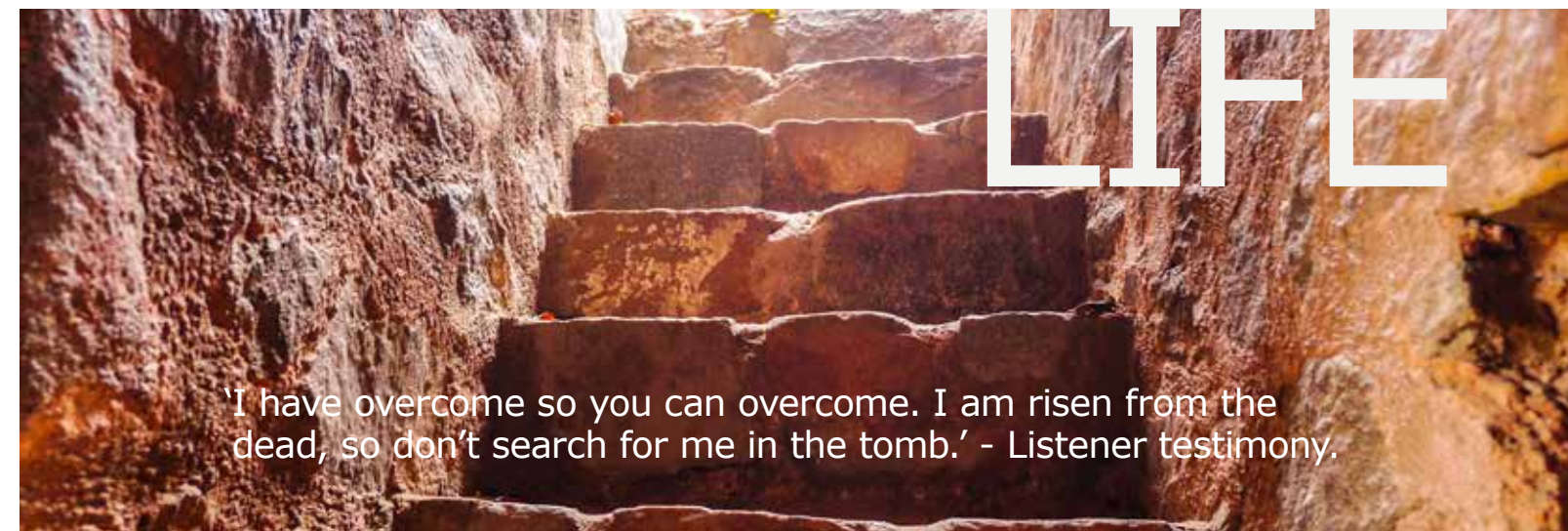
'In preaching the sermon on Easter really I can say the risen Christ has been born in me. This never had happened in my last 24 years of ministry. For 13 years I have preached a lot of sermons on Easter Sunday, but none of these sermons had impact as this sermon *At the Empty Tomb*, from *jesus loves : the world*. While I was going through the sermon I had tears because Jesus was in my eyes and He was saying, 'I have overcome so you can overcome. I am risen from the dead, so don't search for me in the tomb.'

All the *jesus loves : the world* sermons are so anointed. When I preach them I see the anointing is flowing to everyone to receive Jesus and to surrender to Him. In my experience I can say through these sermons many have received Jesus and my congregation has become alive. We have got new life in Jesus.

While I preach the *jesus loves : the world* sermons, I see the Father, Son and Holy Spirit come into us and dwell in us. These are not just sermons. They always reveal the Father's heart and love to people.' - Ps Isaac

'Before I used to see people with their mistakes, sins, and problems and would preach this to them and make it emotional. But when I started preaching the *jesus loves : the world* sermons my mind was changed. Now I see Jesus in every person and the change of preaching the truth in every one.' - Ryan

'I thought to receive God's goodness I need to go and pray with the pastors so I have done it with many pastors and leaders near cities and towns, but I have not seen any good. But the day my pastor was preaching on surrendering to God, the *Secret of Success* sermon, that has changed my mind. I understand to receive God is to surrender to Him.' - Joel



'I have overcome so you can overcome. I am risen from the dead, so don't search for me in the tomb.' - Listener testimony.

'He rose to life from our darkness, bringing revelation, wholeness, love, joy and honour.'
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