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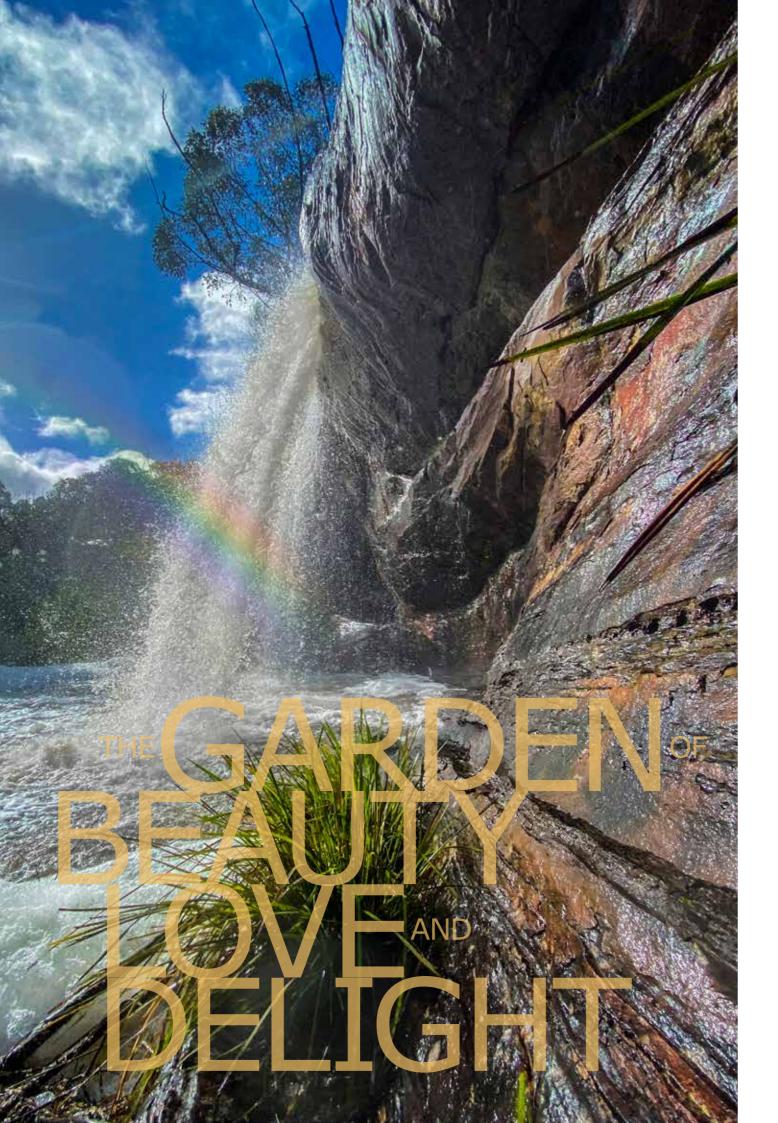
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EDITORIAL

The pathway is marked out. The Holy Spirit has gone before, others have gone before, all through the ages, marking out the trail. Walking through the deserts, the flat plains and mountain ranges, engulfed in a rainbow of colour, with a light so bright. The directional arrows turn into crosses. The Good Shepherd leads the way as the light is refracted into colours through the water...water as clear as crystal. Colours of truth and love, waters of healing and refreshment, sent to the four corners of the earth.

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> There is a grand and beautiful waterfall surrounded by lush, green vegetation. Between the greenery I see water glistening in the beams of light. I hear the birdsong breaking through the silence. It is melodic and serene. The flowers, the valleys, the mountains are all so picturesque. 'What is my garden to you?' Father, it is a sanctuary of rest, peace, joy, delight, life and your presence. 'I have planted my beautiful garden in your heart. My garden is for everybody. My desire is to plant my garden in all people's hearts to enjoy and delight in.'

Father, you are the garden and you plant and grow beautiful, precious things for us to cherish in our hearts. May I cherish in my heart your precious garden that is so rich with your presence, love, joy, peace, delight and beauty.

'Go to my first garden in the beginning and I will show you.'

And out of the ground the LORD God made every tree grow that is pleasant to the sight and good for food.

Pleasant to the sight is desire, beauty... greatly beloved.

Father, you delight in your creation, but most of all because of your great love, you give us everything good to enjoy. Your truth and heart's desire plants your beautiful garden in people's hearts for eternity. Thank you Father, thank you.

God has spoken to me powerfully through the Kingdom of God Discipleship Experience. As I journeyed through it, there were times when he spoke to me directly, and times when he spoke to me afterwards through the messages within the program.

One Sunday when I was at home and struggling with depression, I saw Jesus kneeling before me, looking up into my face. All I saw in His face was gentleness and kindness. I felt the words in my heart: 'I'll meet you where you are.' I understood it meant that He will come down to me where I am at. Just like in Session 3: Making Himself Personal in the Kingdom of God Discipleship Experience. I knew this picture was from God because I had learnt that Jesus is the ladder. He is the bridge between heaven and earth, and that He came down to earth to us, not us having to go first to meet Him in heaven. I thank Jesus that He came and met me where I was at. I have learnt this is who He really is. He is the one who has made a way for us to know Him.

Another part of the Kingdom of God Discipleship Experience that God spoke to me through was the picture of the flotsam and jetsam in Session 11: Acceptance in the Beloved. Many times when I was struggling with negative thoughts and anxiety, God reminded me of this picture and showed me that the negative thoughts and anxiety were not of Him. This empowered me to let them float on by.

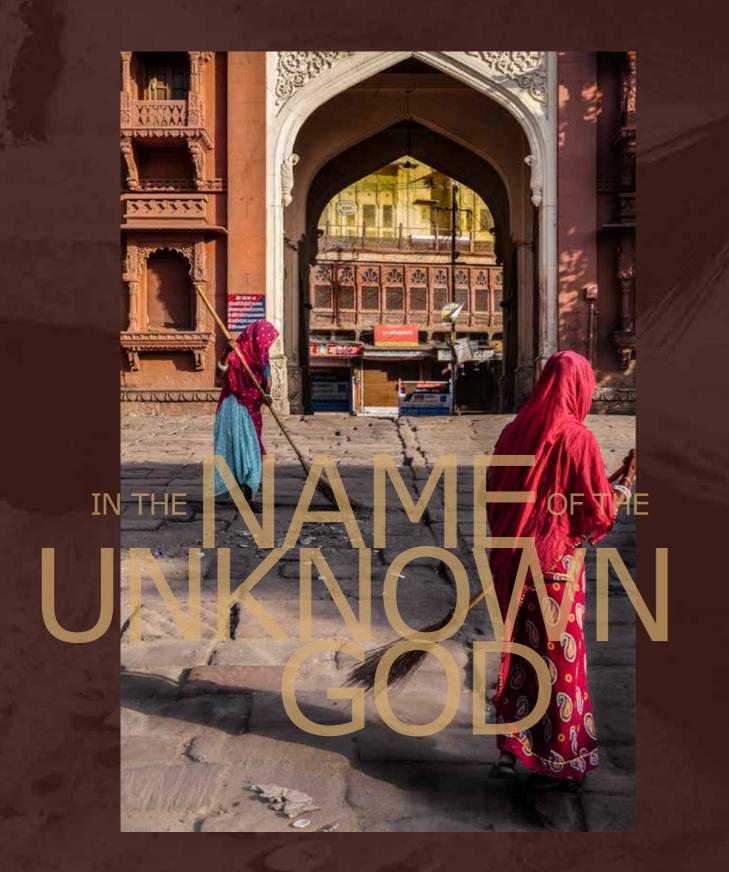


God has also used the Kingdom of God Discipleship Experience to lay a deeper foundation of who He is and who I am. In my reflections on Session 10: Identity - Born of Spirit, I wrote, 'Thank you Jesus that you wore a crown of thorns so that we may share in and receive your crown of life. A crown that will never wear out. It is imperishable. It is a sign of our royalty, our right-standing with you. We are covered in your glory—a beautiful future hope that we will receive when you return. And what joy and rejoicing this brings in our hearts by your presence now and hope for the future. Thank you, Jesus that you willingly chose. Not because of anything I have done, but because of your great love.'

Through the journey of the *Kingdom* of God Discipleship Experience, God has broken off my striving to be good enough, and has replaced it with His truth. That I am His beloved, holy and blameless before Him. Accepted just as I am. This is the powerful truth that has set me free.

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'I know that Paul sent the letters to build up the churches, to bring truth into their action and Jesus into the people. This has been gone. These sermons are now bringing the truth and Jesus into people's lives. They are nourishing my heart whenever I read. I am going to preach these to my family. We are praying we will do these regularly. I will train 18 leaders and raise them up and make sure they preach this.' *jesus loves : the world sermon translator*



As I listen to this testimony from the translator, I think back to all those years ago when I landed on foreign soil and looked across the land. So much has happened since, yet I still remember that moment vividly. In the midst of great spiritual darkness and oppression the words that God spoke were crystal clear: 'These people are very spiritual. I'm sending you like the Apostle Paul into Athens, in the name of the unknown God.'

The next 15 years have been an incredible journey through the mountains and the valleys, metaphorically and literally! During extreme weather—floods and droughts, bitter cold and relentless heat, through dust and dirt, intense sounds interspersed with silence—to the one who is searching, all in the name of the unknown God.

After John read the translator's testimony to me, he started to share his heart, not knowing what God had said to me all those years ago. John said, 'When I was reading the translator's testimony I began to think of our journey together. How when you would come to this land and how there would be much pain. I continued to wonder, why would you keep doing this? When I was praying and thinking about this, tears were coming and these words filled my heart: mum is in the place of Paul.'

John exclaimed, 'For it is true! The churches have been changed, Christian faith has been changed, people have surrendered to God and surrender has become their food. Jesus is now the centre of our lives. Even those who have been in ministry for many years are surrendering to God and have said if God tells them to stop, they will stop. If God says to go, they will go. This has never happened before, as they would never give up anything to God, even ministry.

'Mum, it is truly amazing what God has done. Now when people come for prayer asking for this and that, we say, surrender it to God and seek His will. So people are surrendering to God and He is doing great things.' 'While listening to these jesus loves : the world sermons, without my permission, my heart is confessing and my inner man is rejoicing. I have received Jesus as my saviour.' - Rashid

I sit and listen as John continues to testify what God has done. 'Not only are people surrendering to God but people who were never hearing are now hearing.'

John then told me the powerful story of Aliza. 'She is from a people group who had never heard the truth. She shared that for the last five years she had never found peace or joy in her heart. Not understanding what was happening in her life, she had many disturbances both mentally and physically. She went and spoke to her people, but instead of helping her they would mock her. So she started to pray to their god but in five years nothing changed. Due to these disturbances she thought to give up her life. She had tried everything. Staying in a different house and in different places did not help her. Again she asked her people for help with prayers and offerings to their god. Yet still nothing changed. She wanted to give up her life, so one last time she decided to visit her mother and brother. Sunday morning her mother took her to a gathering. As soon as the gathering started her mind told her to go from here, but her mother told her to stay. After the sermon started, one by one she felt something taken from her mind. At the end of the sermon they gave time to the unknown God. She cried and cried and said, "I need help...help me!" At that time, something came and hugged her. She was filled with peace and joy from the unknown God. The disturbing thoughts now do not come and she wants to attend these gatherings every week."

John continued, 'Aliza's story touched my heart. I remember mum, when you would come and understand people's disturbances of mind and pray for them, all in the name of Jesus, the unknown God. And how I so wanted the Father's heart like that and you prayed that over me. Mum as I heard how Aliza was set free, the tears kept coming. I then realised that our Father has given me His heart.'

John continues to read to me more stories from people who have never heard, and now are hearing. Nasir shares, 'I have met many Christians in my life. So far all of them tried to teach me religion and asked me to confess my life so I will have heaven. But for the first time the *jesus loves : the world messages* taught me the love of God and made me understand that God in Jesus will accept me as I am. And that God still loves me. This truth made me have a close relationship with him. I can say through these Kingdom of God teachings and messages I have fallen in love with Jesus.'

Zara testifies of how her family are being made whole: 'I have two kids and our life was going very good. I thought I had a loving and caring husband. But one day he was caught with another women in a physical relationship. Seeing that my heart was broken I started to hate him. I kept him away from me and the kids. Though he came to us a lot of times asking for one more chance, saying that he will not repeat the same, I thought of giving him divorce as I was not having love to accept him anymore. I was broken and disturbed. I wanted to die. I was not able to live with knowing my husband was with another women. One day my neighbour asked me to come with her. I thought she might be taking me to do some shopping to buy vegetables. But as we drew closer, I see a group of people who are singing and worshipping. After some time one person stood up and started to preach. I didn't put my mind into it as I was not interested, but the last few minutes of the message got my attention. The preacher was telling to surrender all your hurts to the Lord. I began to call on the unknown name of Jesus for the first time. I started crying and I opened up to God. As soon as I had done this all my hurts were gone. I felt peace in my heart and I was able to forgive my husband and we have started a new life together with God's love.'

After reading these stories John shared with me that he used to cry when I would surrender to God and now he is the same.

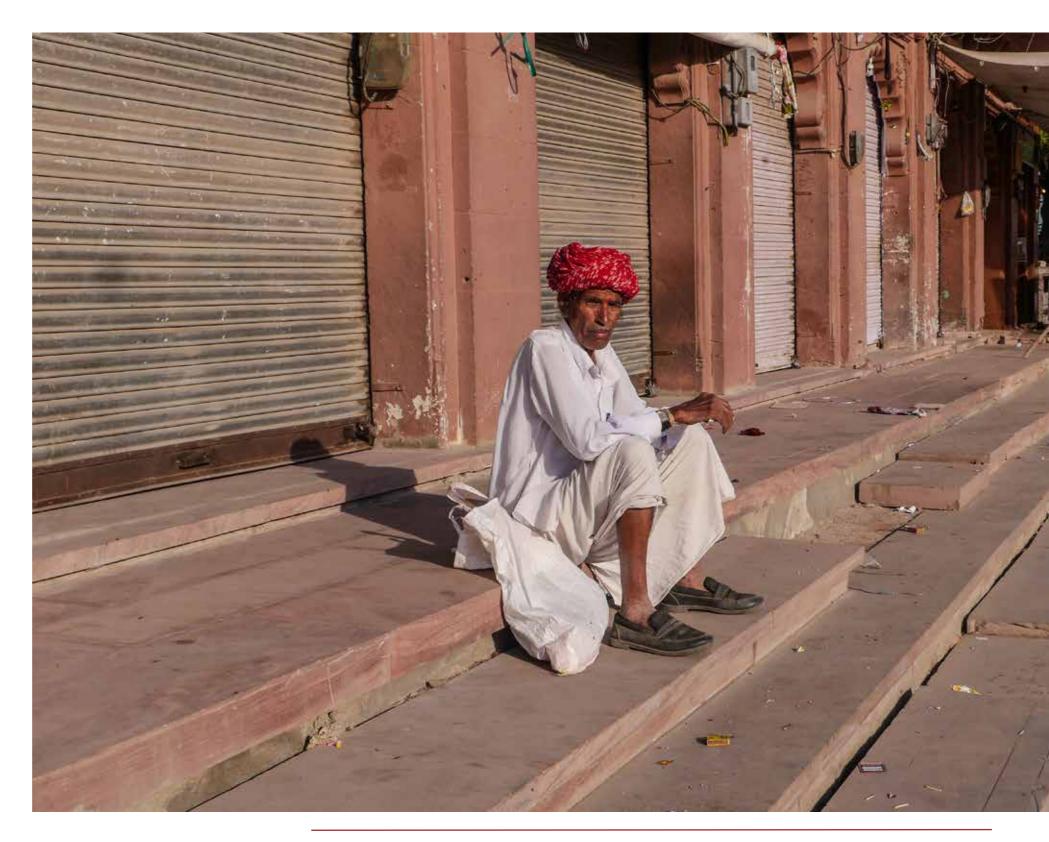
John said, 'Yes, we have surrendered and continue to surrender to God and rejoice. Just recently I went into a slum and found that there are people there with a ready heart of complete surrender to God. So we worshipped together and again I cried. It was a different feeling than I have ever experienced. Mum, people who had no respect here are finding themselves in Jesus.'

Aaron testifies of that day: 'I have insecurity in my mind. When my parents spoke and other people spoke they would say I'm good for nothing. I had no marriage and no job. I was in the bondage of insecurity. Due to all this I was in complete depression and feared to do anything. My bondage of insecurity was making me not to try something. I had complete brokenness in my heart. I tried to come out of it but it was not possible. I wanted to go to these people who had come to us. I saw they were praying and people were crying. The first word I heard was that "the truth will set you free." The second word I heard was that "Jesus is the truth" and I thought if I come to Jesus I will be set free. I did this. I surrendered to God and felt peace. Now my identity is in the grace of God, not in my colour or gender. Through the grace of God I can do anything. I am now looking for a job.'

Prisha's story is also very powerful. She got married 10 years ago but has not had any children. The community rejected her and never invited her to anything. They would say a lot of negative words because she had no kids. She was not given any respect. So she stopped going out and was not even considered human. Because of this shame she wanted to take her own life by hanging herself. She had it planned, but decided to go to a faith gathering before she would take her life. The preaching was one of the jesus loves : the world sermons about how God gives identity and respect. She thought as she was listening to the words, even if the world rejects me, God will never reject me. She feels respect has come to her through Jesus and not from this world. She now testifies, 'my identity is now in Jesus and He is greater than the world. I now live in hugs with Jesus.'

John told me, 'So mum, we testify that strongholds have been broken. People who say Jesus is not our God now testify of Him. He has given His peace and respect freely. Hearts are being transformed. Everything has come from itself. The truth is reproducing truth and people are being turned from darkness to His glorious light.'

Just like the Apostle Paul, all in the name of the unknown God.



`Listening to For God So Loves, I thought it's completely crazy what God has done. Why would God do all that? And the only answer I could come to is that He really is love.' https://jesuslovestheworld.info/sermon-podcasts/



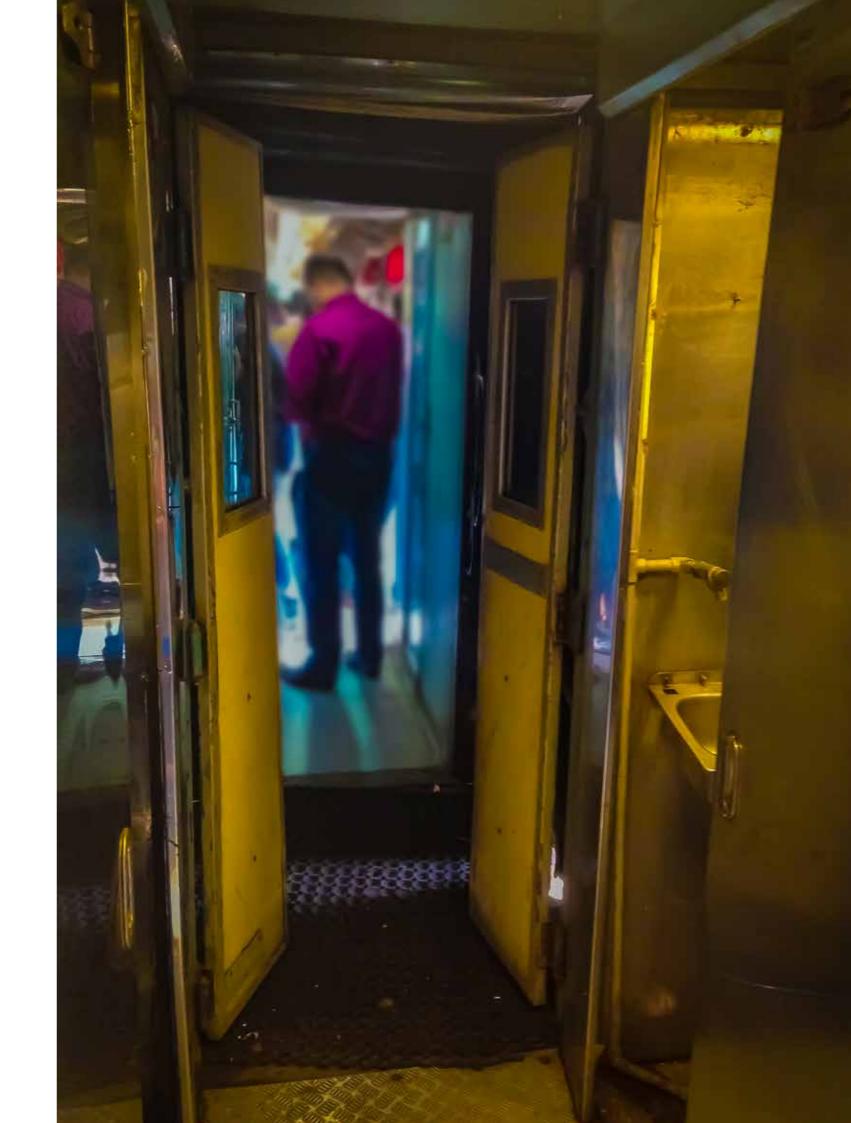
I remember when we first met. Instantly we felt connected. I didn't really know the fullness of the truth but I knew mum did. So mum would come and teach us over the years. It was always such a precious time for us both. We keep them in our hearts. Times apart were hard and we would miss each other a lot. Ever since I received Jesus as my Lord it has been my heart's desire to know Him more. As I journeyed with Jesus throughout the years, my hunger grew to know Him more.

> Then one day mum came with the Kingdom of God Discipleship Program in our heart language. We were to record each session and together we would create a professional quality audio production. A sound recording artist brother from another state gave up his holiday to record for us. We gathered under a mango tree each day and went through the Kingdom of God Discipleship Program. I followed the leaders manual and participants had their workbooks. It was great fun and I realised how this was going to reach my people. We have high illiteracy here but with this audio version everyone will be able to sit and listen Time passed. The final production was complete and loaded onto the solar powered audio players. I was very excited when I started listening. The Kingdom of God Discipleship Program is talking to me a lot. I am discovering many things as I study and teach others. Each time I go through the program I am getting more wonderful revelation and direction. I am not finished yet... I am going on a journey learning about identity. That is true identity and carrying that identity. The more I go through the Kingdom of God Discipleship Program, the more I am amazed. It is taking me deeper and deeper. It's beautiful. I have just introduced the 10th session Born of Spirit to a group. We are going very slow as the more time we spend time on that, the more we learn. New groups are forming. We are making disciples. This is the amazing grace of our saviour. I'm discovering Him each day, little by little and He is filling with me with joy. How wonderful our God is. He is revealing so many things of Himself and I can't stop my tears. Mum and I thank each other for being a part of each other's life. But most of all, I thank God for His amazing grace in knowing Him more and more each and every day.



FROM DESPAIR TOREPAIR

'I have a habit of being addicted to the "danger" drug. My parents were not to know. I tried myself to come out of it. Then I even spoke to my parents and friends but nothing happened. Still I could not stop. My lungs were damaged by the drug and I experienced great weight loss. My sister was doing the Kingdom of God Discipleship Program and she took me to that program. After the session the people were praying with intimacy and surrendering. I did not understand such things. I saw my sister was crying. I asked her, why? She told me she was praying for me and explained that she had surrendered me to God and asked Him to heal me and protect me. I asked, "so does God heal? Does God take away tears?" She explained to me that God heals and she took me through the first session of the Kingdom of God Discipleship Program titled Seeing the Unseen. When listening to my sister, I had a desire to come out of drugs and I felt this was my last chance. But afterwards I still went to the place where I would take the drugs. This time I started to ask God to heal me and I surrendered. Since that moment I have had no interest in the drugs. I even went to the doctor and he was so amazed how my heath was getting cured. The doctors are praising God over and over for this miracle. I too praise God, praise God, praise God!' - Joseph



One day God spoke very clearly to me: 'In all of your communities you must teach the *Kingdom of God Discipleship Program*. You are to raise the money for all participants to have their own workbooks.'









KINGDOM GGD HEARTS

Immediately my thoughts came... we are in many communities, across seven states, in both cities and rural areas, all speaking different languages. That is going to be a lot of workbooks! Life here is hard for so many. And when COVID hit, it became even harder. I knew the *Kingdom of God Discipleship Program* was the truth of God, so we trusted Him to enable us to provide workbooks for all the people who are a part of our community.

Over many, many months, curfews and lockdowns, we finally raised enough funds to pay the cost of printing a *Kingdom of God Discipleship Program* workbook for each participant in seven of the nine states. Two of the languages we needed were not available, so we waited on God for some more funds.

The word was clear. We were to start in places that we already had the languages and workbooks for.

So the announcement was made and the workbooks were printed and delivered. All of those communities gathered and as they went through the program, hearts and minds were changed.

I received this revelation: Every word in the *Kingdom* of God Discipleship Program is building God's kingdom

in the hearts of the people.

Samesh is one of many who tells of what God has done. 'I was born into a family of another belief and faith. I am the one son to my parents. My father would do idol worship and he used to force me to go and do idol worship, too. From childhood I would have fits and be in pain. The idol worship did not heal me. So I started doing the Kingdom of God Discipleship Program that was happening in my village. I heard the truth and got healed. I am not having any kind of fits from the last eight months to this day. Listening to this truth, I now understand who is a disciple and how a disciple should be. Every day I'm learning God's truth and secrets through this program. Doing this program has helped me start my own church. Whatever I am learning through this, I am teaching to my family and helping them come into the truth, too. This course has become goodness to me. I am blessed by God.'

Nisha also testifies: 'I have come from non-Christian background of another faith. Before knowing Jesus I used to do idol worship a lot. I have two sons. The eldest one is 10 years old. There is black magic in my village and it happened to my elder son. I lost my elder son. Christian people said, come to church and you will be okay. I mocked them but after one year my younger son got the same problem of the black magic. We went to all hospitals, gave offerings to idols, but still no result. I offered to goddesses so my son would get healed, but still nothing happened. Even after that, a lot of people came and abused me and my family. So I took my son to a church. I had no option. I was expecting Jesus would heal my son so I made Jesus an offer: if you heal my son we will live as Christian. But I never asked for forgiveness from Him or for Him to show His grace. I walked in and they were teaching to surrender and this went deep into my heart. Instantly I was telling God, please forgive me and make me new. Through surrendering in my heart, not because of any deed I have done, I am now a Christian. In surrendering, Jesus lives in me. I'm a Jesus person. I surrender even my son to Jesus and Jesus has healed him.'

'My name is Ira. I am from a non-Christian background of different philosophy and beliefs. I worked as a labourer. It was just last summer that I had a chance to do the *Kingdom of God Discipleship Program*. Through this I have come to understand the great truths. I came to understand God's love for me and how His love will impact the world and help us to love others. Every day this course is strengthening me and helping me to praise God and thank Him heart-fully.'

Nimit said that through the *Kingdom of God Discipleship Program* his eyes have been opened and he has learnt great things. 'I now understand what faith is and what a believer is. I think this program should go into all the churches as people think like I did, that doing good works and going to church is faith.'

Peter testifies: 'I was born in a Christian family. My mother used to pray for me every night with tears. I am the elder one of two children and engaged to be married. My mother decided I have to believe in Jesus and live as a testimony of Jesus. I did not want to live like that, as a witness of Jesus. But when I started to attend the Kingdom of God Discipleship Program classes I wanted to be a witness of Jesus. As I listened I thought when a young person learns these truths, it will help in their marriage life and in their old age to be a witness of God. And also to understand His love and mission. This program will help to raise disciples and all will be a testament of God. I have got lots of joy through this course, not because my mother's desire for me to be a disciple of Jesus, but because Jesus wants me! I have surrendered my life to Jesus and will do His ministry. Now I'm telling this truth to all my friends and young people. Whenever my mother would tell me to do the ministry of God, I would not. Yet after doing this course, I automatically have a new heart and soul and want to do the ministry of God.'

Binita shares: 'My husband does labour work and we have one daughter. We do not have a son. My mother-in-law and father-in-law are idol worshippers. I used to go to church and would make my husband come too. In the church there was the Kingdom of God Discipleship Program. They were teaching that the water was coming down from heaven and how a tree is taking water through the roots, up the main stem to the branches, leaves and fruits. By drawing this they were teaching. Through this I now understand God's love and His heart and His grace that He has shown us. So now I do not force anyone in my family, as I am surrendering them to God. In doing this I am amazingly seeing changes in my mother-in-law, father-in-law and husband!'



Through the *Kingdom of God Discipleship Program*, God continues to bring His truth, multiplying His kingdom in the hearts and minds of the people. I thank God for all He is doing. He is building kingdom of God hearts and advancing His kingdom. The last two languages have been provided, so many new groups are forming. New churches are being birthed, new disciples are being made. We have seen and experienced great things, with much more to come.

I first heard the gospel message of what Jesus had done for me when I was in high school. It made me realise that I hadn't received Jesus.

So one day I went to a Christian leader at my school, and he led me through the passages in the Bible which explained that all people need a saviour to receive eternal life. At that time I chose to receive Jesus as my saviour.

I then spent many years attending various churches and Bible studies, but I still didn't really understand what it meant to be a disciple of Jesus. I received a lot of learning about God and the Bible, but it didn't go deep in my heart.

During these years, I looked for love in the wrong places, and was hurt in the process. I remember asking Father God to show me how He saw me, and looking back now, He showed me that I was His gorgeous daughter.

Even now I am continuing to receive His truth about me, and when doing the Kingdom of God Discipleship Experience, specifically Session 7 titled the Love of the Son, I asked God how I can personally relate to His word.

His word is becoming more personal to me and there have been several times when God has spoken to me the same thing through various sources at the same time. When doing Session 11 my response was, 'It blows my mind that I was predestined and chosen before the foundation of the world. That I am adopted as a daughter of God.'

As I journeyed through the Kingdom of God Discipleship Experience, God continued to show Himself to me personally. In Session 10, I came to know that Jesus shares His crowns with us, and that we have Jesus' identity. I like this very much.

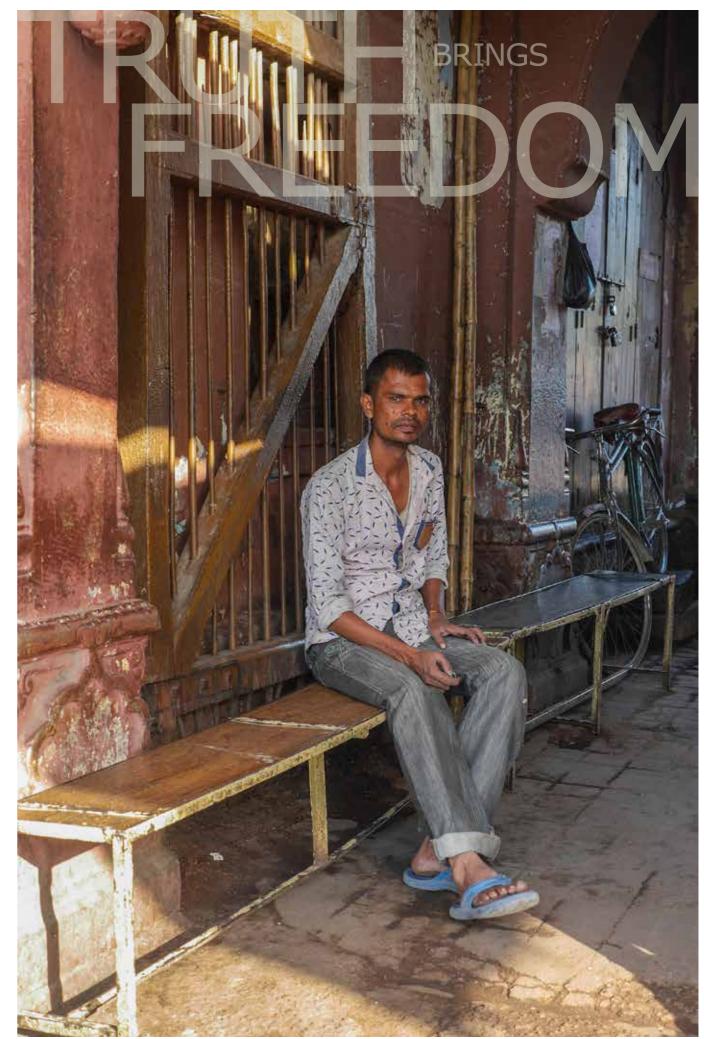
am continuing on my life journey as a disciple of Jesus, discovering more about Him and learning what it means to know Him personally.

IFE JOURNEY

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'I am of another faith and only knew wrongly that we can be with God by our good deeds towards Him. So when I had done the Secret of Success I came to understand it is verv important to be with God and His living water. This was totally different for me. Once I understood the truth my heart was so worried to get His living water. I was asking God in my heart, please do let me know where I can get your living water so I can drink every day to abide in you. Once I was done praying two days after this I started the Kingdom of God Discipleship Program. I now understand that this truth really is living water, which enables me to live with Christ. This program led me to receive Christ as my God.' - Sanket

'I am 20 years old and was working in a private company. My manager would give me a very hard time. He did not want me in the office working for this company and would always put bad words on me. It was very challenging for me and I was full of shame. One day in the office they fired me without any reason. All through my life when someone would abuse me, I would get very angry and be violent by breaking things. I went to so many different places and coaches to manage my anger, but nothing changed. Yet this time that old nature of mine did not come out. I realised in my heart I was saying and automatically asking God to take care of him. I have found that doing the Secret of Success everyday not only leads to spiritual growth, but through it God gives peace. He has changed me and even given me anger management.' - Ram



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'I received what it is to be a disciple. It is to sit at the feet of the master and listen to Him. And that Jesus' food is to be surrendered to the Father's will. His food is to be our food also.' - Karen https://jesuslovestheworld.info/kingdom-of-god-teachings