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22 CATHOLIC MISSIONARIES WERE KILLED IN 2021 WORLDWIDE, REPORTS VATICAN AGENCY



22 Catholic missionaries were killed around the world in 2021, half of them in Africa, according to a report released by the Fides News Agency and distributed Thursday by the Vatican press office.

Fides, the news agency of the Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples, reported that of the 22 missionaries killed in 2021, 13 were priests, two were women religious, one was a male religious, and six were lay people. Half of the total were killed in Africa: seven priests, two religious sisters, and two lay people.

In its report, Fides explains that their annual list "has not only included missionaries ad gentes in the strict sense, but has tried to register all Catholic Christians engaged in some way in a pastoral activity who died violently, not expressly 'in hatred of the faith'."

According to the report, seven missionaries were murdered in Latin America, three in Asia, and one in Europe.

"In recent years, Africa and Latin America have alternated in the first place of this tragic ranking. From 2000 to 2020, according to our data, 536 missionaries were killed worldwide," says the report.

The full report provides a detailed list of all the missionaries; but summarizes the motives and different circumstances of their killing: "Parish priests killed in their communities, in Africa and the Americas, tortured, kidnapped by criminals in search of non-existent treasures or attracted by the mirage of easy redemptions or to silence uncomfortable voices, which urged not to passively submit to the regime of crime; priests engaged in social works, as in Haiti, killed to rob them of what was needed to run such activities, or even killed by those they were helping, as in France, or in

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THE MISSIONARIES OF CHARITY

SISTERS' ORPHANAGE WAS EVACUATED
BY AUTHORITIES

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In yet another instance of rubbing salt into the wound, the Missionaries of Charity (MC) nuns have been evicted from



PAKISTANI MAN'S DEATH —— SENTENCE OVER BLASPHEMY

Pakistan – Finland and the European Union have condemned the sentencing of Pastor Zafar Bhatti. Bhatti is a Pakistani man, who has been sentenced to death for allegedly sending a series of blasphemous text messages in 2012. Pakistan has one of the most notorious blasphemy laws in the world, with

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Making Disciples Effectively!

We are called to "go and make disciples". We must make friends with those who've not yet become believers. This service is not restricted to only the pastors or the evangelists, but this is entrusted with every individual believer. So it a command to obey!! Once we share our faith with them, we teach them about Jesus, and when they accept Jesus we help these new believers know what Scripture means and how to live according to it (Matt. 28:19, 20). We disciple them! We can do it by living with them, spending time with them, by eating with them, by working in harmony with them, by getting to know them more, by talking to them and by caring about them simply because they matter and not because they can be just another candidate to share the gospel with. This is possible only by forming relationships. Wherever you are, be it in school, college or your workplace, or any place where you are working with people constantly, you must maintain that friendship with others so that you will have an opportunity to speak and to mingle with them in a very personal way. It is the Lord who brings people to us wherever we are and it is for the sole purpose of sharing His good news! We



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should make use of every opportunity (Acts 8)!

You must also be very open to listen to them as some might need to share with you some of their prayer requests, personal issues or even family crises. The people around us roam around with a lot of issues in their heart. They may be worried about their family life, about their work, children and their education, and a lot more things. They may be wanting to share these with someone who would listen and empathize with them and pray for them. We must listen to them and pray for them giving them love and hope (Philippians 2:3-4)!

In your actions too, the love of God must be reflected. You should do all what you can do for others when you are given an opportunity. You should sometimes go that extra mile to show the love of God within as Jesus instructed (Matthew 5: 41).

In our daily living, others must find Jesus, must witness the love of Jesus to the lost,

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WALKING IN THE LIGHT OF THE LORD

t's an invitation to move

forward having everything laid behind! Walking in the light of the Lord signifies forsaking the paths of sin and parting ways with futile works of the darkness. The way of Jesus, the good shepherd who comforts us with His rod and staff, indeed, is of light. He is the Son of God who gives light to everyone. He is the word that shines as a lamp unto the feet and a light unto the path. Our God, the most high, is the divine light that gives us the strength to overcome any stumbling blocks and restraints that comes against our lives. "Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD rises upon you. See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the

LORD rises upon you and his glory appears over you. Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. "Lift up your eyes and look about you: All assemble and come to you; your sons come from afar, and your daughters are carried on the hip. Then you will look and be radiant, your heart will throb and swell with joy; the wealth on the seas will be brought to you, to you the riches of the nations will come (Isaiah 60: 1-5). God the almighty will ignite our lamp bringing light into our darkness. His ways are fruitful and He brightens our darkness like the daylight. When the worries and the troubles increase, don't be disappointed saying "it's enough", but instead walk in the light of the Lord. When the hurdles and the snares come to light by the light from the heavens we will be able enough to overcome or stay away from them all. When the light of the Lord will give us the enthusiasm and strength to continue our journey, the very thought "what falls ahead

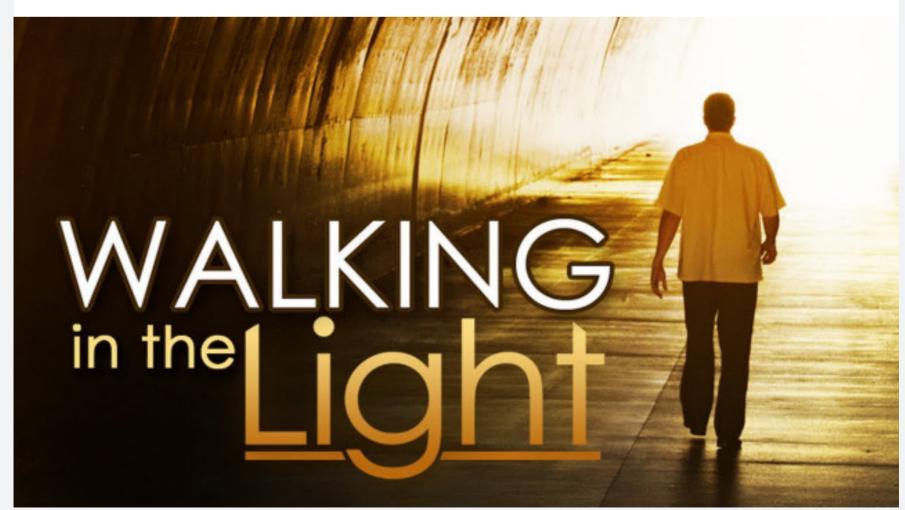


Pr. Shibu Thomas, USA

Come, descendants
of Jacob, let us
walk in the light of
the Lord
(Isaiah 2: 5)

of me" will be cancelled. Go ahead in strong faith and the victory is all yours, for sure!

Prayer - Lord, I know that you dwell in the light that no one can approach to and let me walk in that light fore ver! Amen!



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Those who have raised kids know that it is not an easy task. "I had learned six rules to raise children. Now, I have six children, and all the rules have gone with the wind," joked someone. Parenting is the both greatest as well as the toughest job in the world! It is also an unpaid job! This job becomes even more responsible when you are a Christian parent. Non-Christian parents can raise their kids according to their interests and dreams. But Christian parents should raise their children not according their own whims and fancies, but according to the plan God has for them. Bible says, "Lo, children are a heritage of the Lord: and the fruit of the womb is his reward." (Psalm 127:3). In other words, we are not the owners of our children. God is. God has given them to us for a period of time. Even though they

are with us, they belong to God. So, ultimately, children should grow up according to the plan God has for them. 1. RAISING CHILDREN 12 Family - The Heaven on Earth For this to happen, we have to accept the ownership of God not with our head, but with our heart. We need to ask Him, "Lord, what is your plan for my child?" If we are not willing to do this, we will be losing the next generation. It is not enough that we understand the divine plan and obligation of our children in our home, Church, and society. We need to make them understand the plan God has for them. We have to prepare them for the future ahead. They should be with us serving and seeking God at all points of their life. We should nurture and build them as godly children in every phase of their growth. That responsibility begins not from infancy, but from the day they are formed in the womb. The teaching should begin from the womb. We know a human being consists of 'body', 'soul' and 'spirit'. The holistic growth of the child occurs only when these three elements grow together. We are aware of what the 'body' is. However, the 'soul' is not visible to us like the 'body'.

RAISING CHILDREN



Saju John Mathew

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their Shishu Bhawan in Kanpur Cantonment on January 3. The Shishu Bhawan was founded by Bharat Ratna and Nobel Laureate Mother Teresa.

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This home for orphaned, destitute and abandoned children was established in June 1968, when the property was purchased from a private entity. For the last 53 years the Missionaries of Charity enjoyed its peaceful possession. This home gave over 1500 babies in adoption as provided for in law. They also served thousands of other poor and deprived like leprosy patients, unwed mothers and children of construction or migrant labour.

According to a press release issued by the Indian Catholic Forum, the Defence Estates Office (DEO) that claims to own all the land in the 62 cantonments in India, took the action claiming that Shishu Bhawan was built on lease land and the 90-year lease expired in 2019. "Thereafter the sisters were trespassers for which they would have to pay a pen-

The DEO seemed to have been blind to the altruistic services the MC nuns rendered to all in need, irrespective of

alty of Rs. 1 crore per annum, amounting

to Rs. 2 crores," the release said.

caste or creed.

The nuns ran from pillar to post in Lucknow and New Delhi but were unable to get a sympathetic hearing from the DEO or an appointment with the Defence Minister. Sr Prema, the Superior General of the congregation, felt that they could not meet the demands of the Defence establishment, more so now that even their access to foreign funding had also been denied due to the rejection of their application for renewal of their FCRA account. "In fear and trembling, the Missionaries of Charity meekly surrendered before the army authorities and handed over peaceful possession of their home to the DEO on 3rd January."

The eleven remaining orphan children, most of whom were severely handicapped, were relocated to other Shishu Bhawans in neighbouring Allahabad, Varanasi, Bareilly and Meerut.

The Catholic Forum Convener Chhotebhai said the citizens of Kanpur were outraged at this eviction and takeover, but remained mute spectators as the nuns had already decided to surrender the property, probably in the hope that by doing so the existing demand of Rs. 2 crores would be waived and that their peaceful act would hold them in good stead while re-applying for the FCRA account.

What will now happen to those 1500 fami-

lies that had adopted children from Shishu Bhawan? It was always like a Nanihal (grandmother's home) for them. So too the orphaned who were given away in marriage looked to Shishu Bhawan as their maika (mother's home), the release said.

The release further stated: "On what basis did the DEO fix an arbitrary demand of Rs 1 crore per annum on these poor sisters? It certainly doesn't paint the army or DEO in a good light. Did it deliberately choose a soft target knowing that it did not have the stomach for a fight? This selective targeting also seems to have the mal-odour of a communal bias. Is this how the nation repays the true desh bhakts, those who serve the neediest of society without expecting anything in return?"

The action against Missionaries of Charity in Kanpur comes close on the heels of the rejection of their application for renewal of FCRA account due to some 'adverse inputs' received by the government against the Congregation.

In another instance, a case was registered against a home for girls in Gujarat's Vadodara city, run by the MC nuns, over reports of alleged forced conversion of inmates. There had been instances of raids conducted in their some other homes too in the recent past.







Pr.Bijo Mathew Panathur.

A man had habit of walking every morning through a village. But unknowingly he trampled a group of ants lived beside the path he goes. This happened every day and number of ants were died. Therefore the leader of ants gathered all and alarmed them on this frequent incident, and sent some of them to kill the man.But those ants never returned.so he sent some other ants to the man. They too seldom back. This effort was repeated, but had no result. Finaly the leader of ants himself went to man's house in seeking others. Leader saw the man sleeps on his bed but the ants he sent were sitting in his pocket where he kept the packet of sweets!! and they were devouring it deliciously!! Then the leader knew the reason why the ants never returned! They went to distroy the man but they forgot their mission in tasting sweets in his pocket. We see people forget their mission and vision in doing the ministry by tasting the pleasures of sin. Moses chose to share the oppression of God's people instead enjoying the fleeting pleasures of sin. Similarly we too forget our goals by falling in the sweet attractions of the world. Guidence of Holy Spirit is very es-

Guard your faith against sin



sential to shield the heavy force of sin.Paul advices that do not confirm this world.Easu traded his birthrate as first born son for a single meal.

Sin is just like a spiderweb that looks good but sticks the bug soon. One side of the sin tasty as honey but other side is bitter as death. It kills man eternally. Sin tries to draw man in to it as if the earth attracts every object in to it's center. God desires that we may lead a holy life apart from sinfulness. Lot had a long look at the fertile plains of the Jordan valley, the whole area was well watered everywhere. The eyes of Lot were

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attracted to this land.It had beauty,watershed, fertility and full of crops.But the end was catastrophic.The fire of heaven consumed the twin cities,Sodom and Gomorrah.

The world may show it's beauty to make us fall. It may cast net against God's people. Artic fox is an occasional meal for the native Eskimos. They have a premitive style of hunting that hiding a sharp knife in the ice and sprinkle blood on the top of the ice where the knife concealed. The blood drop attracts fox in to the spot to start licking blood. The sharp edges of knife slowly begin to come out of ice while it licks the blood. Fox never stops licking but it's tounge may get seriously wounded, and there ends it's life soon. See the fox was attracted by the blood drops. It never see a hiding knife



under the blood drops. Beware of the attractions by the world and it is only periferal but there is danger concealed in it.

Sin is like water entering slowly in to the boat through a small hole at it's bottom. Little amount of water seems harmless but it heaps massive water after a while.

Let us guard our faith against sin instead of compromising with sin.God may help all to keep our faith in this unfaithful scenario.

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Venezuela, where a religious was killed by thieves in the same school where he taught to young people how to build a future."

"Nuns hunted and killed in cold blood by bandits in South Sudan. And still many lay people, whose number is growing: catechists killed by armed clashes together with the communities that animated South Sudan; youths killed by snipers while trying to bring aid to displaced people fleeing clashes between the army and guerrillas in Myanmar; a female lay missionary brutally murdered to steal her cellphone in Peru."

The Fides report, nevertheless, avoids any mention of the number of Catholics in Africa, mostly priests, killed by Islamist radicals, especially in Nigeria. The report only mentions the victims as being killed by "a group of

armed men," with no mention to their connection to radical Islamist organizations in sub-Saharan Africa such as Boko Haram.

According to Fides, to this list, "must be added the long list of the many, of whom perhaps we will never know or whose name we will not even know, who in every corner of the planet suffer and pay with their lives their faith in Jesus Christ."



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between religions of people in our justice system. We treat people equally because it's

continue to demand every individual have the right to practice their faith in a manner in line with his or her conscience.



three levels of severity described. The third, (295-C) commands a death sentence if the accused is convicted.

The European's decision to condemn Bahtti's death sentence is absolutely correct. The letter by Miika Niikko, Chair of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Parliament of Finland, questioned whether the sentence was truly justified considering the severity of the offense and the fact that Bhatti had already spent the last 10 years in jail for the alleged crime.

"Here in Europe, there is no contrast

the right thing to do in the eyes of God and of a human. As you know, we have may Muslims here, in Europe. We are working to build tolerance and peaceful coexistence. We intervene if Muslims are oppressed..." the letter said. "Violations against human rights and religious freedom cannot be tolerated anywhere..." the letter continued.

While Finland may not have an unblemished record of its own around religious freedom, the condemnation by Mika Niikko is welcomed by most of the free world. Individuals like Zafar Bhatti are regularly persecuted in countries like Pakistan, and we must

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Sparkling Wisdom!



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sick and needy. Love everyone and have an intense desire to have the company of everyone you know up there with Christ when He comes!

It's not your job to know everything and it's not your job to save anyone; that's the Holy Spirit's role. But you are called to relate well to people who do not know Christ, to give a picture of how Christ followers act, and live for Him making disciples.

"The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few; therefore, pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest" (Luke 10: 2).

Pray for the harvest and venture into the field to harvest. You can do it!!

ROBBERS ARRIVE WITH WEAPONS: 29 KILLED IN STAMPEDE AT CHRISTIAN CHURCH IN LIBERIA

MONROVIA: A stampede at a church gathering in Liberia's capital Monrovia killed 29 people overnight, the deputy information minister told state radio on Thursday.

The incident occurred during an all-night Christian worship event at New Kru Town, a neighbourhood on the outskirts of the capital, Jalawah Tonpo said.

"The doctors said 29 persons died and some are on the critical list," Tonpo said, calling into state radio from a nearby hospital. "This is a sad day for the country."

Exodus Morias, a resident who attended the event, told Reuters the stampede began after a group of armed men rushed the crowd in an attempt to stage a robbery.

"We saw a group of men with cutlasses and other weapons coming toward the crowd," Morias said. "While running, some people dropped and others fell on the ground and walked over them."

Sparkling Wisdom 1. If you are too busy to pray, you are busier than God wants you to be. - Wanda E. Brunstetter 2. We fear men so much, because we fear God so little. -William Gurnall 3. If you measure your life by what you own, the cavern of your heart will never be filled. – James D. Maxon 4. What the world neglects, the Lord accepts. - Deborah **Brodie** 5. The love of Christ always helps us see beyond the faults of others. - Victor Manuel Rivera 6. Religion says, 'I obey therefore I am accepted.' Christianity says, 'I'm accepted, therefore I obey.' -**Timothy Keller** 7. Only when we are brave enough to explore the darkness will we discover the infinite power of our light. - Brene Brown 8. If through a broken heart God can bring His purposes to pass in the world, then thank Him for breaking your heart. - Oswald Chambers 9. Wherever you are, be all there! Live the hilt every situation you believe be the will of God. - Jim Elliot 10. Faith doesn't always mean that God changes your situation. Sometimes it means He changes you. - Steven Furtick

Abigail Thyvilayil John



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'Soul' is the seat of our intelligence, thoughts, will, and emotions. It consists of good qualities like love, compassion and kindness, as well as opposing undesirable qualities. 'Spirit' is Godrelated. A child should grow in all these areas simultaneously. The Bible tells us about such a holistic growth in Jesus even when he was a child. "And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom: and the grace of God was upon him." (Luke 2:40) "And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man." (Luke 2:52). Therefore, the growth of a child is not just in the physical or intellectual realms. A child should also develop in good thoughts and good deeds. He should mature in terms of his responses towards the 13 Raising Children society. A child's soul should be the breeding ground not only of good

thoughts, but also should have refined emotions. The spiritual growth of the child is as important as the growth of body and soul. The child should grow in faith and fear of God. Some assume that kids will learn the spiritual lessons in Sunday school. Sunday school is good indeed, and it has an important role. However, kids get their spiritual lessons primarily not from Sunday school teachers, but from their parents – especially from their mother! At what age should we begin the spiritual nurturing of a child? Once a woman asked a counselor: "When should I start teaching spiritual lessons to my child? He is five years old now." The answer of the counselor was very meaningful: "Sorry madam, you are six years late!" The child is only five; but, the teaching had to begin six years ago! He meant that the teaching had to begin as soon as the child was conceived in the womb! Psychology have proven that the mental stature of the mother during pregnancy greatly influence the character formation of the child. If a mother is haunted by insecurity during her pregnancy period, the child in the womb will inherit this insecure feeling right from his/her birth. If the mother is calm and happy during her pregnancy, the child also will be 'cool' when he/ she comes out to this world! Let us for a moment set aside Psychology and Medical Science and examine what the Bible tells us in this regard. In the Old Testament, Nazirites were consecrated to God not from birth, but from the womb itself. God told the mother of Samson: "Behold now, thou art barren, and bearest not: but thou shalt conceive, and bear a son. Now therefore beware, I pray thee, and drink not wine nor strong drink, and eat not any unclean thing: For, lo, thou shalt conceive, and bear a son; and no razor shall come on his head: for the child shall be a Nazirite unto God 14 Family - The Heaven on Earth from the womb..." (Judges 13: 3-5) Though our children are not Nazirites of the Old Testament, they are consecrated, holy for the Lord! Parents are bound by God to raise them holy for the Lord from the womb. Mary and Joseph, the parents of Jesus, and Elizabeth and Zacharias, parents of John the Baptist,



knew God's will about their child, and hence consecrated them to God while they were in the wombs. We prayed, for each of our three kids when they were conceived, that "they may be the soldiers of the Kingdom of God." To an extent, this dedication is essential even before the child is born. Hannah, mother of Samuel prays: "...O LORD of hosts, if thou wilt indeed look on the affliction of thine handmaid, and remember me, and not forget thine handmaid, but wilt give unto thine handmaid a man child, then I will give him unto the LORD all the days of his life..." (1 Samuel 1:11) 'If YOU give me a child, I shall give him/ her back to YOU all the days of their life!' We should remember this as we raise our children... "If YOU give me (the knowledge that children are God's gift) I shall return it to you (God is the owner; Children are to be nurtured and given back to God) not for a short term, but for life!"

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THE WAKE UP CALL FOR SOULS

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"For this child I prayed; and the LORD hath given me my petition which I asked of him: Therefore also I have lent him to the LORD; as long as he liveth, he shall be lent to the LORD." (1 Samuel 1:27, 28) We may ask what the parents will get for brining up the children in God's ways and dedicating them to the Lord? In reality, parents will receive their true reward only from this. If we really love our children, we will be happy to see their lives being meaningful. This satisfaction is the reward for the parents! Before the birth of John the Baptist - before he was formed in the womb of Elizabeth, Zacharias had a vision of the Angel telling him "... 15 for thy prayer is heard; and thy wife Elisabeth shall bear thee a son, and thou shalt call his name John. And thou shalt have joy and gladness..." (Luke 1:13-14). The arrival of a child brings joy and gladness! There should not be any discrimination whether it be a girl or boy. These days we see many couples who do not want children. They think, "Why this trouble of raising children?" Remember, your children are given by God and you should rejoice in them. Children brings joy and gladness not just for you, but for everyone. God speaks to Zacharias about John the Baptist, ".. and many shall rejoice at his birth." (Luke 1: 14). See, your children are a gift from God, not only for you, but for all! God tells Zacharias about John the Baptist that, "For he shall be great in the sight of the Lord" (Luke 1:15). We should have this hope and expectation about our children that they be great in the sight of the Lord! Today, most parents try to make their children great in the world. Among priorities such as high scores, best education, best profession, enviable wealth and the fortunes of this world, many forget about the place of their children in the sight of God! I am not saying that our children should not study or work. However, above all, our children should be great 'in the sight of the Lord' by pursuing the will of God in their lives. They should be spiritual. They should be representatives of God in the Church and the society. As apostle John says "I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth." (3 John 1:4) Next thing said about John the Baptist is that he shall drink

neither wine nor strong drink; and he "shall be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother's womb." (Luke 1:15) The most essential thing that the present generation requires is this infilling of the Holy Spirit! "That ye Raising Children 16 Family -The Heaven on Earth may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation," (Philippians 2, 15) they must be filled with the Holy Spirit. Only a mother with good thoughts, in the presence of God, can share the Holy Spirit filling experience to the child. For the children to be filled with the Holy Spirit, we should desist from filling them with the 'world'. What do we give them? A worldly environment or a spiritual environment? Olden days, mothers used to sing spiritual hymns as they nursed their children. Today, both hands of the mother will be on the smart phone even when they breast feed. When we nurse our children, we are not only giving them milk but also love, care and attention. Unfortunately, children today see the back of the smart phones and the hands holding it. They don't see the affectionate faces of their mothers. Mothers do not have time to turn to God, to sing a lullaby or to pray for their children. Instead, they play songs and videos on their smart phones to calm the child. By doing so, you are damaging not only their eye sight, but also their claim for eternity! Give them Jesus, not the world, right from their breast feeding days! Let them be filled with the Holy Spirit. The angel adds about John: "He will bring back many of the people of Israel to the Lord their God." (Luke 1:16) Our children should follow the truth and should bring back many to the truth. We should pray that our children be given the ministry of restoration, to turn their friends and classmates to the Lord. We used to remind our children to do this during their schooldays. So, they never hesitated to testify about Jesus to their friends. God used our children to 'turn' many to the Lord. The angel goes on to say that John will prepare the disobedient for the Lord (Luke 1:17). He will turn the hearts of the parents to their 17 children and make the disobedient ready to receive teaching, prepare the way for the Lord to reach them. Our children should be peace makers (Matthew 5:9). They should be channels of divine peace to mankind! The angel revealed to Zacharias God's plan for John the Baptist before he was formed in the womb of Elizabeth. In the case of Moses, his parents came to know about God's plan for him only when he was born. 'When he was born, the parents saw that the baby was beautiful; hence they hid him' (Exodus 2:2). 'Who doesn't see beauty in their child?' you might ask. But Stephen proclaims that Moses was beautiful in the sight of God. The parents of Moses understood that God has chosen their child to fulfil a divine plan on earth. They knew by their faith that it is to redeem the Hebrews. By faith, they hid him for three months, without fearing the King's commandment (Hebrews 11:23). We should have the vision to see 'divine beauty' in our children. If we have this vision, we will strive to make them great in the 'sight of the Lord', not in the world. And our prayers will be, "God, help me to prepare my child for your plan about him".

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PASTOR'S LOST BIBLE SHOWS UP 15 YEARS LATER, BRINGS MAN TO JESUS: 'THE WORD IS ALIVE AND

POWERFUL'

When Paul Daugherty, pastor of the Oklahoma-based Victory Church, lost his Bible over a decade ago, he never thought he would ever see it again. To his surprise, 15 years later, his Bible was recovered — and it led someone to Christ.

The Tulsa-based megachurch pastor took to social media to share his discovery in a post titled "Crazy Story."

"Meet Clayton – he found this old Bible at a shelter 10 years ago and started reading it, and saw the name P. DAUGHERTY on the front cover not knowing who that was but seeing all kind of little journal notes, and underlines and scribble thoughts next to Scripture verses from the Old Testament to the New Testament," Daugherty wrote.

It was the written, scribbled thoughts and notes in the Bible that Clayton "treasured" as much as the verses, according to Daugherty.

"He surrendered his life to Christ recently and broke free of a lot of stuff," the Facebook post continued. The pastor said that

after Clayton gave his life to Christ, he visited Daugherty to ask if the Bible was his.

"He came to church tonight and showed me the Bible and asked if I knew who's it was!!? It was my old Bible from middle & high school that I lost and hadn't seen in 15 years!!!" Daugherty continued in his post.

"God used my old messy scribbled in Bible to save this guy's life who now is saved, set free, and brought his whole family with kids to church tonight!!!! The WORD IS ALIVE AND POWERFUL!!!" he wrote.

Daugherty told 2 News Oklahoma that Clayton began attending Victory Church in January to hear Paul preach and inquire if the Bible belonged to him.

"At first I was like no way this is not my Bible because I hadn't seen it in so long," Daugherty said. "Then I recognized the handwriting and I was like that's definitely my handwriting."

According to the pastor, Clayton has read the Bible "off and on" and had been on a "journey of trying to find god, trying to live a better life." Daugherty shared a message for others who may have lost something valuable.

"To change their perspective and recognize that they didn't lose it because God's going to use it to help someone else that's in need," he said.

Daugherty is a graduate of the Oklahoma-based Pentecostal Christian school Oral Roberts University, where he earned a bachelor's degree in theology, according to the church's website. He is working on his master's in theology from ORU.



In addition to preaching at Victory Church, Daugherty and his wife, Ashely, have traveled the world to speak at church conferences and crusade events.

Daughtery has also authored several mini-books, including The Fourth Quarter, Relationship Refresh, 60 Promises, Born for More and Stepping into Revival. He has also released worship albums that have appeared on the Trinity Broadcasting Network and Daystar. Daughtery's show "Victory with Paul Daugherty" airs on the Hillsong Channel.

Victory Church was founded by Daugherty's parents, Sharon and Billy Joe Daugherty, in 1981. Paul Daugherty transitioned to lead pastor in 2014. Paul and Sharon Daugherty host the "Victory in Jesus" broadcast transmitted via satellite to over 200 countries.



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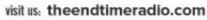
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