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# Heart Talk

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Dearly beloved,

Greetings in Jesus' Most Precious Name.

All praise, glory and honor to our Almighty God who miraculously guides us day by day.

The startling happenings around the globe is proof that we are in the end times. This is the time to shake off the dust and rise and shine for the Lord (Is 52:2). If you want to do something for the Lord, do it now. This is not the time for indifference or complacency. Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might (Col.3:23) as unto the Lord.

Christ has done everything for us on the Cross of Calvary. Claim it and make it your own. Read the message on the Joseph generation. Young or old, God needs you.

In May and June this year, my wife Benita and I will be ministering in **Germany**. Pray for our ministry in Europe. Pray that God would use us powerfully according to His will and desire. Pray for safety in travel as well.

We are having a special Youth Camp called **ZOE Youth Celebration** from May 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> at Yesu Pannai in Theni. The meetings will be held in the local vernacular tamil. Pray that the young people will be stirred up and will go into the world as fire brands for Christ in these end times.

**The School of Worship** will be held from May 16<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> at Poondi where many anointed servants of God will be present to share tips and truths on being a worshipper and leading worship. Worship warriors, young worshippers and worship leaders, don't miss this unique opportunity. Attend without fail. You will experience the powerful Presence of God.

Pray for the **Poondi Building Project**. We are focusing quite a bit on establishing this Poondi Campsite for nations and generations to be blessed. Praise God for those involved in this project. Pray for wisdom, clarity and unity; speed and completion of the various works; needed finances and more dedicated people to join us.

Pray for the **elections** that are being held in different states in our land of India. Pray that God would establish a stable corruption free government that favors God's children and His work in this country.

Continue to pray for my wife, parents, family, counselors, key leaders, coordinators, partners and staff. May the Lord Almighty be with you always and hold you by your right hand. May He guide you with His counsel and lead you. (Ps.73: 23-25)

Your brother in Christ,

(Ezekiah Francis)

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# Joseph Generation

A PROPHETIC INSIGHT BY  
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## JOSEPH

*This is the account of Jacob. Joseph, a young man of seventeen, was tending the flocks with his brothers, the sons of Bilhah and the sons of Zilpah, his father's wives and he brought a bad report about them(Genesis 37:2).*

Lets take a look into Joseph's background. He was a motherless child. He grew up with his step mother and her children who were not the best of people. Growing up in this pitiful, lonely situation, it is amazing to see Joseph emerge as a nation's righteous leader!

### Circumstances don't dictate your life

Many people blame their circumstances for their sinful lives. Some say that since childhood they lived in sinful circumstances and therefore were unable to lead a victorious Christian life. This is a lie of the devil. As long as you hide behind excuses, you will not be able to live a holy life. Irrespective of your circumstances and background, you can live a Godly life. In utter darkness, your life can shine forth like a sparkling star. Only when you believe this, you will live a victorious life.

### He will add

Joseph means, '*He will add*'. For many years Rachel was barren. Then miraculously she conceived. When she held her son in her arms for the first time, she spontaneously said, '*God has taken away my*

*disgrace. May the Lord add to me another son and she named him Joseph(Gen 30:22-24).*

Just as she had predicted, God honored her word and blessed her with another son. After that she died. There is a spiritual truth hidden here. There is power in every word that you speak. If you believe something with all your heart and confess it with your mouth, heaven will honor it and bring it to pass.

If Rachel had said 'God will give me three sons', I believe she would have had three sons! She declared that God would add another son to her and immediately after she delivered her second son, she died. Therefore change your way of speaking. If you say, 'little', you will get little. If you say much, you will receive much. Get used to Word based, positive declaration. Say 'God will make me increase' and God will make you increase. Your power will increase! Your prosperity will increase! Your life span will increase! Everything will increase. Try this out! Make it your own! God wants to add to you more than you've ever had before and He has the power to make you abound! (2.Cor.9:8)

### Real Life

In this passage, Jacob's genealogy starts with Joseph(Gen 37:2). Usually the firstborn is mentioned first. The narrative starts here with Joseph's seventeenth year! There is another spiritual truth hidden here. However long a man may live, his real life starts from the time he

acknowledges the Lord Jesus as his Lord and Savior. Until that point of time he merely exists on planet earth!!

Knowing the Almighty at the age of seventeen is a great blessing. Christian spiritual leaders who were history makers dedicated their lives to the Lord in their youth. If you dedicate your life to God in your youth, your future will be unimaginably brilliant. Young people please don't waste your precious youth. Though Jacob had twelve children, do you want to know why his genealogy starts with Joseph?! However influential or wise the people in your household or city are, you are very special because you love the Lord. It's you God is after! His eyes are focused on you!!!

### **Loveless upbringing**

Right from childhood, Joseph did not know his mother's love. He may have been ill treated by the other wives of his father. His greatest consolation was his father's love. His brothers hated him so much that they hardly spoke to him. In this loveless situation, he was firmly rooted in God's love. A tree's roots grow stronger when tested by storms. Today, many lonely orphaned people are diving deeper in intimacy with God.

You have the power to transform your darkest circumstances into honorable ones. Are you ill treated at home? Is your heart longing for true love? Do not be afraid. Like the lotus that grows in a swamp, your life will blossom in spite of your harsh circumstances. Rivers of Living water from the throne of God will flow out of you and flood the nations! Be of good cheer.

Young Joseph who did not know his mother's love

received a double portion of the father's love. The fact remains that no love is greater than a mother's love. It is natural for those who have been deprived of their parents love to feel empty inside. But God fills your emptiness. When the rest of his brothers' were basking in their mother's love, imagine poor Joseph's agony and loneliness. Out of these difficult circumstances, Joseph rose up to bless the world. May this bless you and encourage you today.

Joseph saw his brother's disgusting ways and shared it with his father. Sharing other's folly only with your heavenly father is wisdom. God is lovingly looking at you and saying, “ ***My beloved child, I know how much you long for love. I understand your loneliness and brokenness. I know how you see disgusting things in your household and are struggling within. I know how you shudder to enter your house. I also know how much you love Me. I will fill you with My love and honor you in due season.*** ”

God saw Joseph's heart cry and poured a double portion of love for him in his father's heart. His father made a multicolored coat for Joseph and honored him. His father adorned the little shepherd boy with a garment fit for kings. How much more will your Heavenly Father do for you! He will surely raise you up as a prince and a princess. Now you may walk with your head lowered but He will prove Himself as the Glory and the lifter of your head. Though right now you are a symbol of shame, God has the power to transform you into a symbol of fame!!! He is able and He will do it for you.

### **Jealousy**

When the brothers saw their father's intense love for Joseph, they hated him all the more! As he narrated the dreams that he saw, their anger and hatred knew



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no bounds. It is natural for people to hate you when God loves you intensely. Jesus said, “***Because of Me others will hate you***” His word is true. Because you set your love upon God, you have earned the hatred of many. Some will laugh at you while others scorn you. You are an alien on this earth.

See how Jesus prays for you. “***I have given them Your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world anymore than I am of the world. My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one***”(John 17:14,15).

Just as Jesus was not of this world, His disciples were also not of the world. Knowing how the world would hate them, Jesus prayed that they should not be taken from the world but be preserved in this world. In the same way, Jesus prays for you.

Often unable to bear the ignominy you might have prayed, ' Lord take me away from this world. I don't want to live.' Do you know why God did not heed your prayer?! He did not take you away from this world because He has a great plan and purpose for you and He wants to preserve you from all evil.

### **Hatred:**

God has adorned you with His colorful garment. He has beautified you with different gifts. He has His eyes on you and is crazy about you. That's why Satan and His people hate you. Don't withdraw or step back in fear when people hate you. Many will see your anointing and God's blessings on you and hate you. The key is not to hate them in return. Imagine Joseph's agony and pain when he stood alone like an orphan against the hatred of ten brothers!

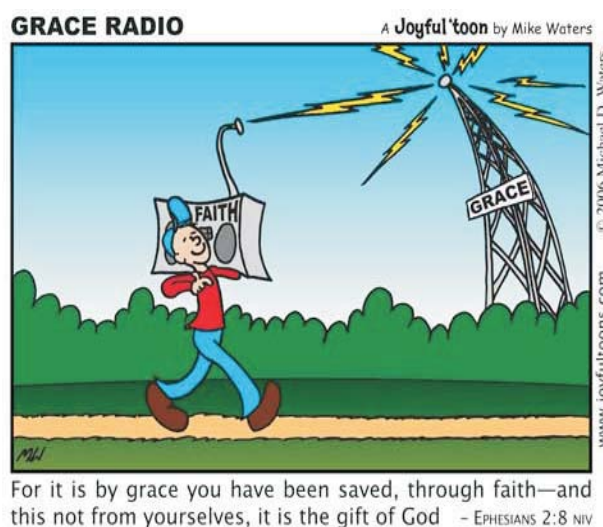
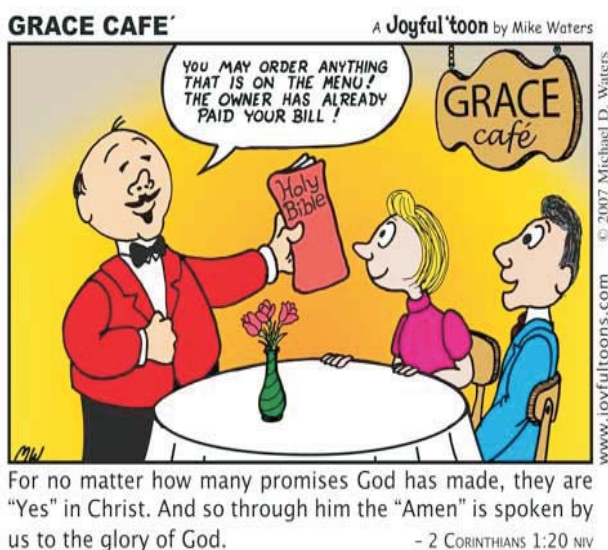
Those who are powerfully used by God were shattered at some point in life. Out of their brokenness, pearls shone forth. A rose blossoms among thorns. So be of good cheer.

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# LAUGHTER

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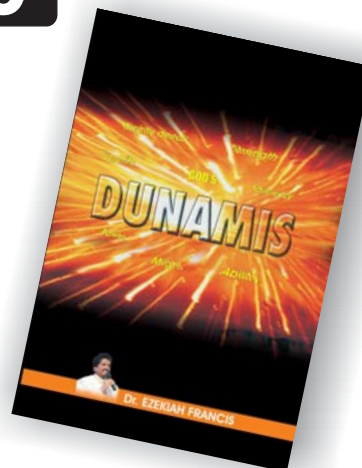
A merry heart works good like a medicine: but a broken spirit dries the bones. Proverbs 17:22



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## OLD AGE

### CHALLENGE OLD AGE

Dear family of God, today we want to study a subject that is very dear to God's heart - our old age. I have heard people in different nations on different continents say that "old age is cruel". Well, there are definite physical changes as we age, but see what the apostle Paul says: "Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward *man* is being renewed day by day" (2.Co.4:16). There is an inner life that is the real you. You are not just this body of flesh or this soul full of emotions, mind and willpower! You are actually a spirit being, just as your God is Spirit (Jn.4:24). The more you focus on your life with God, the more content and purposeful your life will be at any age! Let me tell you one thing from the very beginning: Your God has created life in this world to begin with conception and to end with physical death. The very important thing to understand and to always remember is that He has also created all the different stages in between! Decide to accept His divine design, and then make the very best out of every age as it comes. Never forget your loving Father's promise: "Even to *your* old age, I *am* He, and *even* to gray hairs I will carry *you*! I have made, and I will bear. Even I will carry, and will deliver *you*" (Isa.46:4). *What a wonderful promise! The just shall live by faith and by every Word of God (Hab.2:4; Ro.1:17; Ga.3:11; Heb.10:48; Mt.4:4; Lk.4:4). As you let HIS Word go out of YOUR mouth, you make it a double-edged Sword that will destroy each and every work of satan in your life (Eph.6:17-18)!*

### Blessings of Old Age

Old age is actually a blessing from God, and "The silver-haired head *is* a crown of glory, *if* it is found in the way of righteousness" (Pr.16:31). As a believer, you are the

righteousness of God in *Jesus Christ*, so your age is for you a crown of glory (2.Co.5:21)! You have accumulated wisdom, experience and knowledge which is the most precious thing to possess in this life. The entire book of Proverbs praises the excellence and importance of wisdom, even to the extent of declaring, "Wisdom *is* the principal thing; *Therefore* get wisdom. And in all your getting, get understanding" (Pr.4:7).

So don't just sit around and waste your precious life! There are thousands of people who need what you have! The young generation is in desperate need of fathers and mothers who can comfort, counsel and caress them. Your experiences can keep others from harm. Share them! Write your life story. Use even modern day techniques like computers, sound and video recorders. You are not too old to learn how to use today's modern equipments! You can actually make your brain grow and prevent mental decline by engaging in such activities.

Always remember: You can reach people others cannot reach. Ask the *Holy Spirit*, and He will give you wisdom and creative ideas. Every day of life is a gift from God. Use it to the fullest of your abilities and bless your world, in *Jesus'* Name!

### Promises of Old Age

You have wonderful promises for your old age given by your loving Father! Your God is the unchanging God, the Rock of Ages, the Rock of your salvation, your refuge, your Alpha and your personal Omega (Dt.32:15; Ps.31:2; 89:26; 94:22; 95:1; 2.Sa.22:47; Rev.1:8,11; 21:6; 22:13). He will take care of your end as He took care of your beginning and all your in-between!

He has already promised that the path of the just *is* like the shining sun that shines ever brighter unto the



perfect day (Pr.4:18). Your latter days SHALL be more blessed and full of wisdom than your beginning (Job 8:7; 42:12; Pr.19:20). You can boldly declare together with the great King David: "In God *is* my salvation and my glory! The rock of my strength, *and* my refuge, *is* in God" (Ps.62:7).

How many years are you planning to live? Many people think they have to be content with only seventy to eighty years according to Psalm 90:10 - but did you know that Moses wrote that song in the wilderness where according to God's judgment of their unbelief and disobedience, everybody except Joshua and Caleb had to die within forty years (Ps.90:10; Nu.14:22-35)?!?!

Even after man's sin, God said man's lifetime will be 120 years (Ge.6:3). Modern science is today talking about 120 years of life as a possibility! Aim at it! You are sent to this world with a purpose of God. Have you fulfilled your heavenly mission and calling? There is still so much work to be done for God on this earth! How can you desire to escape to heaven?! Use the respect Asian culture gives to old age. You can speak about any subject with the authority of experience. Don't hold back! Make new friendships! Evangelize! Share your *Jesus* with people TODAY itself!

## Attacks against Old Age

Please never forget that you have an enemy who hates you, your wellbeing and your fruitfulness with every fiber of his being. If he could, he would have killed you long ago - but he couldn't! Praise God for the wonderful protection of the Blood of your Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! The destroyer of your soul and of your life has to acknowledge it on your life and pass over you without being able to accomplish his evil schemes and desires (Ex.12:13,23; Jn.10:10). Hallelujah!

And yet, the devil is not so easily satisfied. His motto is, "If I can't finish him or her off once and for all, at least let me steal away their lives hour by hour, minute by minute, second by second". He wants you to waste your life in fear, worry, sadness, problems, trials and tribulations.

The enemy of your soul has been very successful in painting a gloomy picture about old age. Most probably, you would have seen tragic examples of once brilliant,

vibrant and charismatic personalities that succumbed to sicknesses, drug or medication addictions, depression or severe mental decline as time passed by. Even strong believers must fight the good fight of faith especially in this area of life. The great apostle Paul could say towards the end of his life, "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith" (1.Ti.6:12; 2.Ti.4:7). Even in the area of old age, keeping the faith is the real victory that has already overcome the world (1.Jn.5:4).

Take your Bible. Study the servants of God depicted there. Consider the outcome of *their* conduct, and if you see a victorious ending, follow their faith (Heb.13:7). You can do the same with God's saints throughout the centuries. Look at the way they ended their life. Do you want to imitate them, as the apostle Paul urges us to do with him, as he imitates *Christ* (1.Co.4:16; 11:1)? Does the outcome of their life glorify God? If so, learn from them and imitate them!

You can also study what kept others back from achieving a glorious end. Learn from their sins, shortcomings, wrong attitudes or whatever the precious *Holy Spirit* shows you as the reason for their defeat (1.Co.10:1-12).

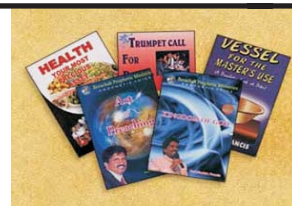
Never forget: The devil is a murderer from the beginning, a liar and the father of it (Jn.8:44). He will try his very best to convince you that your old age has to be weak, gloomy and sickly. You don't need to buy into this! Just submit to God! Resist the devil, and he will flee from you (Js.4:7).

There is no reason why you should end your life in gloom and defeat! You don't need to sit around idly, just waiting for the hour to finally "go home". You can live in your full mental capacities, with a strong, joyful, vibrant spirit and even with a healthy body! Praise be to our wonderful Lord and Savior!

Use the shield of faith and the sword of the Spirit against every fiery arrow of fear and worry satan tries to shoot at your mind and emotions. Be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might! Understand that you are in a spiritual war that cannot be fought and won with carnal weapons. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil, and live out the full length of your days in His glorious power (Eph.6:10-18).

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