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CHRISTIAN DOCTOR IN INDIA SUSPENDED AFTER PRAYING FOR COVID-19 PATIENTS



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India – A Christian doctor in India has been suspended from working with COVID - 19 patients due to allegations of attempted forced conversion. Dr. Sandhya Tiwari who was hired as

part of the Madhya Pradesh State’s “Kill Corona” Program is facing criminal charges after offering prayers of healing to her patients affected by the virus. After a local man took offense to Dr. Tiwari’s actions, a criminal case was filed, and police officials confiscated her mobile phone and Christian pamphlets. In a short video, currently making rounds on social media, Dr. Tiwari defended her actions, saying, “What is wrong in telling them that God heals? I did not tell anybody to convert or forced anybody to pray to Jesus, I am

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NEW JESUS FILM TOLD THROUGH THE LENS OF MARY MAGDALENE REACHES HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS GLOBALLY



The new animated film told through the perspective of Mary Magdalene is reaching hundreds of thousands worldwide. “Chosen Witness” was released in April by Jesus Film Project, an evangelical outreach created by Campus Crusade for Christ that has produced content in over 1,800 languages. Executive Producer Elizabeth Schenkel says the new video tells the story of Jesus’ ministry, betrayal, death and resurrection “through the eyes of Mary Magdalene.” “It is significant that this woman was the first of Jesus’ followers to encounter Jesus after he rose from the dead,”

FULL STORY ON -08



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ISAAC HERZOG WAS ELECTED THE NEW PRESIDENT OF ISRAEL



Isaac Herzog has been elected as the new President of Israel, as opponents of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu try to reach

a last-ditch agreement on a new coalition government.

MPs voted for the former leader of the Labour Party and chairman of the Jewish Agency as the new president, making Herzog, 60, the eleventh president of the state.

The son of former president Chaim Herzog, replaces Reuven Rivlin in what is a largely honorary function.

He was elected with 87 votes against 26 for his opponent Miriam Peretz.

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CARING FOR THE BROKEN!



IN THIS PANDEMIC SEASON, EVERY CHRISTIAN MUST HAVE WILLINGNESS AND RESOURCES TO CARE FOR THE PEOPLE WITH A BROKEN HEART. IN THE MONTHS PASSED BY, SO MANY PEOPLE PASSED AWAY (EVEN BEFORE THEIR AGE), SO MANY HAVE BECOME ORPHANS AND MANY LOST THEIR ONLY JOBS. THE CONSEQUENCES ARE INNUMERABLE. MANY HAVE BECOME UPSET ABOUT THEIR LIFE EVEN! AS A CHRISTIAN IT IS OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO CARE FOR SUCH

PEOPLE. WE MUST TELL THEM:

1. THE LORD IS CLOSE TO THE BROKEN-HEARTED AND SAVES THOSE WHO ARE CRUSHED IN SPIRIT. -PSALM 34:18
IN THIS VERSE DAVID WRITES HOW GOD UNDERSTANDS OUR FEELINGS AND HELPS US BEAR THE BURDEN OF SORROW. IN CONTRAST TO OTHER, OR THE UNFEELING UNIVERSE OF ATHEISM, THE BIBLICAL GOD DEEPLY CARES FOR OUR PAIN. WHEN JESUS KNEW HIS FRIEND LAZARUS HAD DIED, HE WENT TO THE HOME OF LAZARUS'S GRIEVING SISTERS AND COMFORTED THEM. WHEN



Rev. Manuel Joseph Th.M.
Sub-editor, End-Time News

HE SAW MARY'S TEARS, "HE WAS DEEPLY MOVED IN HIS SPIRIT AND GREATLY TROUBLED" (JOHN 11:33). WHEN HE APPROACHED LAZARUS'S TOMB, HE WEPT (JOHN 11:35) AND WAS "DEEPLY MOVED AGAIN" (JOHN 11:38). JESUS EXPERIENCED ALL OF THIS, THOUGH HE KNEW ALL ALONG HE WOULD RAISE HIS FRIEND FROM DEATH (JOHN 11:11).

HEBREWS 4:15 ASSURES US THAT JESUS, OUR GREAT HIGH PRIEST, SYMPATHIZES WITH OUR WEAKNESSES. THAT INCLUDES BOTH THE MEANING OF HUMAN SUFFERING AND THE STRUGGLE AGAINST SIN. HE WAS TEMPTED LIKE ANY OTHER MAN BUT RE-

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Those are the kinds of verses your friends are most likely to quote in a well-meaning but futile attempt to cheer you up.

MARCIA FORD



He will yet fill your mouth with laughter and your lips with shouts of joy. Job 8:21

HAVE you ever felt as if someone passed you by when handing out the gift of joy? Sometimes you're simply mired in a joyless disposition. You slog through days or weeks when you just can't seem to surface from a serious funk. You know the Bible tells you to be joyful, but when you're down in the dumps, verses such as Philippians 4:4 (NKJV)—"Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice!" fall on your deaf ears.

Those are the kinds of verses your friends are most likely to quote in a well-meaning but futile attempt to cheer you up. It's all well and good for others to tell you to rejoice, but just once, wouldn't it be great if someone would tell you how?

Fortunately, God not only wants you to rejoice in him, but he also promises to enable you to rejoice in him. Jesus—who, by the way, cannot be separated from joy—said God will give you the kind of joy that no one can ever take away from you (John 16:22). And just look at the way God makes that promise throughout the Bible. Some verses use such vivid imagery that it's clear he's talking about a wild and holy and unbridled joy: you'll dance your way out of sorrow and sadness (Jer. 31:13) as the mountains and hills break into song, to the hand-clapping beat of the trees strutting their stuff in the fields. 55:12). If nothing else, it would be worth climbing out of the just to catch a glimpse of that picture.

God knows when and why you're feeling low, and he doesn't want to compound your misery with guilty feelings because you can't keep up the way everyone

seems to think you should. Instead, he wants to place within you the kind of joy that circumstances can ever touch, the kind that flows from an intimate relationship with.

But you have to open your heart to him and believe he will refill the joy of your salvation (Ps. 51:12), just as David asked him to take a step of faith by reading out loud the Scripture verses that promise joy, like these:

- You have made known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right-hand. (Psalm 16:11)
- The precepts of the Lord are right, giving joy to the heart. The commands of the LORD are radiant, giving light to the eyes. (Psalm 19:8)
- When anxiety was great within me, your consolation brought joy to my soul. (Psalm 94:19)
- Those who sow in tears will reap with songs of joy. (Psalm 126:5)

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- I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. John 15:11)

As you read, your words will become a prayer to God. Once you've broken the barrier that keeps you from experiencing genuine joy, your capacity for delight will begin to expand—and you'll start to wonder how you can possibly contain it all. You can't, which is exactly what God intended. You'll find yourself giving away the excess, and the overflow will prove irresistible to those around you. Not bad for someone who just yesterday, it seems, couldn't even "Rejoice!"

Lord, I ask for the grace to trust you to restore to me the kind of joy no one can take away and no circumstance can touch. I thank you for the unbridled, overflowing joy that comes from knowing you.

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MAINED SINLESS. KNOWING THAT HE UNDERSTANDS AND CARES, WE CAN "DRAW NEAR TO THE THRONE OF GRACE, THAT WE MAY RECEIVE MERCY AND FIND GRACE TO HELP IN TIME OF NEED" (HEBREWS 4:16).
2. HE HEALS THE BROKENHEARTED AND BINDS UP THEIR WOUNDS. -PSALM 147:3
GOD CARES FOR EACH ONE OF US, AND KNOWS THE UNIQUE WAYS OUR HEARTS HAVE BEEN WOUNDED BY A PAINFUL EXPERIENCE. JUST AS A PHYSICIAN TREATS EACH PATIENT DIFFERENTLY ACCORDING TO THEIR NEEDS, GOD WILL HELP YOU HEAL FROM YOUR HEARTBREAK IN EXACTLY THE WAY YOU NEED. GOD NOT ONLY CARES FOR COMMUNITIES, BUT ALSO FOR INDIVIDUALS. THOSE WHO HURT – THE BROKENHEARTED AND THE WOUNDED – ARE SPECIAL OBJECTS OF HIS CARE. CHARLES SPURGEON SAID, "HEARTS ARE BROKEN THROUGH DISAPPOINTMENT. HEARTS ARE BROKEN THROUGH BEREAVEMENT. HEARTS ARE BROKEN IN TEN THOUSAND WAYS, FOR THIS IS A HEART-BREAKING WORLD; AND CHRIST IS GOOD AT HEALING ALL MANNER OF HEARTBREAKS"
THE LORD IS ALWAYS HEALING AND BINDING: THIS IS NO NEW WORK TO HIM, HE HAS DONE IT OF OLD; AND IT IS NOT A THING OF THE PAST OF WHICH HE IS NOW WEARY, FOR HE IS STILL HEALING AND STILL BINDING, AS THE ORIGINAL HATH IT. COME, BROKEN HEARTS, COME TO THE PHYSICIAN WHO NEVER FAILS TO HEAL: UNCOVER YOUR WOUNDS TO HIM WHO SO TENDERLY BINDS THEM UP!

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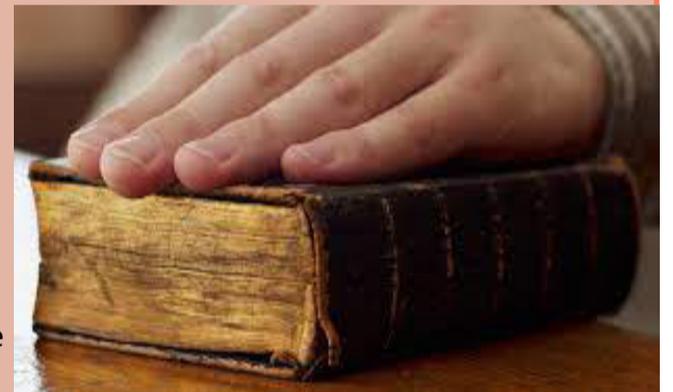


Saju John Mathew

Tom was badly in need of a thousand bucks and requested his church friend Johnny to spare the money if he could. Johnny didn't have the money, so, together they went to Jacob, another member of their church. Jacob offered the money, but insisted on getting it back the next day. Tom said, yes! "I swear, my friend, in the name of our God... that if there is a morrow, I will return the money!" Johnny was a bit upset to hear Tom swearing. "Hey Tom, you return the money tomorrow, but don't swear in the name of God..." Johnny said, "For the Bible prohibits swearing. It says, "Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain" Ex 20:7
Normally we mention the third commandment of the Decalogue only in relation with swearing. So we attribute lesser importance to it than the first and the second commandments. The Decalogue, or Ten Words (Deut 4:13) was given directly to all Israel by an audible and terrible voice, the voice of Yahweh, sounding like a trumpet over the multitude (Ex 19:16; 20:18). The Israelites trembled before the voice of the Lord and they begged that God would speak no more directly, but through Moses. The rest of the Law was then given through Moses, but the heart of the Law had already been given in the Decalogue. All the other laws were a Godly explanation of the Decalogue. So, it is necessary to see the Decalogue as a single unit. All commands have equal importance. Nevertheless, the consequence of breaking this law is given more emphasis than the others. "You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain; for the LORD

What is in swearing?

will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain (Ex 20:7- RSV). Why is God so wrathful when somebody breaks this particular law? May be it is because this is something directly against God himself. Look at the other laws... Remember the Sabbath day, honor your parents, shall not kill, shall not commit adultery, shall not steal, shall not bear false witness,



shall not covet... God is not directly involved in any of these laws. Even in the case of the first two laws, where serving other gods and making of molten images are forbidden, God's name is not directly defamed, even though it is a grave rejection of the eternal truth about God! However, here, the defiler takes up the name of the Lord directly. It is something like a culprit tarnishing the name of the magistrate himself. A severe penalty is pronounced for those who break this law. God himself will be the avenger for the defilers. So, the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.

The Jewish Rabbis strictly warned the people of Israel not to break an oath if they made a swearing in the name of the Lord. False swearing is condemned in Lev 19:12 as a profanation of the name of Yahweh. The word prohibits all employment of the name of God in 'vain'.

FULL STORY ON - 07

Why is God Yahweh called "I am who I am?" It is because He cannot be compared with some body, or something else. When Moses was commissioned by God to reach his people with the message of redemption, to tell them that the "God of their fathers" has sent him to be an agent of the mighty redemption work, he was somewhat skeptic. How would the Israelites respond to the phrase the "God of their fathers"? They were in captivity for more than four centuries. There is no reason to believe that the Israelites as a whole were zealous in their faith. (Remember, the fourth or fifth generation Pentecostals who have all the opportunities for living the faith of their forefathers failed in their race). How then, can we expect this of Jacob's sons, who had never been serious about handing their religion and faith over to the fifteenth or sixteenth generation? May be a minority was holding the faith close to their heart, but the majority was ignorant about the faith of their fathers. I am sure many of the Israelites were idol worshippers, who worshipped the bull god of Egypt. That must be the reason Aaron could easily make a "golden calf" when the mischievous Israelites wanted a god to walk before them. Remember what Joshua said to the people of Israel when they were about to settle in Canaan: "Now fear the LORD and serve him with all faithfulness. Throw away the gods your forefathers worshiped beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD (Josh 24:14). If Moses goes to the Israelites in the name of the "God of their fathers," they would ask: "God of our fathers? Who is he? What is he like? Is he like the sun god? Moon god? Or, like the bull god that we worship in Egypt?" Then it would be the responsibility of Moses to explain the "God of their fathers". So Moses asked God: please Lord, I know you are the God of my fathers. But when I go to the Israelites who are ignorant about their ancestor's God, how can I reveal you to them? "Suppose I go to the

Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' Then what shall I tell them?" (Ex 3:13) God looked at Moses... He had pity on him! "That means you want to compare me with somebody, Moses? That is impossible! If you want to compare, you can do it only with me... I am who I am!" God said. God is always "I AM". His being is described always in present tense... All the ages were and will be present tense to Him! God had made known the glory of His nature in His name. God said to Moses; "This is what you are to say to the Israelites: 'I AM has sent me to you. (Ex 3:14) The name, the great I AM, was not to be abused by His people. When we use it in 'vain', that is, using it without much reverence and fear; you break the commandment of the Lord! The Jewish people took the law literally. They feared to "take the name of the Lord" lightly. However, at a later stage, the Rabbis limited the application of the law only to the use of the name "Yahweh". Hence, they not only tolerated, but also sanctioned the practice of swearing in common conversation as quite harmless, provided the reference to God was not directly expressed. So, instead of taking the name Yahweh, they used other words like heaven, glory and the like. Remember, the prodigal son comes back to his father, saying that he has sinned against 'heaven,' not 'God'! (Also remember our phrases like "good heavens!" and "O' my goodness!"). Jesus, however, was not for a compromise. He said, "Again, you have heard that it was said to the people long ago, 'Do not break your oath, but keep the oaths you have made to the Lord.' But I tell you, do not swear at all: either by heaven, for it is God's throne; or by the earth, for it is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the Great King. And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make even one hair

white or black. Simply let your 'Yes' be 'Yes,' and your 'No,' 'No'; anything beyond this comes from the evil one." Matt 5:33-37. The word 'take' does not mean just "to utter" here. A different meaning is attached to these words by Hengstenberg, who explains them thus: 'Thou shalt not attribute (carry) nothingness to the name of Yahweh thy God. Yahweh, the I AM, who had revealed Himself as such to Israel, must not be confounded with nothingness.' The commandment, in his view, is directed against hypocrisy in general, of which the essence is falsehood. When a hypocrite uses the name of the Lord to show his false piety, he is putting God to 'nothingness,' where no real piety exists! He is a pretender. He is not real. He is using the name of the Lord 'in vain'. The hypocrite makes a profession of God's name, but doesn't live up to that profession. Those that name the name of God, hail the name of Jesus and say big "praise the Lord", but do not depart from iniquity, as that name binds them to do, name it in vain. What they say with their mouth doesn't mean anything to them. Their worship is worthless. Jesus is scolding them for their vain talking. "You hypocrites! Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you: "these people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. They worship me in vain; their teachings are but rules taught by men.'" (Matt. 15:7-9) So the third commandment asks you to mean what you speak! When we pray, more often than not, we pray without even thinking what we pray. We just 'heap up empty words' as the gentiles do (Matthew 6.7). The words we utter do not come to our mind, or in our heart. We utter many words which are meaningless to us. It doesn't arouse our emotions. We call Jesus 'Lord' 'Lord', but we do not know what the word 'Lord' means! Lord is somebody who rules over! Even though we call Jesus Lord, we seldom obey Him. If you call him Lord, you are His slave.



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This is what the Lord says: "Let not the wise boast of their wisdom or the strong boast of their strength or the rich boast of their riches (Jeremiah 9: 23)."

Some depend upon the horses and others depend on chariots. But we trust in the Lord our God, Jehovah. All what I have today gifts from the Lord and this thought keeps us grateful to Him. It is the Lord who helps us triumph in everything that we go through. The blessings we have such as intelligence, strength, riches, goodwill, fame, healing and so on must be resources that brings glory to the Lord. The wise should never boast in their wisdom, but

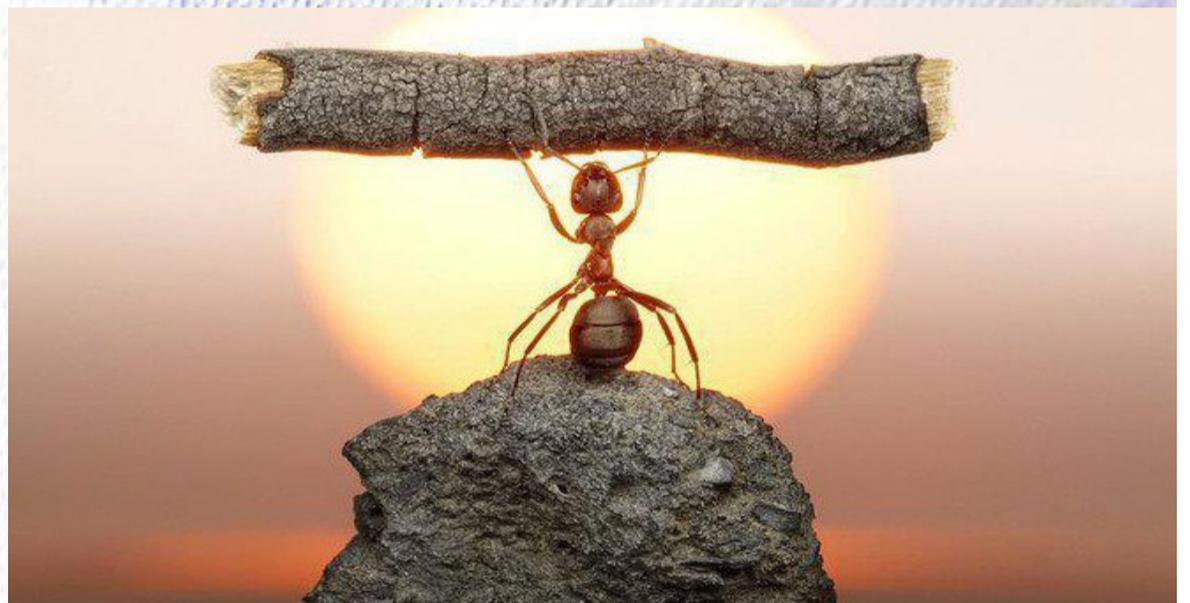
Presence of God is far greater than any greatness this would offers. When you go ahead believing it, the Lord Himself will open before you doors of opportunities and success

they ought to boast in God, the source of all wisdom. A rich person should never boast in his riches, but rather he or she should boast in God who blesses His people with all sorts of riches. "Unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labor in vain. Unless the Lord watches over the city, the guards stand watch in vain" (Psalm 127: 1). "No king is saved by the size of his army; no warrior escapes by his great strength. A horse is a vain hope for deliverance; despite all its great strength it cannot save" (Psalm 33: 16-17). Dear child of God, if we have to boast in anything under the Sun, it is in our Lord who saved us, adopted us and who has

given us everything for our faith and life. All the goodness and the blessings that we have received from God must be used for His glory and honor. Be an instrument that attracts many to Christ. You had better realize that lowliness in the presence of God is far greater than any greatness this would offers. When you go ahead believing it, the Lord Himself will open before you doors of opportunities and success.

Prayer: Lord, give me understanding that I may boast in you than anything in the world.

NEVER BOAST OF WISDOM, STRENGTH AND RICHES



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Then how can you disobey him. So, if a disobeying man takes the name of the Lord, even in his prayers, he is profaning the name of the Lord! Many people think they can manipulate God through their oblations. That is an Eastern thinking, not a Biblical one. Religious observances are worthless, if we fail to observe the commandments of the Lord. A sinful man cannot manipulate God, even with long fasting and prayers. The Israelites always came to the temple of God with many sacrifices. However, God was displeased with their offerings: "The multitude of your sacrifices— what are they to me?" says the LORD. "I have more than enough of burnt offerings, of rams and the fat of fattened animals; I have no pleasure in the blood of bulls and lambs and goats. When you come to appear before me, who has asked this of you, this trampling of my courts? Stop bringing meaningless offerings! Your incense is detestable to me....(Isaiah 1. 11-13) God says He cannot bear their evil assemblies. "They have become a burden to me; I am weary of bearing them. When you spread out your hands in prayer, I will hide my eyes from you; even if you offer many prayers, I will not listen." He said. Why was God reluctant to receive the sacrifices and offerings of the

Israelites? He gives the reason: "When you spread out your hands in prayer... Your hands are full of blood" (Isaiah 1:15). When you stretch your hands towards heavens, it should be clean; or, you are taking the name of the Lord in vain. Your prayers would be unheard! Isaiah again tells about the people who thought they could manipulate God through fasting: 'Why have we fasted,' they say, 'and you have not seen it? Why have we humbled ourselves, and you have not noticed?' "Yet on the day of your fasting, you do as you please and exploit all your workers. Your fasting ends in quarreling and strife, and in striking each other with wicked fists. You cannot fast as you do today and expect your voice to be heard on high. (Isaiah 58:3-5). So God asks Israel to "wash and make yourselves clean. Take your evil deeds out of my sight! Stop doing wrong, learn to do right! Seek justice, encourage the oppressed. Defend the cause of the fatherless, plead the case of the widow. (Isaiah 1:16, 17). He also asks people to go to Him for 'reasoning!' The verse can be better translated like this- "Come now, let us settle the matter," says the LORD. "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool" v. 18.

So, when you call Jesus 'Lord', 'Lord' without "settling the matter" with Him, you are taking the name of the Lord in vain. If you take the name of the Lord in vain, your worship is in vain, your prayers are in vain and even your fasting is in vain! So, when some one pretends to be spiritual, where in reality he is worldly, he is taking the name of the Lord in vain. Even without uttering, you can profane the name of the Lord! Your life may be a profanation to the name of the Lord, if you are living it in an unworthy manner. We are supposed to live a life that is worthy of our calling. Paul is pleading with us to "live a life worthy of the calling you have received. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace." Eph 4:1-3. When we fail to live a life that is "worthy of the call" that we received, either by rebellion or by carelessness, we are profaning the name of the Lord! Do not be deceived, thinking that the third command speaks only on uttering the name of the Lord in swearing. It is calling Him Lord, Lord, when your heart is empty. When a believer finds no yes in his yes, he is profaning the name of the Lord. It is also offering oblations without purity in life! If you do that, your sacrifice would be like Cain's sacrifice! God hates pretenders. When you act religious where in reality your piety is void, you put God's name in nothingness. Remember, our God is a zealous God. "You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.

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AMAZON'S TOP-SELLING CHRISTIAN ROMANCE FILM 'THE FARMER AND THE BELLE' ANNOUNCES SEQUEL

Orlando — Actress Jenn Gotzon and her actor-producer husband, Jim E. Chandler, announced that their Christian rom-com "The Farmer and The Belle" will have a second installment following its success on Amazon.

"The Farmer and The Belle: Saving Santaland" was released on DVD in November 2020 and spent six weeks on Amazon under "Best Sellers in Romance" for new releases. The faith-based film stayed in the top 10 for six weeks. Part one featured Gotzon, Chandler ("Drop Dead Diva"), John Schneider ("The Dukes of Hazzard") and others.

The husband-wife duo first announced the sequel of their hit movie while on a panel for marketing and distribution at the International Christian Film and Music Festival (ICFF) last month. Later, they shared a few more details regarding the film.

"After being, by God's grace, a bestseller in romance on Amazon for six weeks, we saw the ministry hit, so we're going to do a sequel, the 'Farmer and the Belle 2,'" Gotzon told during a red carpet interview. Chandler noted that the film is already in development.

Part one of "The Farmer and The Belle" was inspired by a true story that illustrates the beauty of embracing one's identity in God and how that leads to the true pathway to love. The sequel will venture into how to have a fruitful marriage.

"It's about having a fulfilling marriage based on psychological and biblical values," Gotzon told.

The Christian romance film is targeting women ages 34 to 54 and up. According to prlog.org, the second installment follows "newlyweds, fashion model Belle (Gotzon) and the small-town farmer (Chandler) from the first movie." "The Farmer and the Belle" will be a Christmas movie that will "take place on a snowy ski mountain and a southern farm where the two discover that sometimes it takes a cow, a pig and a farmer's daughter to find love and respect in marriage."

The end credits will feature a surprise visitor, the Chandlers' newborn son, baby James.



As 2020 saw the end of many marriages among nonbelievers and Christians alike, Gotzon said it's important for couples to have three loves for each other when in a relationship. "When we first started dating, this pastor, Pastor David, explained you have three loves from the Bible. Raya, Ahava and Dod. Raya is friendship. Ahava is that forever loyalty, and Dod is the passion which is 'ooh la la,'" she explained.

The terms for love come from the Old Testament Scriptures and are primarily used in the Hebrew language. Each word expressed different types of love.

"When you have all three of those loves burning together under God's flame, that's the composition of what makes true love within a marriage," Gotzon concluded in her interview with CP. "So that's what we have to strive for in a marriage."

FAKE BLASPHEMY CASE: PAK CHRISTIAN COUPLE SENTENCED TO DEATH RELEASED AFTER 7 YEARS

Shagufta Kausar and her husband Shafqat Emmanuel were convicted in 2014 for insulting the Prophet Muhammad.



But on Thursday, the couple's lawyer Saiful Malook said the Lahore High Court had acquitted them.

A prosecution lawyer told the Reuters news agency that the latest ruling would be challenged.

Blasphemy is punishable by death in Pakistan, and though no-one has ever been executed for it, dozens have been killed by mobs after being accused. "I am

very happy that we were able to get the release of this couple who are some of the most helpless people in our society,"

Mr Malook told the AFP news agency. He said he expected the pair to be freed next week after the court orders are published.

Human rights groups have welcomed the ruling. "Today's decision puts an end to the seven-year long ordeal of a couple who should not have been convicted nor faced a

death sentence in the first place," Amnesty International's South Asia Deputy Director Dinushika Dissanayake said in a statement.

What were the couple accused of?

The married couple were convicted in 2014 of sending blasphemous text messages insulting the Prophet Muhammad to a local imam from a phone number registered in Ms Kausar's name. **FULL STORY ON - 09**

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But her brother told the BBC last year that the couple were innocent, and he doubted they were literate enough even to have written the abusive messages.

MsKausar worked as a caretaker in a Christian school, whilst her husband is partially paralysed.

Human rights groups say blasphemy allegations are frequently used to settle personal scores or target religious minorities

The couple's lawyer told the BBC last year that in their trial they suggested a Christian neighbour they had argued with might have purchased a SIM card in ShaguftaKausar's name and sent the messages in order to frame them.

In April, the European Parliament passed a motion condemning Pakistan for failing to protect religious minorities, focusing on the case of MsKausar and Mr Emmanuel. Blasphemy convictions are often eventually overturned on appeal in Pakistan. Last year, Asia Bibi left the country after more than a decade in prison, having been acquitted by the Supreme Court. The verdict led to violent protests by hardline religious groups.

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Sparkling Wisdom!

- ❖. "The Christian does not think God will love us because we are good, but that God will make us good because He loves us." **C.S. Lewis**
- ❖. "The Christian ideal has not been tried and found wanting. It has been found difficult; and left untried." **G.K. Chesterton**
- ❖. "We are saved by faith alone, but the faith that saves is never alone." **Martin Luther**
- ❖. "God never hurries. There are no deadlines against which he must work. Only to know this is to quiet our spirits and relax our nerves." **A.W. Tozer**
- ❖. "The glory of Christianity is to conquer by forgiveness." **William Blake**
- ❖. "Jesus promised his disciples three things—that they would be completely fearless, absurdly happy, and in constant trouble." **William Barclay**
- ❖. "We may speak about a place where there are no tears, no death, no fear, no night; but those are just the benefits of heaven. The beauty of heaven is seeing God." **Max Lucado**
- ❖. "You will never glory in God till first of all God has killed your glorying in yourself." **Charles H. Spurgeon**
- ❖. "The wisdom of God devised a way for the love of God to deliver sinners from the wrath of God while not compromising the righteousness of God." **John Piper**
- ❖. "I have one desire now - to live a life of reckless abandon for the Lord, putting all my energy and strength into it." **Elisabeth Elliot**



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The election comes amid political turmoil in the country, with opposition politicians facing a midnight deadline to put forward their proposal for a coalition government, which would oust longtime Prime Minister Netanyahu.

Netanyahu, facing trial for corruption, has been at the helm of Israeli politics for 12 years, but his grip on power has loosened in the face of four inconclusive general elections in the space of two years.

Herzog, who hails from a prominent Israeli family, ran unsuccessfully against Netanyahu in the 2013 parliamentary elections.

His father, Chaim Herzog, was Israel's ambassador to the United Nations before being elected president.

His uncle, Abba Eban, was Israel's first foreign minister and ambassador to the United Nations and United States. His grandfather was the country's first chief rabbi.

Herzog has served as head of the Jewish Agency, a nonprofit that works closely with the government to promote immigration to Israel, for the past three years since resigning from parliament.

Given his deep ties to the political establishment, he was seen as the favourite to win the presidency.

The president, while largely a ceremonial head of state, is tasked with picking a political party leader to form governing coalitions after parliamentary elections.

They also have the power to grant pardons — creating a potentially sensitive situation as Netanyahu stands trial for a series of corruption charges.



NIGERIAN BISHOPS' COUNCIL SUBMITS MEMORANDUM TO REMOVE REFERENCES TO SHARIA LAW IN CONSTITUTION



The Catholic Bishops Conference of Nigeria (CBCN) has asked the National Assembly to remove from the 1999 Constitution all references to Sharia Islamic Law.

This is just as the bishops urged the lawmakers to project the secularity of Nigeria pursuant to Sections 10 and 38 of the Constitution as no other religion is recognised by the supreme law of the country except Islam.

In memorandum presented to the Senate Committee on Constitution Review (SCCR) noted that there must be an end to the established status that Islam enjoys in the constitution before Nigeria can have lasting peace and unity.

The memorandum, which was signed by the CBCN President, Archbishop Augustine Akubeze, and the Secretary of CBCN, Bishop Camillus Umoh, said the 1999 constitution was an imposition of the military, adding that it has put Christians and adherents of other religions at a disadvantage in any place with a Muslim majority.

“Regarding the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, we state in the first place that there was no time Nigerians convened as individual stakeholders or as represented citizens to decide on or give it to them as a binding law or constitution. The 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria is a product of and an imposition of the military.

“Bearing this in mind, therefore, the particular aspect we want to address for this review of the 1999 Constitution has to do with the place Islam as a religion has assumed in our constitution vis-à-vis our national life, to the extent that the 1999 Constitution has put Christians and adherents of other religions at a

disadvantage in any place with a Muslim majority.

“Complaints abound about the lack of adequate compliance with the provisions of the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria against the establishment of any state religion, respect for the freedom of religion, including the right to

freely change one's religion, and equality of all religions before the law. In particular, there have been complaints about the special bias, recognition and prominence accorded to Islam in the Constitution of this nation, Nigeria.

“The framers of the 1999 Constitution created Sharia Courts for Muslims. This explains why a Christian cannot be appointed as Khadi under the laws of the states or Grand Kadi of the Sharia Court of Appeal.

“Thus, we conclude that while Muslims exclusively have a court that regulates their affairs and to which they can exclusively be appointed as judges, the same cannot be said for the Christians, or people of other religions. This shows a constitutionally backed gap of inequality and under-representation in the Nigerian judiciary

“The establishment of Sharia Courts of Appeal in our Constitution is therefore inconsistent with Sections 10 and 38 of the 1999 Constitution. It amounts to the adoption of a state religion which Section 10 of the 1999 Constitution forbids and prohibits.

“It translates to the adoption of Islam as a state religion. Of course, the enforcement of Sharia Laws with public funds amounts to those states adopting Islam as a religion. We submit that adopting sharia law(s) as a state law (s) amounts to adopting the religion founding those laws as the state religion; and this violates Section 10 of the 1999 Constitution.

“To ensure peace and unity of the nation, there must be an end to the practically established status that Islam enjoys in our Constitution. We note in this regard that while Islam is mentioned very many times

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in the Constitution, there is not a single mention of Christianity or any other religion in the Constitution. This should be redressed.

“For the sustenance unity and fairness in this country, the Senate has to take seriously this stand of the Catholic Bishops Conference of Nigeria in response to its call for memoranda on the review of the 1999 Constitution; and has to see this Constitution review exercise as an opportunity to give a sincere listening ear to Nigerians to whom the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (as amended) later referred to as ‘The 1999 Constitution’ remains an imposition.

“Consequently, we, the Catholic Bishops of Nigeria, speaking in the name of the Catholic community in Nigeria, hereby submits that Nigerians do not have one law as one people in one nation.

“To correct this, all references to Sharia and any other discriminatory or divisive law(s) should be expunged from the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (as amended),” the Memorandum reads.

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PULITZER PRIZE FOR THE SEVENTEEN-YEAR-OLD WHO FILMED THE MURDER OF GEORGE FLOYD



Darnella Frazier was 17 years old when she observed something that would change her life forever on the evening of May 25 in Minneapolis, US. A black man called George Floyd was slain by cops three storefronts away from her. She captured the footage of Floyd’s murder, which became crucial evidence in revealing America’s ugly face to the rest of the world – a society that professes to be a land of freedom and equality yet stinks of endemic institutionalized racism.

The Pulitzer Prizes’ official Twitter account announced Frazer’s 2021 Pulitzer Prize Special Citation award on Friday, June 11. The Pulitzer Board announced in a statement that Frazer was honoured for recording Floyd’s murder. According to Floyd’s relatives, Frazer’s footage was vital in the police officers’ trial and conviction stated reports.

Floyd, a 47-year-old black man from Minneapolis, United States, was shot and

murdered by police. Floyd was caught after police received a tip that he was buying smokes with counterfeit cash. According to reports, Derek Chauvin, a police officer, held his knee on Floyd’s neck and back for more than nine minutes,

resulting in his death. Despite Floyd’s repeated claims that he couldn’t breathe, he didn’t pay attention. Floyd had not reacted aggressively to the police action, indicating that there was no justification for the police abuse. The cops were charged with a number of offences. As per reports, Chauvin was convicted guilty of murder in the third degree and manslaughter in the second degree.

Frazer, on the other hand, was extremely disturbed by the incident, and she expressed sadness throughout her testimony that she was unable to save Floyd. Floyd’s assassination sparked nationwide protests, resulting in a slew of policy changes at the federal level. According to a report, Joe Biden, who became president of the United States in January 2021, said that the protests forced America to confront racism.

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'FRESH WAVE OF VIOLENCE' IN MOZAMBIQUE DRIVEN BY RADICAL JIHADIST EXTREMISTS; CHILDREN BEHEADED

Conditions in Cabo Delgado, northern Mozambique, have "seriously deteriorated" over the past year, affecting children "disproportionately" as nearly 3,000 people have been killed and over 800,000 displaced since the violent insurgency that began in October 2017, according to a report. Violent attacks by Islamic rebels in the Cabo Delgado province have led



to the deaths of more than 2,838 people, including over 1,400 civilians, though the actual number is expected to be higher. A report released this month by Save the Children, Plan International and World Vision showed how the extent of the conflict in Cabo Delgado has worsened in the last 12 months and how children are suffering disproportionately. The last 12 months of Mozambique's Islamic insurgency has escalated due to increased armed conflict on villages and district capital towns, leading to casualties and "grave violations" against children. Amy Lamb, director of communications for Open Doors, told The Christian Post that the "fresh wave of violence" in Mozambique has had a "devastating" toll.

Lamb said that for the first time, Mozambique was added to the World Watch List as being among the most persecuted countries "because of the fresh wave of violence coming into Mozambique primarily driven by radical jihadist extremists." A March attack on Palma, a town in the northeast of Mozambique, led to an estimated 67,848 displaced people as of June 4. Many children affected by this attack were orphaned or were separated from their parents as they fled. The southeastern African country is home to about 17 million Christians, which is over 50% of the population. Lamb said it's also home to one of the fastest-growing evangelical populations in the world. "Because of [the rise in Christianity], we're seeing jihadist groups including those who are affiliated with the Islamic state, with al Shabab, with

Boko Haram, al Qaeda," Lamb explained. "It's just organizing together in order to expand their territories throughout the African continent, and their goal is really to eradicate Christianity from this territory and, unfortunately, in some ways, it's working," she continued. "Even specifically from this northern part of Mozambique, an estimated 800,000 people have fled the region, and those who remain, including women, children, families, are facing starvation even if they're spared from ... violence." Lamb said Christians in Mozambique are especially targeted with violence and believes the government contributes to this.

"There is a great deal of instability, and there can even be some anti-Christian antipathy at the government level," Lamb said. "So as far as the government of Mozambique, in some ways, it's not helping because there are some of those antipathies even at the highest level, so when it's pervasive at the lower level, it's combining into a perfect storm."

The report also offers recommendations and said the U.N. and international community "must, without delay," support the establishment of peace and address underlying causes of the conflict.

In March, the U.S. Army Green Berets were deployed to Mozambique to train Mozambican marines to counter the violent insurgency that has led to children as young as 12 years old being beheaded.

Lamb agrees that the situation requires the international community's attention and said the Islamic State is struggling to gain a hold of the entire region in what she believes is "the greatest wave of Islamic violence" in the modern era.

"It should be a matter of grave concern for the international community because it is an indication that there is an

emerging caliphate throughout the sub-Saharan African region," she said. "So what we saw in the devastation ... that's all caliphate activity."

"And what's so concerning is these groups are organizing together to create what's essentially a new Islamic State throughout the entire region," Lamb continued. "So that is deeply concerning, not just from a religious freedom standpoint, but also from a democracy standpoint. Also from just the overall human rights condition of we have this one group of incredibly violent extremists who are saying ... 'we're going to take over.' It should be a matter of concern for the international community because this is probably the greatest wave of Islamic violence that the modern era has seen."

Lamb called on the American Church to pray for Christians in Mozambique and for those who have been displaced.

"Pray for God's intervention in the violent attacks, and as rapidly as we have seen this wave of violence rise, that we would see it decline just as fast," Lamb added.

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