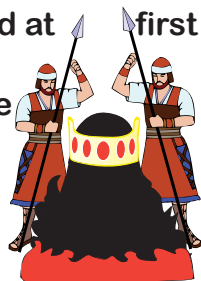


One day, I heard from my maids that my cousin and guardian, was in mourning and had torn his clothes. There had been an order to destroy my people, the Jews. It was started by an evil man called Haman. As I was Queen, my cousin asked me to request the King to save the Jews. I was worried at first because the King could order anyone who approached him without being summoned, to be killed. I told the



Jews to fast with me for three days, before I went to see him. I was prepared to die. On the third day, dressed in my finest, I waited anxiously in the court of the King, for permission to make my request. Did I make the right choice to deliver my people? To find out, read Esther 9:12, 24-25.

Whosoever shall seek to save his life shall lose it; and whosoever shall lose his life shall preserve it.
Luke 17:33



Where were the Nine?

Luke 17:11-19

Complete the following sentences and circle the answers hidden in the word search puzzle.

- Jesus was travelling along the border between _____ and _____.
- The people who approached Jesus had _____.
- There were _____ of them who had this disease.
- After Jesus healed them, only one returned and _____ God.
- We must learn to be _____ and thankful to God for saving us from our sins, like that man.
- We must not doubt God's _____ in giving us all things according to His will.

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Bright Gems for His crown

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On 7 July 2019, we celebrate Youth Day. Youths are the hope of the future. May the Lord bless our youths with salvation and help them to grow in faith to follow Him all the days of their lives.

May they learn to flee youthful lusts and be wise to

avoid substances such as wine (Proverb 20:1).

Those that honour the Lord, them will He honour.

Ms Wendy Wong

Miracles

Where were the Nine? Luke 17:11-19

by Ezekiel Tan



While travelling along the border between Samaria and Galilee, Jesus was approached by ten men who had a severe contagious disease called leprosy. They

kept their distance from Jesus while crying out to Him for help. The Lord Jesus saw them and told them to show themselves to the priests. When they did as they were told, they were cured of their sickness. One of the 10 lepers, upon noticing that he was cured, turned back and glorified God with a loud voice. He was a Samaritan. Jesus answered saying "Were there not ten cleansed? But where are the nine?" The other nine were nowhere to be found. The Lord Jesus said to the Samaritan, "Arise, go thy way: thy faith hath made thee whole." The first lesson to be learnt is to never doubt God's existence, guidance or

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Comparisons

Matthew 21: 28 - 31 contrasts the responses of two sons to their father's command. The first son showed a rebellious spirit by rejecting his father's command. The second son respectfully responded with "I go, sir" - a clear agreement to obey. However, the first son repented of the way he had talked and behaved and later went to the vineyard. The second son, on the other hand,

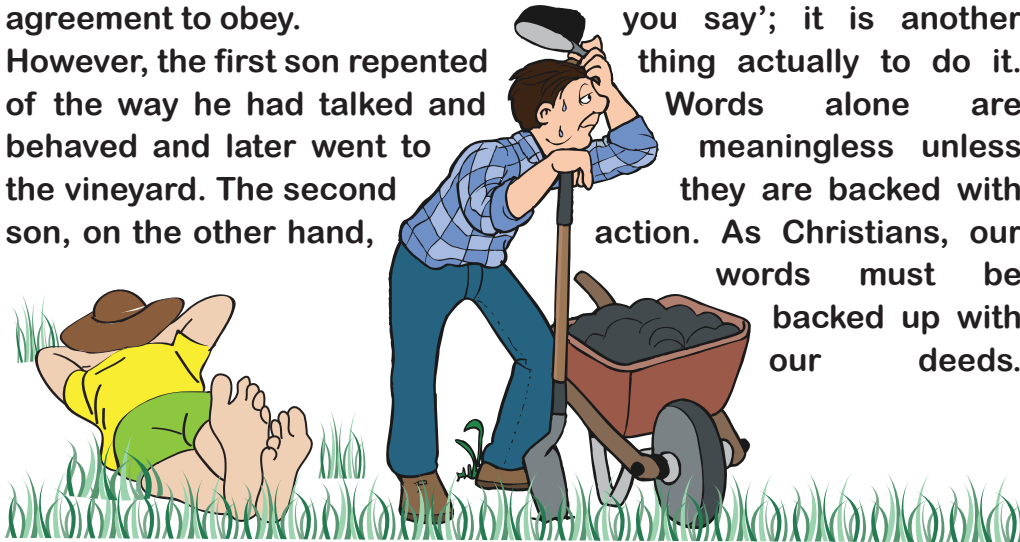
Two Sons

by Mr & Mrs Jonathan Tam

Son, go work today in my vineyard.

I will not!

I go, sir!



What doth it profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith and have not works? Can faith save him?

James 2:14

did not follow through as he had promised. So only the first son did the will of his father. Doing the will of the father is more than words; it requires action. It is one thing to say 'I will do as you say'; it is another thing actually to do it. Words alone are meaningless unless they are backed with action. As Christians, our words must be backed up with our deeds.

Prophets

I spent most of my childhood on my father's farm. One day, Elijah came by and placed his cloak over my shoulders while I was plowing the fields. Understanding what this meant, I accepted God's call to service without hesitation. Though it would mean leaving the comfort of my family, and not knowing what to expect, to serve God was all that mattered to me. Under Elijah's training, I learnt several important life

Elisha

by Ms Zealyn Heng

..I pray thee, let a double portion of thy spirit be upon me.

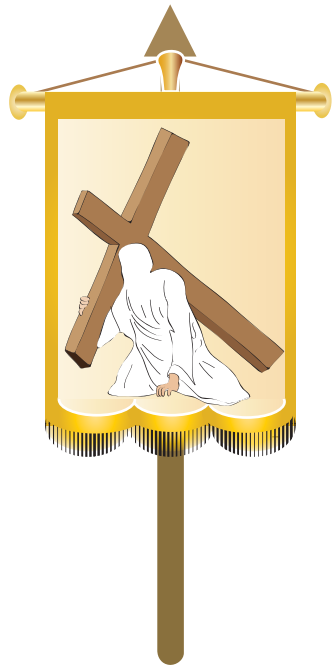
2 Kings 2:9



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lessons. Often when we serve God, we could either be discouraged when faced with difficulties, or feel proud of 'our' achievements. Instead, we must learn to be totally reliant on God and remain humble and faithful in service. All glory must go to Him. Before Elijah left, he wanted to give me something. I asked for something really big - a "double portion" of what God had bestowed upon Elijah. I needed it to fulfil the responsibilities of being a prophet, to serve as advisor to the King and to show God's judgement, mercy and salvation to the people. Whatever we do, we need to surrender willingly to God, give Him all the glory and always ponder how we can be of most use in His service.

Objects in the Bible



Standards

In Numbers 2, the children of Israel were asked to gather around the **standard** (also known as ensign, banner or flag) of their tribe. The **Standards** were used to assemble the troops, rally them and lead them into battle as well as through the wilderness. The ensigns on the standards represented both an important aspect of the tribe as well as something about Jesus; person and His work.

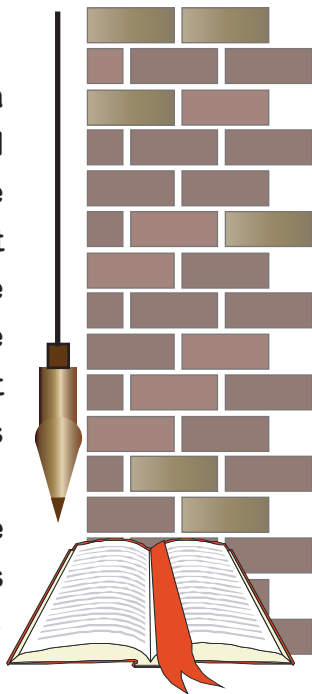
Jesus is our **standard** (Ephesians 4). We need to be identified with Him, obey what He says and follow Him.

Plumbline

God showed Amos a wall made using a **plumbline** (Amos 7: 7, 8). A **plumbline** is a cord with a non-magnetic weight attached to one end. When the cord is held so that the weight can dangle freely, the cord will be perpendicular to the ground, keeping the work straight. God was telling the people that they would be measured against His righteousness.

The **plumbline** of God is the Bible. Are we measuring our thoughts, actions and lives by it?

by Bethanie Loh



Seeing God in nature around us

PHYSICS

by Mr Paul Ling

Every day we are doing things that involve friction.

Any time two

surfaces move against each

other, friction takes place.

When we grip the brake handles of a bicycle, the brake pads will press against the bicycle

wheels and cause the bicycle to come

to a stop. The soles of our shoes get

worn out because of friction between

the soles and the



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ground.

Dragging our feet will make the soles wear out faster. Because of friction we can hold things in our hands, write on a surface, and even start a fire by striking a match.

Truly, “**by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, ... all things were created by Him, and for Him:**” Colossians 1:16

...Where were the Nine? (cont'd)

providence, but always obey Him. Because the ten lepers did as they were instructed by Jesus, they were cured of their disease. Another lesson is to always be grateful for what God is doing in our lives. In this parable, Jesus healed the 10 lepers, yet, only one of them came back to thank God. We must be like that leper and always be grateful and thankful for what God has done for us.

**O give thanks
unto
the LORD, for
He is good:
for His mercy
endureth
for ever.**

Psalms 107:1



Story of Missionaries



John Sung

Born into a Christian family in China, John Sung was a brilliant student, taking only five years to earn a doctorate. Despite his bright future, Sung felt called to serve God and began theological studies. On 10 Feb 1927, he had a life-changing experience and began preaching the gospel so fervently he was confined in a mental asylum. There, his reading through the entire Bible 40 times grounded him in its teachings. On his way back to China, Sung threw away all his academic awards, keeping only the doctoral award for his father. He was fully committed to spreading the gospel.

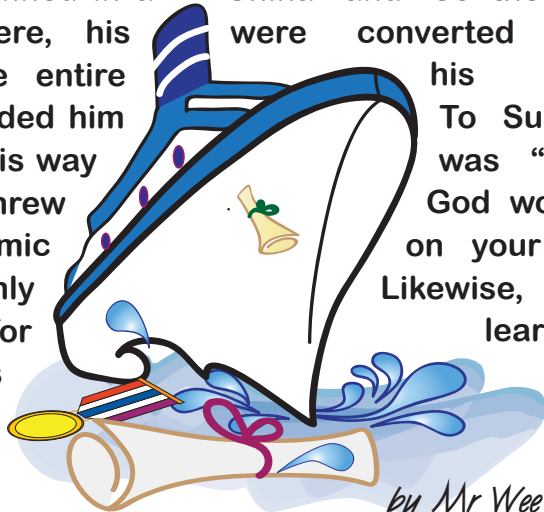
Faith is watching God work while on your knees.

To Sung, saying "Lord, forgive me for I am a sinner" was insufficient. Confession had to be specific, followed by sincere repentance. He would regularly read out a list of sins of which

the congregation would be invited to repent. This zero tolerance of sin offended many. However, his messages of Christ's love also regularly moved his audience to tears. At the peak of his ministry, Sung preached three sermons a day, each lasting two to three hours. Over 100,000 Chinese in

China and Southeast Asia were converted through his ministry.

To Sung, faith was "watching God work while on your knees". Likewise, we must learn to hate sin and pray.



by Mr Wee Jin Xiang

GemSTORY

God knows that everyone will have burdens, worries and anxieties at times. This is why He invites us to commit our worries to Him. Brother Paul and Sister Dawn experienced this when their unborn twins had a condition, which caused a problem in the flow of blood to the babies. There were so many things which could go wrong: Faith's brain might not develop properly, or she might even die and cause Grace to suffer permanent brain damage. These concerns were truly heavy burdens to bear for the young parents. They could not help but fret for their unborn children. However, they knew that they had a great God to cast their heavy burdens upon, and they would pray to God



**Casting
all your care
upon Him;
for He careth
for you.**

1 Peter 5:7

I am Faith



I am Grace

whenever they were troubled. They also accepted God's will no matter what the outcome was. Moreover, they knew from their previous experience with

God's blessings that He always had a reason for allowing trials into their lives. 1 Corinthians 10:13 and Philippians 4:6,7 brought great comfort to both Paul

and Dawn, because they knew that although they were truly helpless, God would

not test them beyond what they were able to bear, and He would also send comfort to their hearts if they cast their cares upon him. Let us praise and thank God for answering their prayers, and may we likewise learn to cast our cares upon the Lord.