

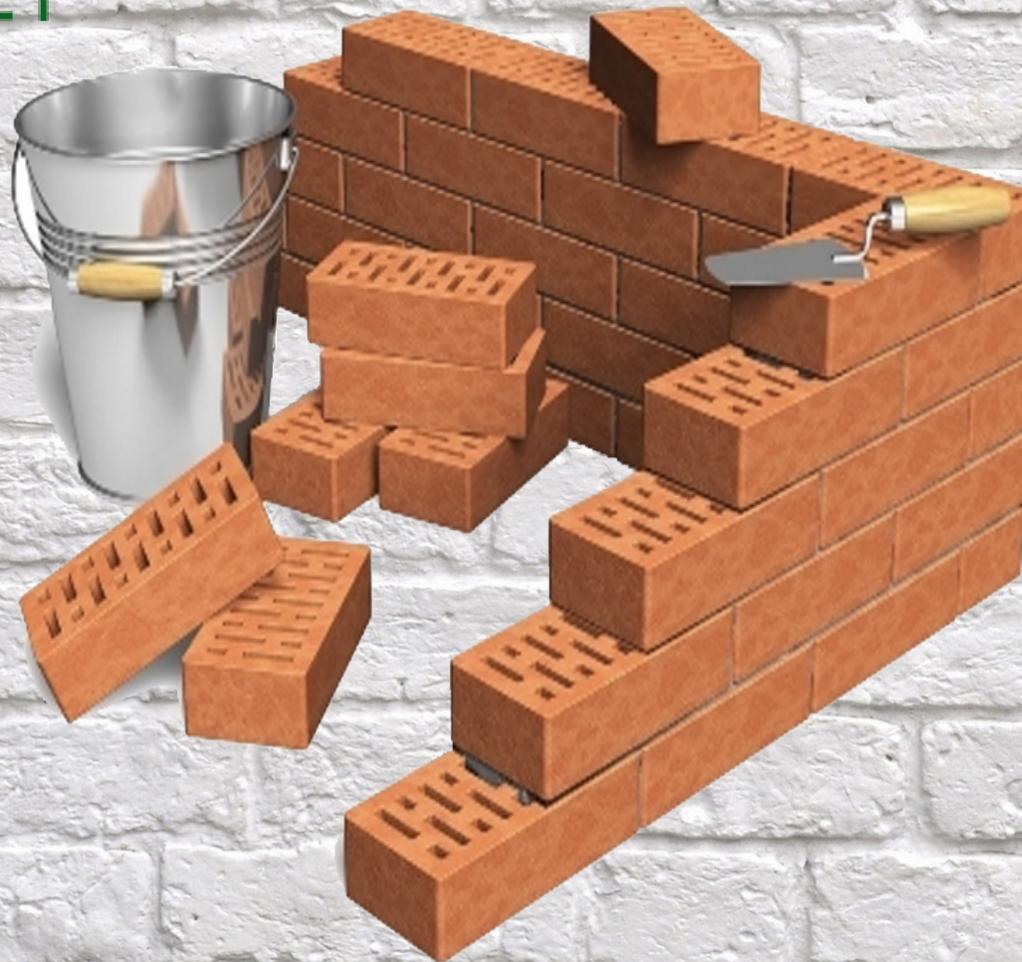
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PSALM 89:21



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from the Pastor's Desk

We thank and praise God for all his goodness throughout the month of March. He has been faithful, and has blessed us beyond our imagination. We especially want to thank God for His presence and His leading in our ministry.

During the month of March, we lost two of our beloved church family members. Mr. Anand Nallathambi, Irvine, and Mrs. Helen Reggie, Las Vegas, went to be with the LORD. It is a great loss to lose such beloved members. However, we believe that we will one day be reunited with them in the presence of the LORD. Please continue to uphold their families in your personal prayers.

By the grace of God, the lease of our Irvine Worship Center was renewed for another three years. Thank you for all your prayers concerning this matter. Please continue to pray that all our financial needs will be met.

Starting from this month onwards, we will host a monthly service in Santa Maria. This month, it will take place on April 8th at 5 p.m. And as mentioned earlier, our gospel outreach will take place on April 15th at 10:30 a.m. More information regarding these events can be found in the events page attached at the end of the newsletter.

Thank you once again for all your love and prayers for this ministry. We firmly believe that God will continue to bless and increase you in the month of April.

In His Service,
Pastor Abraham K. Rajan and Indira Rajan

Celebrating the life of Anand Nallathambi



“So it was, as soon as the days of his service were completed, that he departed to his own house.” –Luke 1:23

Our beloved brother, Anand Nallathambi, has finished the ministry that God had given him on the Earth and entered to the fellowship of the LORD on March 2, 2017.

God had lifted him in his earthly duties as a man of influence. In the midst of his success and elevated standing, he always attributed it all to God’s grace. Despite his high position, he would not publicize his role, and would carry out his duties with humility.

His heart was continually towards the LORD’s ministries. He often contemplated and strived to do something for God. He internalized the vision of Throne of Grace Ministries and united with this ministry to do God’s work. He has led prayer sessions, and has preached God’s word. In addition, he had a great interest to learn of various other ministries and did his utmost to support them. His desire was to use the gifts that God had entrusted him with to support many others. His ministry has been a blessing to many, including the widows, orphans, and the needy.

Anand was able to press on, understanding the grace and calling that God had placed in his life, and was able to finish the race successfully. We want to thank and praise God for his life.

“I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.” -2 Timothy 4:7.

Personally, he has been a great source of encouragement and blessing to us, and for many in our church. We thank God for placing such a wonderful brother in our midst. His passing is a great loss; however, we have hope that he is enjoying in the glory and presence of the LORD. We also have hope that one day we will be reunited with him again in Heaven.

Anand loved his family dearly. Following in his footsteps, his family members are serving the LORD in various ministry teams.

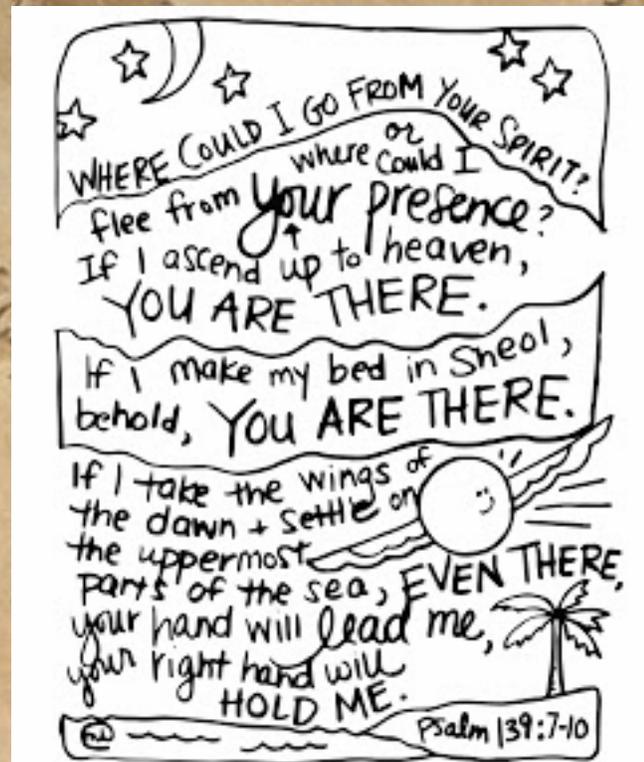
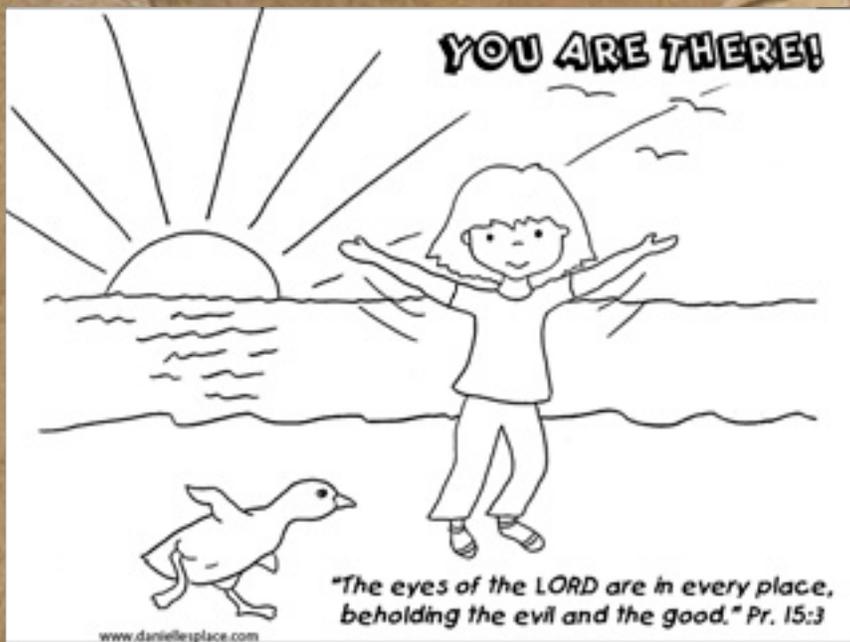
He is survived by his wife, Monica Nallathambi, his two sons, Joshua and Andrew Nallathambi, and his mother, Vanitha Nallathambi. Please pray for God’s peace, comfort and strength to fill the family during this time.

- Pastor Abraham K. Rajan & Indira Rajan

When you go on vacations, your parents tell you that you can't bring everything right? They make you choose a few things to bring, and you have to leave a lot of your favorite toys, and games behind. But the good news is, God will come with you on all your trips!

In Psalm 139:7-10, David talks about how God is always with us. No matter where we go, God is already there. Jonah tried to run away but God was watching him as he traveled in a tiny boat in the midst of the sea. God is in the sea, up in the sky, all over the world, in the morning, in the night, everywhere at all times! There is a word to describe this: omnipresent. Omnipresent means that something is present everywhere. God is the only one who is truly omnipresent. He doesn't travel to different countries at different times during the day. God is everywhere at the same time! He is listening to your prayer in America, and at the same time He is also listening to a boy and girl pray in Japan, India, etc.

So even when you go on a vacation, you are still under His control; you are not leaving God's territory. He is still watching over you, and listening to all of your prayers. Our duty is to realize that and to rely on Him, and seek Him, no matter what city, state or country we are in.



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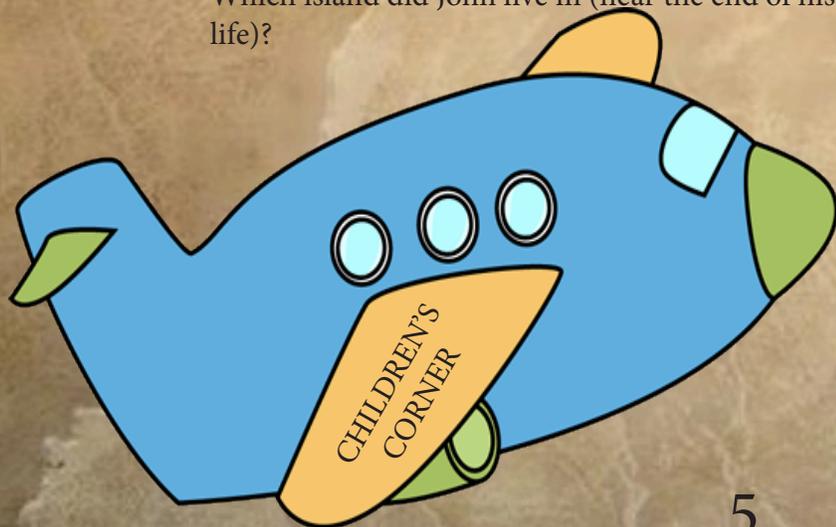
Where was Jonah supposed to (God told him to go), and where did he try to go instead?

What is the difference between God being omnipotent and omnipresent?

Which island did John live in (near the end of his life)?

MEMORY
VERSE

Proverbs 15:3



Conquerors IN CHRIST

Psalms 83:3 – “They have taken crafty counsel against Your people and consulted together against Your sheltered ones.”

David talks here about the way that the enemies of Israel planned and prepared. In the later verses, David says that they wanted to destroy Israel in such a way, that it will no longer be called a nation.

How do our enemies prepare?

Our enemies are crafty and stand as a united front. They come together to plan against the children of God, who have Christ as their shelter, and are His people. These enemies do not try to attack people who are away from God. I Peter 5:8 – talks about how crafty the enemy can be. “Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour.”

In the last days, i.e., the times in which we are living in, the enemy mainly uses deception to make the children of Christ to lose their inheritance in Christ. People will find it hard to differentiate between good and evil. When we analyze a situation according to our own standards, it might seem that what we are doing is right. But in reality, it might not be God’s will and we would have carried out a wrong action.

Who is the enemy?

Our enemy is not anyone in the world, and does not have flesh or blood. It is the devil. Sometimes, it may seem that our enemies are people that stand against us. However, it is important to understand that these people do not know what they are doing; the enemy has blindfolded them and made them do evil things. II Cor. 10:3-5 “For though we live in the world, we

do not wage war as the world does. The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.”

How do we overcome?

A. Holy Spirit

Zech. 4:6 says, “Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,” says the Lord of hosts.” We can overcome the enemy and the things of this world by the help of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit works in and through us to make us insulated to the things of the world.

B. Word of God

The more we meditate on the word of God, we will be more ready to overcome the plans of the enemy. Jesus overcame the enemy in the wilderness during His 40 days fast by the Word of God. And the Holy Spirit reminds, convicts, and guides us only by the Word of God. Lastly, the Word of God is the lamp unto our feet to lead us in the ways of our Lord.

C. Time with the Lord

Every day we need the Word of God and the guidance of the Holy Spirit. It is not a one-time process that you

do once a week or once a month and are fine for the other days. It is a daily process. When you spend enough time in the presence of the Lord, then you will be sensitive to the Holy Spirit. And you will know what is right in the sight of Lord

Goals of a Christian:

When we do all of the above, then we will be able to achieve the ultimate goals for a Christian- Being a true conqueror in Christ and obtaining eternal life.

“Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses,” 1 Timothy 6:12.

“And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death” Revelation 12:11.

Let’s be conquerors in Christ! Amen.

Dear beloved, I want to greet you all in the matchless name of our LORD Jesus Christ. When I was praying for this month's newsletter, God was teaching me about encouragement, and how it's important in our daily lives.

Personally, I could list various things and people who have brought encouragement to me: Word of God, my husband, mom, siblings, friends and many others. It is our duty to encourage others; this duty is not for a special group of people but rather everyone. The Bible says, "Therefore, encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing" (1 Thessalonians 5:11). When you encourage others, their lives will be built up.

How can we encourage?

THROUGH WORDS:

The easiest way to encourage is through words. We all know someone who has believed in us, even when we do not believe in ourselves. That's kind of person that God wants us to be. The Bible mentions many people that encouraged and strengthened others, such as Judas and Silas (Acts 15:32). Paul also says in Ephesians that everything we say should build up others. Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. (Ephesians 4:29) The right word at the right time can bring hope when all else seems to fail. "A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in settings of silver." –Proverbs 25:11. Each word we speak has a great impact. "The tongue has the power of life and death" (Proverbs 18:21). The mouth of the righteous is a fountain of life. (Proverbs 10:11).

It is often easy to focus on the negative things about a person or a situation. But we need to specialize in finding the positive aspects in everything, and in making an effort to encourage others. As Paul wrote, "Let us therefore make every effort to do what leads to peace and to mutual edification" (Romans 14:19).

THROUGH POSITIVE THINKING:

To encourage others, we ourselves need to be encouraged. To keep the encouragement in our lives, we need to think positively. I've heard some people say, "I was born that way," "It is my nature to be depressed," but it is not true. God is in the personality-changing business. He wants you to be "be conformed to the likeness of his Son" (Romans 8:29). Your life can be changed. Just understand the truth that life is full of problems and we need to deal with them. If we are not careful, all we will see are the problems. Instead, read the bible and pray to God and ask Him to help you develop a positive mindset. When I was studying seventh grade, my teacher taught me the following verse. "Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things." (Philippians 4:8) This verse teaches us to think in a way that pleases God. Thinking positively has been a great blessing in my life. So I encourage you to do the same.

How can we keep a positive mindset and encourage others?

A few easy ways to do so are:

1. Meditate on the Word in the morning
2. Ask for God's grace in seeing the positive in every situation
3. Place scriptures on your refrigerator, bathroom mirror, or dashboard.
4. Make a note on the calendar reminding you to encourage someone
5. Keep an encouragement diary detailing the different ways that you have encouraged others

Be an encourager and be encouraged! May God bless you in this month!

ENCOURAGE ONE ANOTHER

Women's Page



TESTIMONY

Praise the Lord! The Lord has blessed me with a new job in LA. I was praying for a green card for the last 3 years and then last year I felt like I need to pray to be in LA rather than praying for a green card. I started praying and within few months, the Lord opened the door. He has blessed me with a job in LA, and they will also process my green card.

During the process, by faith I notified my previous job when my visa transfer was filed. People around me in office and my friends told me that I should have notified them after the transfer was approved. That created a lot of fear in my heart and I became stressed out whenever I thought of it, but whenever I went to God I had peace. As a confirmation, March month's promise was Isaiah 41:13 "For I, the Lord your God will hold your right hand, saying to you, 'Fear not, I will help you.'"

Also, whenever I would pray about the job, the Lord reminded me of Peter stepping out in the water trusting Jesus. And that very same scenario was preached during the sermon in the March promise service, as not to be worried about the circumstances. And miraculously, that same afternoon I got my visa transferred approved."

-BEN HESED AMOSE ROBSINSON

If you would like to share how God has been working in your life, please contact Pastor Abraham K. Rajan at pastor.rajan@throneofgrace.us
May God Bless you!



GET INVOLVED

BE INVOLVED THROUGH YOUR PRAYERS:

We strongly believe in prayer. We have many services dedicated to prayer; we have regular fasting prayers, conference prayers held every week, and county prayers held every month. To get more information about these prayers happening in January, please look at the events page at the end of this newsletter. If you are unable to attend these prayers but would still like to keep us in your personal prayers, feel free to contact Pastor Abraham K. Rajan to learn more about specific prayer points to include in your prayers.

GET INVOLVED WITH A MINISTRY TEAM:

There are a number of ministry teams that work alongside each other every day at Throne of Grace Ministries. A few examples of these teams include Sunday School Team, Media Team, Worship Team, and many more. If you feel that God has been prompting you to join one, feel free to approach Pastor Abraham K. Rajan for more information.

TO SUPPORT THIS MINISTRY FINANCIALLY:

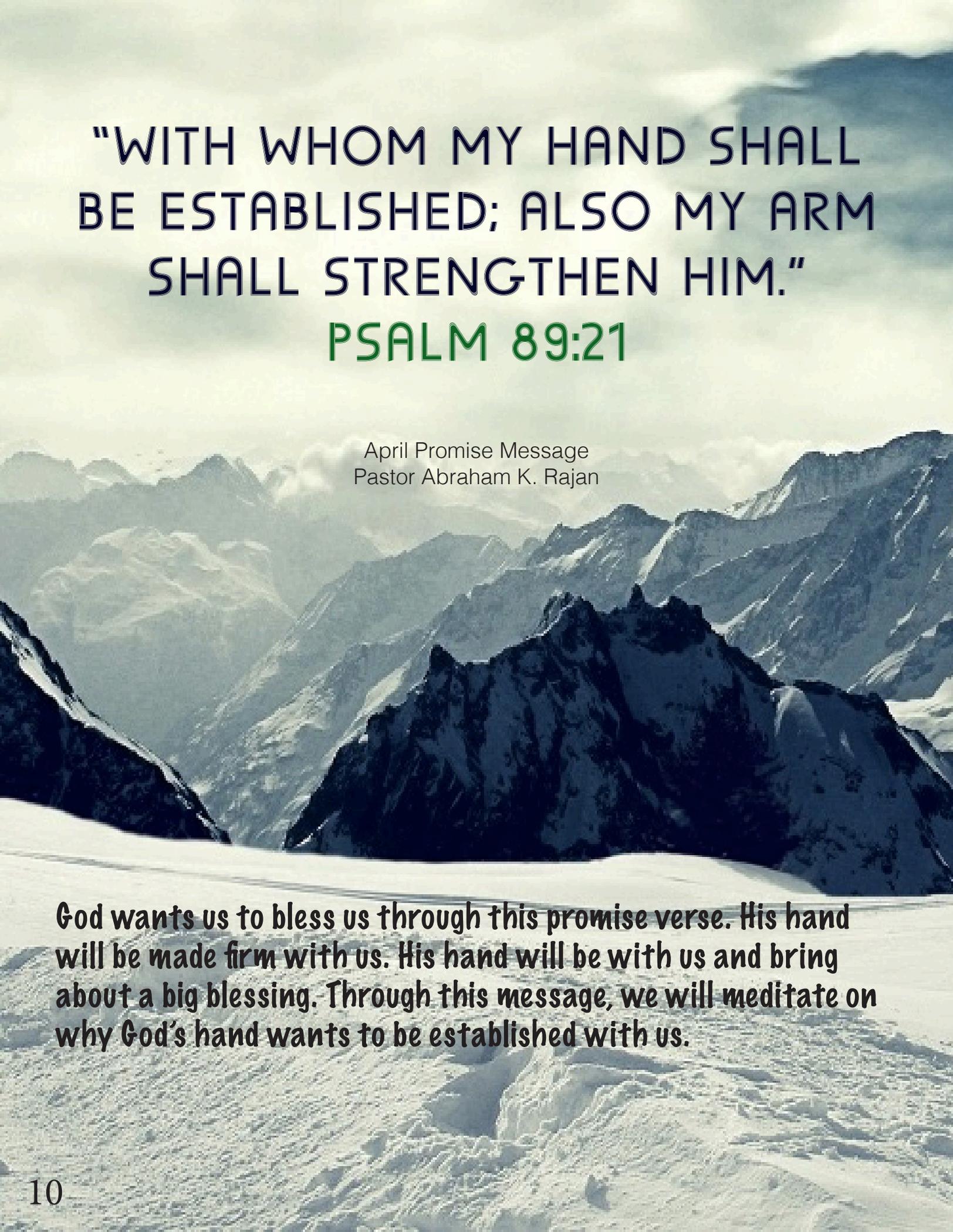
1. ONLINE DONATION

You can make a donation online at throneofgrace.us or through the TOG app. (The TOG app can be downloaded from the app store and the android store). You can even set up a recurring payment for tithes and offerings.

2. MAIL YOUR CHECK

If you are unable to donate online, but would still like to support us financially, you can mail your check. Please make the checks payable to "Throne of Grace Ministries." You can mail the checks to [122 Pendant, Irvine, CA 92620](mailto:122Pendant@throneofgrace.us).

Once again, thank you for all your support! May God Bless you!



"WITH WHOM MY HAND SHALL
BE ESTABLISHED; ALSO MY ARM
SHALL STRENGTHEN HIM."

PSALM 89:21

April Promise Message
Pastor Abraham K. Rajan

God wants us to bless us through this promise verse. His hand will be made firm with us. His hand will be with us and bring about a big blessing. Through this message, we will meditate on why God's hand wants to be established with us.

To take us into a new season

The promise verse (Psalm 89:21), says that David will be established by His hand. The Bible says that David was chosen by God and anointed by Him. God led the anointed David into new seasons. The man who had once been a shepherd to lambs, God set him as a shepherd to Israel. He brought about new changes in David's life. And He had a purpose in mind for bringing about these new changes. For that, Prophet Samuel was sent to David's house, and he anointed David as king (1 Samuel 16:13). David had to go through new experiences. The Bible says that when Samuel anointed David, The Spirit of the LORD descended upon David.

When God wants to bring you into new experiences, God will fill you with His spirit and will make you strong and steady through that process. Additionally, David found favor in the eyes of King Saul (1 Samuel 16:22). You will receive His favor, and this will be a sign unto you that God's hand is with you in the new season.

Ruth was also led into a new season. Ruth, who had lost her husband, traveled with Naomi, her mother-in-law, to God's country. It was a new path, new place, and a new season for Ruth. When they reached God's country, Ruth asked her mother-in-law if she can glean grain from the fields of others. When she started to do so, she had no assurance of any opportunities or stability. Her heart yearned for favor in the new season. She happened to come to the field of Boaz; later on, Ruth learns that Boaz was her relative (Ruth 2:20). She happened to come to the field. But it was not an accident, there was a plan behind it. When she was gleaning the field, Boaz inquired about who she was. When he learned that she was the daughter-in-law of Naomi, he assured Ruth that the young men of the field would not touch her.

When she began the new season, there was no assurance of a good future. But God brought her to the right place and protected her. Ruth then asks Boaz "Why have I received favor in your sight?" (Ruth 2:10-12). Boaz tells Ruth that it is "because I know what you have done for your mother in law. You have left behind everything and traveled to this new country." Additionally, Boaz blesses Ruth (Ruth 2:12). Boaz was

informed of Ruth's background, so he took steps to act favorably towards Ruth.

In your life as well, when you are entering into a new season, all that you have done in the past, the small actions and sacrifices, will be a blessing for the new season.

Ruth's new season was under the almighty wings of God. Ruth received comfort through the hands of Boaz. And the new season brought about kindness to Ruth. Boaz told his workers not to rebuke or reproach Ruth. God knew that Ruth was going through a new season, so God made Boaz to show her favor, safety, comfort, kindness, and bless her. Your new season is also under the mighty wings of God and it will bring you a full reward.

Just as God's arm was with David and Ruth, His arm is also established with you. The One who is leading you into a new season, will establish you as well.

To strengthen you

Another reason why God's hand was established with David, was to strengthen Him. In David's life, when God started to bring David into a new season, He taught him to make war. (Psalm 18:33,39; Psalm 18:34)

God's hand was with David firmly and strengthened him for two main reasons: to lift him up and to teach him for battle. David was chosen to lead the battles for God (1 Samuel 25:28). And he needed the strength of God.

David was once in charge of taking care of his father's sheep. When the lion and bear attacked the flock, he needed strength to protect the flock. Since the hand of the LORD was established with David, it strengthened him and allowed him to overcome all the obstacles. He was able to protect the sheep, nation, and people of Israel all because of God's strength.

Today, the sheep represent the children that God has entrusted you with. If you have to deliver your

children from the lion and the bear, you need to be strengthened. Because the Lord's hand is established with you and strengthens you, you will be able to rescue and deliver your children from the enemy's hands. And this strength is not only for your children, but for everything that God has entrusted you with. (It could be property, or other responsibilities). God wants to strengthen you so that you can protect the things that were entrusted to you and rescue them from the enemy.

To fulfill His will

“And when He had removed him, He raised up for them David as king, to whom also He gave testimony and said, ‘I have found David[a] the son of Jesse, a man after My own heart, who will do all My will.’” –Acts 13:22

Another reason that God's hand was established with David, was so that he would accomplish God's will. David had committed himself completely to do God's will, David desired to build a house for the LORD. And to build such

a house, he had received revelations regarding the temple from God, and had gathered all the gold and silver (1 Chronicles 28:2, 12, 14). However, God looked at David, and said that his son should build it instead. Even though David was ready to build it, David obeyed the voice of God. He did not build it himself but prepared and encouraged Solomon to do it.

“Consider now, for the LORD has chosen you to build a house for the sanctuary; be strong, and do it.” (1 Chronicles 28:10).

David did not overrule the will of God.

When God visited Saul, Saul asked what God wanted him to do (Acts 9:6). And until the day he died, God's hand was established with him, and allowed him to fulfill God's will. In your life and through your life, He wants you to fulfill His desires and the will that He has placed for you. And for that, His hand will be established with you. The one who called you is faithful. Do not be discouraged!

May God bless this message in the month of April!
God bless you!

APRIL 2017 - PROMISE

“With whom My hand shall be established;
Also My arm shall strengthen him”

PSALM 89:21

NEVER GIVE UP

EVENTS FOR APRIL 2017

S	30 Irvine Worship Service @ 10:30 am	2 Irvine Worship Service @ 10:30 am	9 Irvine Worship Service @ 10:30 am Rancho Cucamonga Worship Service @ 5:00 pm	16 IRVINE - EASTER SERVICE @ 9:30 AM	23 Irvine Worship Service @ 10:30 am Woodland Hills Worship Service @ 5:30 pm
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S	1 Promise Service @ 7:30 am Irvine Worship Service @ 6:30 pm	8 Santa Maria Worship Service @ 5:00 pm	15 Gospel Outreach @ 10:30 am	22 Irvine Worship Service @ 6:30 pm	29 Las Vegas Worship Service @ 6:30 pm

Conference Prayer

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TOG (Mondays)

9:30 pm – 10:15 pm

San Jose (Tuesdays)

9:30 pm – 10:00 pm

Connecticut (Wednesdays)

9:30 pm – 10:00 pm EST

USA/Israel (Thursdays)

9:30 pm – 10:00 pm

Las Vegas (28th, Friday)

9:30 pm – 10:00 pm

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THRONE OF GRACE MINISTRIES

Service & Location Information – APRIL 2017

IRVINE, CA

Worship Service:

Every Sunday - 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM
1st & 4th Saturdays- 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM

Throne Of Grace Ministries
2134 Michelson Dr
Irvine CA 92612

Prayer:

3rd Thursday - 7:30 PM to 9:00 PM

RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA

Worship Service:

2nd Sunday – 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church
6080 Haven Ave
Rancho Cucamonga CA 91737

Prayer:

3rd Friday - 7:30 PM to 9:00 PM

LAS VEGAS, NV

Worship Service:

5th Saturday– 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM

Trinity Life Center
1000 E St. Louis
Las Vegas NV 89104

Prayer:

1st Friday - 7:30 PM to 9:00 PM

WOODLAND HILLS, CA

Worship Service:

4th Sunday – 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM

Canoga Park Lutheran Church
7357 Jordan Ave
Canoga Park CA 91303

Prayer:

1st Friday - 7:30 PM to 9:00 PM

MANCHESTER, CT

Worship Service:

1st Friday – 7:30 PM to 9:30 PM EST

New River Community Church
314 Woodbridge St
Manchester, CT 06042

Prayer:

4th Wednesday – 7:30 PM to 9:00 PM EST

SAN JOSE, CA

Worship Service:

4th Friday – 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Church of the Living Rock
675 E Taylor Ave
Sunnyvale, CA 94085

SANTA MARIA, CA

Worship Service:

2nd Saturday – 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Please contact Pastor for venue

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