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THRONE OF GRACE MINISTRIES



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## From the Pastor's Desk...

All glory and honor be to God for guiding us through the last eight months. He has truly blessed us with strength from above, safety in our travels, and has graced us with His presence during each service. It was a joy to hear children reciting from 1 Corinthians 13 at Woodland Hills during the August service. We will have recitals from 1 Corinthians 13 and from the Book of Psalms during this month at Irvine, Las Vegas, Rancho Cucamonga, San Jose and Connecticut. Please get in touch with your child's sunday school teacher and encourage your kids to participate. Bro. G.P.S. Robinson and Christina Robinson will be ministering with us on September 9th in San Jose, September 10th at Irvine, September 11th morning at Irvine and evening at Rancho Cucamonga. Please see below for more details. Pray for these meetings, attend and be blessed!

In His love,

Pastor Abraham K. Rajan & Indira Rajan

## Guest Speakers: G.P.S. Robinson & Christina Robinson

**September 9th (Friday)- San Jose: 7-9p.m.**

Living Rock Christian Church - 675 E. Taylor Avenue. Sunnyvale, CA 94086

**September 10th (Saturday) - Irvine: 6:30-8:30p.m.**

TOG Irvine Campus- 2134 Michelson Dr, Irvine CA 92612

**September 11th (Sunday) - Irvine: 10:30-12:30p.m.**

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**September 11th (Sunday)- Rancho Cucamonga: 5-7p.m.**

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church- 6800 Haven Ave, Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91737



Bro. G.P.S. Robinson  
& Sis. Christina Robinson

I was struggling from postpartum depression and isolated myself so much. I was afraid of going to church or for any gathering outside of home because I was afraid of anything anyone said. The enemy constantly replayed the hurting words and I was drowned by anger, bitterness and unforgiveness. I know in my head that God loves me but never really experienced it personally. I never understood God's grace in my life and I never extended His grace to others. But I longed to get closer to God and experience Him personally. During this difficult times, I started watching TOG online live services and God ministered to me through every single word spoken and every song that was sung. 2016 New Year Service blessed me so much and challenged me to raise to a new level in my walk with the Lord. Through all these services, God has helped me to come out of my depression.

-Beulah Jebaraj

*"Oh, give thanks to the Lord,  
for He is good! For His mercy  
endures forever. Let the redeemed  
of the Lord say so,  
Whom He has redeemed from  
the hand of the enemy"*

*Psalm 107:1-2*

*"Behold, I will do a new thing,  
Now it shall spring forth;  
Shall you not know it?  
I will even make a road in the  
wilderness  
And rivers in the desert."  
Isaiah 43:19*

Last year on my birthday - Sep 1st, I asked God, "God you gave me multiple promises that you have touched my womb, but why am I not pregnant yet? My husband can give me any number of gifts today to keep me happy but that won't satisfy me. Only you can satisfy me. I need a gift from you." God heard my prayer and I conceived the next month. This year I'm going to celebrate my birthday with His wonderful gift - my Baby Abigail Joy.

-Kalpana John

# Testimonies

# of CITIZENS GOD'S Kingdom Teen's Page

By: Benjamin Jessudasson

Dear teens and twenties,  
Jeremiah once prophesied to Israelites who had been taken captive to Babylon.

## Jeremiah 29:11-14

**"For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope. Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart. I will be found by you, says the Lord, and I will bring you back from your captivity; I will gather you from all the nations and from all the places where I have driven you, says the Lord, and I will bring you to the place from which I cause you to be carried away captive."**

Most of the Israelite captives were young men and women like you in their teenage years and twenties. They did not expect such sudden captivity from the brutal Babylonians who took them away from their families and their homes. But God promised that He will bring them back from their captivity. You may not identify with these strong symbols of imprisonment. However, captivity can also happen sometimes in other forms such as emotional bondages, religious oppression or persecution, racial prejudice, etc. Nevertheless, whether you feel the effects of captivity or not, remember that as Christians we are all like captives on this earth because we are citizens of God's Kingdom and we do not belong here. There is always an aching and a longing for heaven that nothing on this earth can ever satisfy. That is why all the pleasures, wealth and fame of this world can never provide us with lasting satisfaction. And God will bring us to heaven just as He has promised.

Just like Jeremiah advised the captive Israelites, God wants to tell you today to live by these principles while you are on this earth:

1. All persecution and oppression of God's people has a time limit and will end so be strong and endure, persevere during the hard times. God always restores, redeems and returns His people ultimately to God's eternal home in God's timing.
2. God only thinks of giving you good things (peace, future and a hope) not bad things (evil). So gravitate to the good from God and avoid evil situations and people.
3. No matter how tough life gets (your school, your relationships, or even your faith), **always call on God and pray to Him and He "will listen to you."**
4. You will find God when you seek and search for Him with "all your heart."

Choose wisely as you navigate through the important decisions and these important years of your lives. Even if we are captives in the Earth, we can glorify God through our lives. When you look back on the years of your youth, you should have a great testimony of how God took care of you and has abundantly blessed you because you put your trust in Him alone, not in your intellect, your skills or your achievements. Go be a successful captive on Earth!



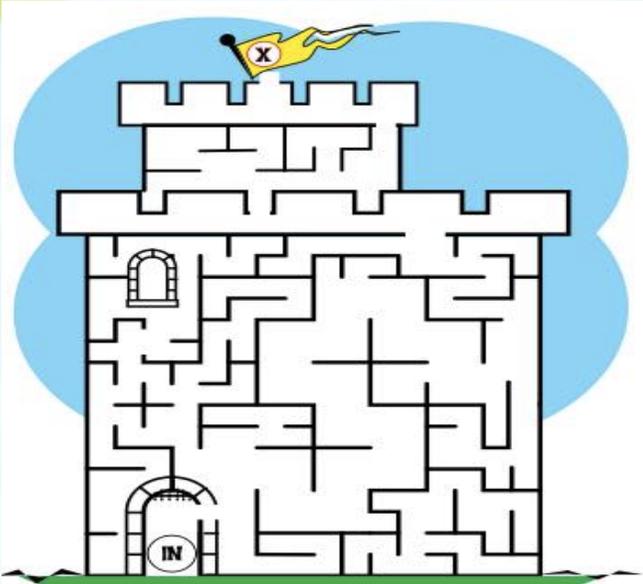
# Did you know?

Do you have a sibling? If you do, then you probably have fought with each other. But you've never thought of selling your brother or sister before, right? In the Bible, we see someone who was sold by his brothers; it was Joseph. His brothers did not like that he was the "favorite child." Joseph's brothers sold Joseph for 20 pieces of silver and he was taken to Egypt. Even if his brothers forgot about him, God didn't. God kept showering Joseph with blessings even when he was a slave. His master trusted Joseph with everything. And the Pharaoh, or ruler of Egypt, made Joseph second in command in all of Egypt. He wasn't an Egyptian, he was only a slave but God gave him a huge promotion.

# Children's Corner

Agnes Premkumar

There were seven years with plenty of food, then famine struck. Famine is when there is no food in the land. During that time, Joseph's brothers came to Egypt to buy grain. Joseph recognized them, but he didn't hurt them or get angry, he forgave them for their mistakes. Joseph understood that being angry wouldn't solve any problems and that forgiveness leads to happiness. Joseph chose to forgive. Remember, God will never forget, just forgive others and let God deal with the rest.



Q: Who is this?  
(Hint: What is he wearing on his head?)



Hmmm...something seems different...Can you help me find the 14 differences between these two pictures below?



"Through the  
Lord's mercies  
we are not  
consumed,  
Because His  
compassions fail  
not.  
They are new  
every morning;  
Great is Your  
faithfulness."  
-Lamentations  
3:22-23

You number my wanderings; Put my tears into Your bottle;  
Are they not in Your book?

### Psalm 56:8

God has kept your tears in His bottle. He is a God who gives answers for each tear. In the Bible, many people cried out with tears, God heard their prayers and provided them with answers.

#### KING HEZEKIAH

King Hezekiah was sick and was at the edge of death. At that time, Prophet Isaiah told King Hezekiah that God had revealed to him that King Hezekiah will not survive and will die with the disease. At that time, King Hezekiah wept bitterly.

**“Remember now, O LORD, I pray, how I have walked before You in truth and with a loyal heart, and have done what is good in Your sight.’ And Hezekiah wept bitterly.” - Isaiah 38: 3**

Immediately God tells Isaiah to tell King Hezekiah that God has heard his prayers and He will add 15 years to his life.

**“Go and tell Hezekiah, ‘Thus says the LORD, the God of David your father: I have heard your prayer, I have seen your tears; surely I will add to your days fifteen years.’” - Isaiah 38:5**

Just like God had said, his days were increased. God immediately gave an answer to the tears of Hezekiah.

#### HANNAH

Since she did not have a child, she was greatly saddened and made a supplication unto the LORD.

**“And she was in bitterness of soul, and prayed to the LORD and wept in anguish.” - 1 Samuel 1:10**

The Bible says that God heard her cries and remembered her (1 Samuel 1:19). God gave her a son and blessed her. Whenever we shed tears in the LORD's presence, He will hold those tears in His bottle and provide an answer for each tear. You might also be shedding tears in His presence for a reason. God is remembering those tears; He will definitely answer them.

#### JESUS

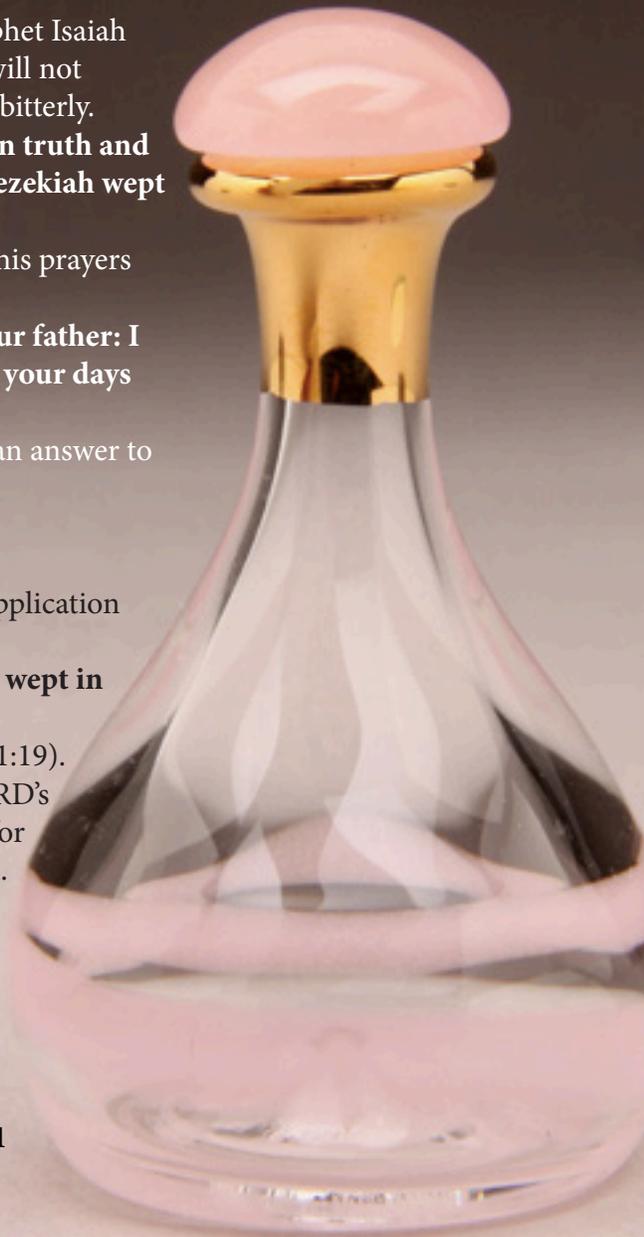
There are some instances in the Bible where it notes that Jesus cried. When He was coming toward Jerusalem, He looked at the city from afar off and cried.

**“Now as He drew near, He saw the city and wept over it.” - Luke 19:41**

Jesus willed that Jerusalem will know about peace. He willed that they would know the LORD of peace as well. In the same way, God wants us to shed tears and pray for our city. It is God's will that the city we are living in will know about Jesus and His peace. We need to shed tears for our country as well. A tearful prayer will bring blessings to the nation. For that reason, do not forget to shed tears as you pray for the city and country. Also please pray specifically for the elections in our country that are coming up soon.

**“Those who sow in tears, Shall reap in joy.” - Psalm 126:5**

The prayers that you sow in tears for your personal life, your city, and your country are accounted for. So do not be discouraged, God will wipe away your tears and you shall reap in joy.



# PRAYERS

**Thank God for** protecting this country continuously.

**Pray for** the judicial system.

**Pray for** the legislative system and all the senators and representatives from each state.

**Pray for** wisdom to understand God's will .

**Pray for** safety of the candidates and a peaceful transition time.

**Pray for** the new president to establish good relations with other countries such as Israel.

**Pray for** Christian voters to accomplish their duty and vote.

**Pray for** the salvation of all those involved in government and for Christian lawmakers and leaders to use their power for God's glory.

**Pray for** continued (and more) freedom for the churches.

**Pray for** REVIVAL to fill this nation.

**Pray for** God's mercy and grace to rest upon this nation continuously.

## IMPORTANT DATES TO KEEP IN PRAYER:

September 26, 2016-

Presidential Debate

October 4, 2016-

Vice Presidential Debate

October 9, 2016-

Presidential Debate

October 19, 2016-

Presidential Debate

November 8, 2016-

ELECTION DAY



# PROMISE MESSAGE

Pastor Abraham K. Rajan

*"Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful."*

**-Hebrews 10:23**

God wants to speak to us this month through this promise verse. He fulfills all His promises. Luke 1:45 says that there will be a fulfillment of those things which were told from the LORD. Ezekiel 36:36 also says "I, the LORD, have spoken it, and I will do it." Throughout this message, we will mediate on the reasons why God fulfills His promises.

## 1. BECAUSE HE IS FAITHFUL

**"For He who promised is faithful."**

**- Hebrews 10:23**

This verse says that He is faithful. Even if we are not faithful, He is always faithful.

**"You have kept what You promised Your servant David my father; You have both spoken with Your mouth and fulfilled it with Your hand, as it is this day." - 1 Kings 8:24 (NKJV)**

Solomon said this after he had finished building the temple. The promise that Solomon would build the temple was given to Solomon's father, David (1 Kings 8:18-20).

**"My covenant I will not break, Nor alter the word that has gone out of My lips. Once I have sworn by My holiness;**

**I will not lie to David"**

**Psalms 89:34-35**

God said that He will not lie to David since He made a covenant with him. David desired to build a temple for the LORD, but he was promised that his son Solomon would build the temple in his stead. The promise was fulfilled during Solomon's time.

To fulfill His promise, God removed the battles around Solomon and gave rest to him (1 Kings 5:3-4). He will first remove the battles from every side in your life. The God who gave rest to Solomon wants to bring rest to you also.

Secondly, He gave His favor to Solomon (1 Kings 5:8). King Hiram sent a message to Solomon that he will give his men to Solomon to finish the temple's woodwork.

Thirdly, we see that God gave Solomon the wisdom to build the

temple (1 Kings 5:12) just as it was promised.

There is a faithful God with you as well. He will most assuredly do what He has promised. When He is fulfilling His promise in your life, He will remove the battles, and give you His favor and wisdom. Do not be discouraged!

## 2. BECAUSE HE IS ABLE

**"He did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God, and being fully convinced that what He had promised He was also able to perform." - Romans 4:20-21**

The Bible says that Abraham believed that God was able to do what He had promised. In Romans 4:19, the Bible says that Abraham did not consider the deadness of his body or Sarah's. Everything around him was dead. But he believed that God was able to revive everything that was dead and fulfill His promises.

One time, Jairus, the head of the synagogue, approached Jesus and said that his daughter was sick and requested that Jesus come heal her.

said that she was dead. But Jesus promised that she will be made well. Just like He said, He went to Jairus' house and revived her. Jesus was able to fulfill His promise to Jairus.

In Moses' life, there was a great need to feed the people in the wilderness. At that time, God said that He will provide the needed meat for all the Israelites. Moses was not able to believe that, he asked God how that would happen. God then looks at Moses and says "is My hand shortened?" The same way that I have promised, it will happen (Numbers 11:23). And just like He had promised, a south wind came and fed the people. He provided the meat that the Israelites needed.

His hands are outstretched today; they are not shortened. His promises will definitely be fulfilled in your life. You will rejoice that the God who is able has done such great things.

**"Is My hand shortened at all that it cannot redeem? Or have I no power to deliver?" - Isaiah 50:2**

**"Behold, the LORD's hand is not shortened, That it cannot save; Nor His ear heavy, That it cannot hear." - Isaiah 59:1**

Just like it says in these verses, His hand is outstretched, and through the power of his hands, He will fulfill His promise.

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*His hands are outstretched*

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Jesus set out to heal her but the multitudes were preventing Him from going towards Jairus' daughter. Soon after, other people from his house came and told Jairus not to trouble Jesus since his daughter just died (Luke 8:49). But Jesus responds saying, do not be afraid, she will be made well (Luke 8:50). The situation

## 3. BECAUSE WE ARE CHILDREN OF PROMISE

**"Now we, brethren, as Isaac was, are children of promise." - Galatians 4:28**

Isaac was a child that God had given

to Abraham as He had promised. Isaac also had a part in the promise that God had made with Abraham. Galatians 3:6-7 says "that those who are of faith are sons of Abraham." Whoever believes is a child of Abraham. We too are children of Abraham, and are children of the promise.

Galatians 3:16 says that Christ is a seed of Abraham.

**"And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise." - Galatians 3:29**

After the days of Abraham, when God talked with Isaac, God said that He will continually be with him and bless him. God promises, "I will bless you according to the promise that I

made with Abraham. I will make your descendants to be as many as the stars and your descendants will inherit this land" (Genesis 26:4).

God gave this promise to Isaac during the days of famine. God told him not to journey to Egypt and to stay in Gerar. Isaac obeyed God's voice and stayed in Gerar, and sowed in that land. God multiplied him by hundredfold. Isaac continued to prosper.

When Isaac, a child of the promise was blessed, the jealousy of the other Phillistines prompted them to urge Isaac to leave. Isaac left to the Valley of Gerar and dug wells of water. The shepherds of Gerar quarreled with Issaac and took Esek and Sitnah, the wells that Isaac had dug and named. But Isaac did not grow discouraged,

he dug another well, named Rehoboth, and no quarrels arose. Rehoboth is to say that the LORD has made room for us and we shall be fruitful in the land. There God blessed Isaac again and made him to increase. The men who had chased him out before, Abimelech and his men, returned to Isaac and made peace with him. They also confessed that the LORD was definitely with him and that the LORD has blessed him.

God has also kept you as child of the promise. It does not matter the amount of struggles and obstacles that appear before you, God is willing to provide you with Rehoboth. God will show that He is with you and you are the children of the promise. So the blessings of the LORD are with you.

# SEPTEMBER 2016 - PROMISE

*“Let us hold fast the confession  
of our hope without wavering,  
for He who promised is faithful”*

Hebrews 10:23

NEVER GIVE UP

## Events for SEPTEMBER

### Irvine, CA

#### • **Worship Services**

- Promise Service - Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> @ 6:00 am
- Every Sunday @ 10:30 am
- Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 pm
- Monthly prayer on Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30 pm

### Rancho Cucamonga, CA

- **Worship Service** – Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> @ 5:00 pm
- **Monthly Prayer** – Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30 pm

### Las Vegas, NV

- **Worship Service** – Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 pm

### Woodland Hills, CA

- **Monthly Prayer** – Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 7:30 pm
- **Worship Service** – Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30 pm

### Manchester, CT

- **Worship Service** – Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 7:30 pm EST
- **Monthly Prayer** – Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> @ 7:30 pm EST

### San Jose, CA

- **Worship Service** – Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 pm

## SEPTEMBER 2016

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M		5	12	19	26
T		6	13	20	27
W		7	14	21	28
T	1	8	15	22	29
F	2	9	16	23	30
S	3	10	17	24	

## Special Meetings

Bro. GPS Robinson &  
Sis. Christina Robinson



Jesus Meets Ministries, India

@ SAN JOSE

- Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 pm

@ IRVINE

- Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 pm

- Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> @ 10:30 am

@ RANCHO CUCAMONGA

- Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> @ 5:00 pm

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## Service Information – SEPTEMBER 2016

### IRVINE, CA

**Worship Service:**

Every Sunday - 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM  
2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays- 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM

Throne Of Grace Ministries  
2134 Michelson Dr  
Irvine CA 92612

**Prayer:**

3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday - 7:30 PM to 9:00 PM

### RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA

**Worship Service:**

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday – 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM

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

**Prayer:**

4<sup>th</sup> Friday - 7:30 PM to 9:00 PM

### LAS VEGAS, NV

**Worship Service:**

3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday– 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM

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

### WOODLAND HILLS, CA

**Worship Service:**

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday – 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM

Canoga Park Lutheran Church  
7357 Jordan Ave  
Canoga Park CA 91303

**Prayer:**

1<sup>st</sup> Friday - 7:30 PM to 9:00 PM

### MANCHESTER, CT

**Worship Service:**

1<sup>st</sup> Friday – 7:30 PM to 9:30 PM EST

New River Community Church  
314 Woodbridge St  
Manchester, CT 06042

**Prayer:**

3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday – 7:30 PM to 9:00 PM EST

### SAN JOSE, CA

**Worship Service:**

2<sup>nd</sup> Friday – 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

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

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