

## *Important Messages*

### *Message #1: Take your relationship with God seriously:*

*“Remember, O Lord, What has come upon us; Look, and behold our reproach. Our inheritance has been turned over to aliens, and our houses to foreigners. We have become orphans and waifs.” (Lamentations 5: 1-3)*

*Leading a life that does not resist sin, and lack of faith rob us of the blessings that the Lord wants to give us. That was the case during Jeremiah’s time. People lived in sin and did not resist it, so their houses were turned over to the aliens, and they became orphans; missing out on God’s fatherhood.*

*Are you serious in resisting the sin that easily attacks you? And when you fall in sin, do you come to the Lord to cleanse you by the precious blood of Jesus so that you can continue to enjoy the presence of the Lord and His abundant blessings?*

### *Message #2: Abide in God’s will*

*“If anyone walks in the day, he does not stumble.” (John 11:9).*

*As long as you are in the light, you are secure. Let the Lord lead you by the pillar of cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night. Follow the example of the Lord Jesus who moved according to the Father’s guidance, thus obeying and going to a dangerous place to raise Lazarus from the dead.*

*Lesson learned:* Being in God’s will is my security. There, he makes everything work together for my good.

*If you are not in God’s will, you are walking in a dark night and will definitely fall in a pit.*

*Our life with the Lord is like the hours of the day; each hour has its own characteristics. Thus, you need the Lord’s guidance for each. Also, the Lord does not reveal His long term plan for us. Walk before the Lord in each stage of your life and do not worry about tomorrow. As long as you are in God’s will, you are in the light; safe and secure. *“O Lord, I am oppressed; Undertake for me!” (Isaiah 38: 14).* In other words, Lord, help me to be in your will, because you are my guarantor.*

### Message #3: Everything for God's Glory

*“Jesus answered, ‘Neither this man nor his parents sinned, but that the works of God should be revealed in him.’”(John 9: 3).*

*The disciples asked the Lord why this man was born blind. Many things happen in our lives without knowing the reason behind them. Asking such questions only wears us out. Watch out! Satan wants to drain, weaken, and let you down by such questioning. Do not say, ‘why me, why was I born in that country, why is my family that way, or why did I fail in my studies?’ When the disciples asked Jesus about the reason behind this man blindness, Jesus’ reply was that the works of God should be revealed in him. The same was His explanation in the case of Lazarus sickness. Equip yourself with the thought that whatever happens in your life is not for your destruction and will not be used by satan, but will be for the glory of God.*

### Message #4: Spiritual matters should be of utmost importance

*The book of Judges presents a symbolic story relayed by Jonathan. “The trees once went forth to anoint a king over them. And they said to the olive tree, ‘Reign over us!’ But the olive tree said to them, ‘should I cease giving my oil, with which they honor God and men, and go to sway over trees?’” (Judges 9: 8, 9). The olive oil, used in lighting, in the grain offering, in anointing the high priest and the king, as well as for food, was the real reason for its beauty. Thus, it was a very important tree. She refused to leave her ministry to sway over trees, because spiritual matters were of utmost importance to her. The same applies to you. When you are filled by the Holy Spirit, you are useful to the Lord and to the people around you. Satan tries very hard to keep believers busy and to lure them away from the beneficial spiritual meetings that enrich and satisfy their spiritual lives. Ask the Lord to protect you from spiritual deception, and to keep you in His will. Do not be an imitator of Demas, who loved this present world and steered away from the ministry for his personal comfort and security. But, be an imitator of Paul who was forsaken by all, but strengthened by the Lord. He also had faith that, “the Lord will deliver me from every evil work and preserve me.” (2 Ti 4: 18)*