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I want to personally thank you for taking the time to read this 52-week devotional. The idea behind it is to encourage and challenge student, staff, and faculty on public campuses to discover various ways of communicating the gospel of Jesus in their cities and on their campuses. The 2024 General Conference Youth Ministries theme is **I Will Go To My City!**

I Will Go To My City! In the book, *Testimonies for the Church, Vol. 7, p. 40*, Ellen White comments, *We all need to be wide awake, that, as the way opens, we may advance the work in the large cities. We are far behind in following the light given to enter these cities and erect memorials for God. Step by step we are to lead souls into the full light of truth.* City evangelism allows spreading the message of faith

and spirituality to diverse populations in urban areas. Cities often serve as hubs of cultural diversity, making it crucial to reach people from various backgrounds and lifestyles. Additionally, impacting city communities can lead to broader social and positive transformations.

This devotional is special because it is written by public campus students from various parts of the world in commemoration of PCM's tenth anniversary. Through these weekly devotionals you will be exposed to creative ways of reaching the diverse population of the cities.

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#IWillGo





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I am happy to celebrate ten years of Public Campus Ministry with you. I am excited about what Youth Ministries is doing to transform Adventist students on Public Campuses into Seventh-day Adventist ambassadors for Christ.

Let no one despise your youth, but be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity." 1 Timothy 4:12, NKJV

Throughout biblical history, God has called young people to accomplish His purposes and plans. The youth have energy and creativity that the older generation simply does not have. We read of Daniel and his three friends, sent into Babylon to witness to a pagan king; David, who used his musical talent to soothe Saul's possessed mind; Esther, who saved her people through at the risk of her own safety; and Isaiah, who, when called to serve God, answered: **"I WILL GO!"**

Dear students and young adults, today God is looking for young people to play a vital part in His last day proclamation. He wants you to be an example—one who is completely committed to Jesus Christ and wholly

allows the Holy Spirit to work in your life.

Ellen G. White, in the book, *Counsels to Parents, Teachers, and Students*, said "Your voice, your influence, your time—all these are gifts from God and are to be used in winning souls to Christ" (p. 529). Whether it be outreach through your local church or youth group, social media ministry, book distribution, Global Youth Day, Voice of Youth, Caleb Mission, or spending One Year in Mission, the Lord is calling you to share the wonderful news of His soon return.

Will you say, "Yes, Lord, I will go! I will do everything I can to share with my neighbours, with my friends, with fellow students, with staff members, with my loved ones, this precious, wonderful message." You see, God wants you to be involved. We are told in the Spirit of Prophecy that He could've tasked the angels with this responsibility, but what a privilege and blessing it is to be involved in the work of salvation!

I have confidence in you. I am praying for you.



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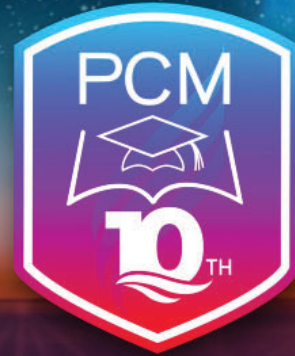
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LIVING FOR CHRIST

WEEK ONE

and do this, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore, let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light. Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts.”
Romans 13:11-14

For some of us, life in its cruelest form has always served us with the things we least expected. Loss of parents before finishing college, accidents that can cause serious body injury, or suddenly losing your job for refusing to work on the Sabbath.

When such tragic intrusions occur, we are oftentimes left feeling devastated, and then, when we try to climb out of the chokehold, all our efforts are met with rebellion, criticism, prejudice and even rejection! Hopelessness sets in and you feel like resigning in life because nothing is worth living for anymore. Situations like these demoralize our hearts and eventually causes us to lose focus on our mission, which is an important purpose for existing.

For this reason, our Master after completing His mission on earth—but before His departure—gave assurance to His disciples that while it was not going to be easy for them (because the world will hate them as they hated Him) He will always be with them. In His prayer

to His Father found in John 17:15, Jesus said, “I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one.” The promise of JESUS being with them rebuilt hope and confident in their lives. For the Christian, an important purpose of being in this world is living for mission. Living to be His witnesses to the cities—starting from those within our reach and to the furthest point, preaching and sharing the Good News of the saving grace. A life that is committed to proclaiming His mission reflects Christ’s desire to save mankind. We cannot achieve this in our life unless we permit Christ, through the Holy Spirit, to work a transformation on our heart. We cannot change ourselves, but the Holy Spirit can. Just like David did, we need to ask God to create in us a clean heart and to renew a right spirit within us. We should lay aside every sin that easily trips us up, and instead, ask God to clothe us with His righteousness. Then, and only then, can we become His committed witnesses. Today just say to God, “Lord here I am. Take me and use me for your glory.”

CHALLENGE

- What are some of the situations that have challenged you and deterred you from doing mission? What lessons have those challenges taught you in life?
- Do you feel a burden for people coming to Christ? If yes, what is your plan of action for outreach now?

APPLICATION

Pray and develop a plan of action to share your testimony with someone this week.



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RISING ABOVE

WEEK TWO

t *herefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.” 1 Corinthians 15:58*

In a world filled with complexities, distractions, and challenges, it is very easy for us to question if our efforts in serving God is making a difference. As Christian young adults, we have to be intentional in not letting life’s challenges or complexities define the outcome of our walk and work with God. Instead, see them as opportunities for growth, perseverance, and faith. Remember, as we serve God wholeheartedly, we are called to be firm, steadfast, immovable, and unwavering no matter what obstacles we encounter.

Regardless of the difficulties we face in life as we witness for Him, there is a higher purpose of our calling in Christ. Every effort, no matter how small, contributes to a greater plan that we may not always see. The lives we touch, the love we share, and the faith we inspire in others creates a profound impact. Our work for God goes beyond the visible results; it is an act of faith and obedience. Your devotion to kind-heartedness, mercy, and faithfulness in serving God, even in the face of adversity, is a testament to your commitment and love for Him.

As youths, embrace the challenges that come your way. See them as opportunities to grow in faith and deepen your relationship with God. The Apostle Paul, gives us good counsel in Galatians 6:9: “And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.

This is why Paul in his letter to the saints in Galatia, emphasized the importance of not growing weary in doing good. Instead, he encouraged them (and us) to be steadfast and immovable in the work of the Lord. This perseverance will ultimately lead to a harvest of blessings if we do not give up. Let us ask God to grant us the strength to remain steadfast, immovable, and always abounding in His work, despite the challenges we face. Amen.

CHALLENGE

- How many times have you wanted to stop witnessing due to some frustrations as you go for mission?
- What advise can you give to someone who feels his/her efforts for witnessing are proving to be fruitless?

APPLICATION

Pray and ask God to help you remove any limits you have placed on doing mission. Ask Him to help you realize that nothing is too much or too little to do for God and building up His Kingdom.



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THE VALUE OF A TALENT

WEEK THREE

his lord said to him, ‘well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you a ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord’ (Matthew 25:21)

God has given us all something to use in His vineyard. In the Bible the parable of the talents reveals that all Christians are blessed with talents, and the diversity in the talents reveals the difference in their use and ability to reach out to the people we live with.

The Spirit of Prophecy clearly states that, “The Lord has a great work to be done, and He will bequeath the most in the future life to those who do the most faithful, willing service in the present life. The Lord chooses His own agents, He chooses His agents not because they are perfect but because, through a connection with Him, they may gain perfection.” (Ellen G. White, *Christ Objects Lessons*, pg. 330.1, 1900).

As youths we are to use all the blessings that God Has endowed us with, spiritual gifts, talents, and economic blessings are all to be used for service to bring fruits of the gospel. The parable of the talent clearly teaches us that success can only happen if we do something. Nothing from nothing leaves nothing. We cannot be fearful and bury the talent that we have been given. It is our job to make use of every opportunity that we are given to evangelize the world. The example of the lazy servant and the consequences of his

behavior is a proof of the truth that we are placed on earth to use, not waste the talents God has given to us.

Remember, a talent is only useful if it is used. Our talents are given to be used for building up the Kingdom of God, and we must use everything we have been given Youth, we must share the love of God like an explosion. Take the risk...give Him back everything... let your talent work for God. Let’s use all we have and fill the towns and cities and the world with the overflowing love of Christ expressed by the Three Angels’ Messages of Revelation 14:6-11.

CHALLENGE

- Have you ever thought of the blessings that God has given you?
- How many times do we ignore the abilities and gifts that have been given to us? Now understanding their value, what can you do to change that?
- Jesus is coming soon why not getting involved in His work, with all the strength and talents given to us?

APPLICATION

How do you plan to use them for the ministry?

Visit our website and do the Spiritual Gifts Assessment. This should give you an idea of what your spiritual gifts are. Pray for guidance in applying your spiritual gifts in helping to lead others to Christ. Do the Spiritual Gifts Assessment here: gcyouthministries.org/resources/spiritual-gifts-assessment



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NO EXCUSE

WEEK FOUR

f *or there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord over all is rich to all who call upon Him. For “whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, who bring glad tidings of good things!” (Romans 10:12-15)*

The entire chapter of Isaiah 52 is about good tidings to the Israelites and their release out of captivity from Babylon. Verses 1-2, encourages them to arise and get ready for their deliverance. The removal of the Jews from Babylon to their own land, again is here spoken of both as a mercy and as a duty; and the application of verse seven to the preaching of the gospel plainly indicates that this deliverance was a type and figure of the redemption of mankind by Jesus Christ. It is also about our salvation.

The imagery of a city in this chapter is wonderful. We are the city of God. And so, as occupants of that City of God and believers in Jesus Christ, we must take the good tidings of the gospel to the people of this world. We should introduce Christ as our Commander who is to take us home, for he paid the price of our Salvation. Our cities are under siege. Our schools, colleges, and universities are all under siege and many are longing for the Good News, filled with promises of a better life with Jesus. As youths in big cities, colleges, and all university settings we are that “City of Zion”, we need to be involved in the gospel outreach. No one is excused.

While in high school, we had a singing group called “Sound in Harmony” and we had the opportunity to minister a lot

during our worship sessions. Sometimes we were invited to sing in other religious congregations like Catholics. Years later after leaving our high school, I was worshipping at one of the local churches in Dar es Salaam and I met a guy who approached me gladly and greeted me. His face looked familiar, but I could not easily remember him. Then he told me that, even though he was from a Catholic background, the songs that we used to sing planted a seed in him. One day, he attended a crusade conducted by the SDA church and got baptized.

In today’s Bible text (Romans 10:12-15) we see Paul reminding us that everyone, both Jew and Gentiles are Zion. We need to bring this good news of freedom to the many who are perishing without knowing of THIS better life. This better life which we can share with Jesus because He shed His blood for us and for them.

So, what is your excuse? Arise, Go! and use whatever talent God has bestowed you with. No more excuses. Get involved. Let us go and share this Good News with others.

I will Go!

CHALLENGE

- In your Christian journey, have you ever identified what your talent is? If yes, do you feel you have fully utilized it for outreach?
- Read Revelation 3:21: “To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne.” Don’t you want your friends and family members to all share in this joy with you?

APPLICATION

Start a journal and each day for this week, write the name of a classmate or someone you know who does not know Jesus. Pray for them every day and ask God to show you ways you can present the Gospel to them. Think of creative ways.



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WISE LIVING

WEEK FIVE

but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ—from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love. This I say, therefore, and testify in the Lord, that you should no longer walk as the rest of the Gentiles walk, in the futility of their mind, having their understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart. *Ephesians 4:15-18*

In chapter 4 of his letter to the Ephesians, the Apostle Paul talked about the works of the flesh and warned the Ephesians that living a wasted life will exclude them from any inheritance in the kingdom of God (vs 5). This kind of lifestyle causes a lot of hindrances to many Christians who would have been zealous witnesses for Christ.

Nevertheless, we are told to live as people of the light and reflect God's character. We are to do what pleases our God and glorifies His name. To act wisely either in eating, drinking, or speaking, because as witnesses of the gospel our lives should shine like a star in the dark night sky. Our evangelism field—the cities, are clouded with all sorts of evil, and so if we are to be witnesses in this kind of environment, then we ought to be changed first, shed

off evil surroundings from our lives and become witnesses for Him. The important question then would be, Is your life a light to the world?

The battle to save souls is intense, and we only have a short time left because we are living in the final hours of our days. Make every opportunity count towards growing God's kingdom. Miss no opportunity to witness for Him. Without fear or favor, move forward while trusting in the power of His grace.

Finally, Paul warns of the spiritual drunkenness that benumbs our senses, weakens our zeal, and diverts us away from our potential and purpose. It makes the flesh rule over us and will finally lead us to perdition. However, being Spirit-filled awakens your abilities to use every chance to serve God beyond all limitations and borders. Being Spirit-filled will help you step into your potential and purpose. If, or when the challenges in mission come along, being filled with the Spirit will help you walk through them in victory.

It is imperative that we be filled with the Spirit. Is your life a reflection of a Spirit filled life?

CHALLENGE

Are you using the best of the opportunities that God provides?

APPLICATION

View your education and career path as a mission field. Do your work to the best of your ability, with excellence and integrity. Share God's love with everyone you meet.



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PREPARED TO GO?

WEEK SIX

n *or do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. 16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven. (Matthew 5:15-16)*

Every time we do mission work in the Czech Republic, I ask myself if I'm ready to tell people about God even when I do not feel like doing it. How can I tell others about Him when I don't have Him fully in my heart? Will they believe me if they do not see me living like I believe in Him? I really want to be the light of God in this world, but I know I need to live in accordance with the Bible and I must accept Jesus' sacrifice and the Holy Spirit. Without accepting this sacrifice and the indwelling Holy Spirit, I will not be able to serve Him. We need endurance.

- You may ask, "But how can we receive the Holy Spirit?" Here are a few steps:
- Study the Bible and pray. Let God speak to you through His Word and prayer.
- Confess your sins sincerely and completely and turn away from them. Repent.
- Declare your unworthiness before God; humble yourself before Him.
- Stop making excuses to sin. Put sin aside, even the sins that you like.
- Listen to God's call, even if it seems strange to you.
- Stay connected with other Christians around you and share your testimony and experiences with them.

Control your thoughts and make them pure and clean (Read Philippians 4:8). You might say, "I've heard this a million times already." But have you tried it? We usually think that the only mis-

sion is something big in the city squares and we become frustrated when it does not work. But what if you rethink mission. What if it's not what you think... "something out there is a faraway land"? What if you begin to see mission as happening right now, and right here... where you are?

I challenge you to try the recommendations above, if not all, at least some of them during your personal devotions. I believe, that if you follow them, they will help you in your walk with God. You will feel His presence and realize that the Holy Spirit is working in your life. Be intentional in getting to know God better. Examine the things you do daily and the influence they have in your life, if you see that these things you are doing are not helping you to glorify God and to feel His presence, try to cut them out of your life. You'll see the difference.

Use your influence for the glory of God and to lead others to Him. People are observing you, so if you fully live in, and for God, they will see and appreciate it even more than empty words—that even you yourself don't believe. So, start with yourself, dedicate your life to God. Protect your relationship with God. Pray and ask Him to help you, through your words and actions, lead others to Him.

CHALLENGE:

- We read in Luke 9:23 that Jesus said, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me."
- Write five things you can do to incorporate this into your daily routine.

APPLICATION:

Every day ask God for discernment and the Holy Spirit. Try to incorporate something from your challenge list into your life each day and then graciously witness to the work of Jesus in your life.



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BEYOND BORDERS

WEEK SEVEN

then their eyes were opened, and they knew Him. (Luke 24:31a)

One day, my father told me he hated me. I mean, he proposed that I try parasailing, but it was the same to me—he must hate me. I’m not an amusement park lover, I hate swings. But of all his ideas this one seemed the least dangerous, so I said yes. They put our safety vests on, we got on the boat and headed to the deep blue. After a while, the boat stopped, and we were lifted in the air. I was so scared that I only stared at the rope and didn’t notice anything around. Then I lifted my eyes, and I was amazed—the color shades of the sea, the rocks, the sun rays dancing on the water surface, the schools of fish... It couldn’t have been more beautiful. Oh no, it could! A few minutes later we were about 150 meters above water, and it was even more beautiful, believe me! Now I had a story to tell.

Jesus proposes us to try “parasailing”—to step beyond our fears and trust Him. In the Bible we can read about many personal inspirational “parasailing” experiences. But what about us? Sometimes, we are disappointed and scared like the disciples walking to Emmaus (Luke 24:21). We wish things had happened another way—our way, on our terms, in our time. While our disappointment in some of life’s outcomes is understandable, we must realize that it’s a result of our wrong ideas, but Jesus doesn’t condemn us. Instead, He loves to listen to us and encourage us, just as He listen to the disciples and comforted them as they walked and talked. He didn’t interrupt them, He didn’t argue with them, He was just there explaining the scriptures and teaching them. As our Bible text at the beginning says, their eyes were opened, and they rec-

ognized Him. From that night on, they saw the world with fresh eyes; their personal experience with Jesus had changed them.

HOW DO WE KNOW THAT?

They walked all the way back, to share this experience with the other eleven disciples. “So they rose up that very hour and returned to Jerusalem, and found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together...” (Luke 24:33, NKJV) Christianity is like parasailing was to me. We have to step beyond our borders, and accept Jesus’ journey proposal with Him. Be honest and tell Him about your ideas and the things that disappoints you, even if they are from Him. He is waiting on you to reason it out with Him. In Isaiah 1:18 we are invited to reason with Him, to talk it through. “Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord...” He will listen to you, and then He will challenge you. He will invite you “to do parasailing” with Him. If you say yes, He will show you a beauty you can never imagine. Your perceptions will be transformed, and you will see that God is bigger than your wildest dreams!

I’m in! Are you?

CHALLENGE:

- What do you do when you cannot see or understand Jesus?
- Do you wish God was different? In what ways?
- How does your idea of God influence your attitude toward yourself and others?

APPLICATION:

Re-read today’s lesson and write down as many things as you can that will help you when you look for God but cannot sense His presence. Keep this list and use it in your daily journey, especially when you are seeking God but cannot seem to sense Him near.



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THE DIFFERENCE

WEEK EIGHT

et nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others. (Philippians 2:3-4)

I noticed a trend on my university campus, where I study and live. People are interested in some form of spirituality, but not in God, and the idea of attending a church does not interest them. While I couldn't put my finger on the root of this situation, I do know that, because of this, it is harder to talk about our Savior. So, in this case, what can you do when you get stonewalled every time you try to have a discussion about the love of God? It's very easy: you don't talk about it.

And the times when I still try to talk about God's love, I face skepticism. As soon as you talk about religion, you are labeled a fanatic, whose main purpose—they think, is to indoctrinate others. But, by not explicitly talking about it, you only avoid the surface issue of labeling, but you still must face the hardest part—the need to proclaim God through your behavior and lifestyle. For that, you must live out the principles you claim to adhere to as Seventh Day Adventist. As Adventists we cannot just talk about how Jesus gave His life on the cross because He loved us, while at the same time we are getting angry and shouting at a classmate.

We need to empty ourselves in order to become the perfect receiver of God's love and to let it flow outwards to others. We need to ask God to give us the spirit of discernment so that we can identify where help is needed and help people before being asked to do so, and to show them that we care without saying it out loud. They need to notice that something

is different about us. When people notice the difference in us they will want to talk about the way they observe that God works within us and through us. After all, during His life on the Earth, Jesus Himself made helping others a central focus of His mission. He was all about the mission.

The theory of this is somewhat easy, but there is a certain “thing” something, that while not tangible, it can still be felt in the air, that emanates from someone when they are helping others out of love, compared to when we are helping others out of duty or to “look good”. You see, people can feel whenever we do something that is not genuine, something that comes with ulterior motives. The way we behave, the way we talk, the way we answer the challenges, every action and reaction must reflect the love of our Savior. Everything we do should be done without expecting anything in return, just enjoying the fact that maybe we can make a difference in someone's life.

Maybe we can't perform miracles in the same manner Jesus did, but a small act of kindness can be a miracle for your classmate or friend.

CHALLENGE:

Without a doubt you know someone who needs help, be it carrying a couch up the stairs or understanding some tougher subjects that were taught in class. My challenge to you is to offer your help without waiting on someone to ask you for help, to be the light that shines around them so that they would praise the Name of God. And whatever you do, do it with a smile on your face and enjoy the opportunity you have to be of help!

APPLICATION

Ask God to help you demonstrate that each person brings value to the world and to God's kingdom.



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THE BEST YEARS OF YOUR LIFE

WEEK NINE

your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying, “This is the way, walk in it,” Whenever you turn to the right hand Or whenever you turn to the left. (Isaiah 30:21) *Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another. (Romans 12:10)*

For many, the years spent at college/university are generally seen as “the best years of your life”. However, they can also be synonymous with stress, anxiety, and loneliness, not just for a young Adventist, but for all the young people who pass through the institution.

It can be a real challenge to be able to apply yourself to your studies, to start an “adult life” on your own (like students who are away from home) and to manage it all in your head. This is also the time when external pressures arise, sometimes from the academic world and other times friends. Away from our family and church support, we are now forced to “review” our principles as Seventh-day Adventists, and make decisions to live out our faith and develop our own journey with God.

And so, I ask you: “How is your relationship with God?” Seriously, think about it... “How much time do you take out of your day to simply talk to Him?” Perhaps only when you pray before a meal? Maybe before you go to sleep? Maybe not even that... I’ve been there. My Christianity becomes mechanical, and I find myself doing things out of habit, living aimlessly, living without God. But I want to remind everyone reading this, “Be strong and of good courage, do not fear nor be afraid of them; for the LORD your God, He is the One who goes with you. He will not leave you nor forsake you.” He will not leave you nor forsake you.” (Deuteronomy 31:6). And “them” includes the stress and anxiety, etc.

I was blessed to be born into an Adventist home and to grow up according to God’s principles. Those who are born

into families attending the church are often pressured by the imminence of baptism. This is a major risk; baptism should be talked about prudently and with wisdom; so many times we are often pushed to live a “borrowed” faith rather than making our own choice. The freedom to choose is something that God gave from the beginning of time...it was in heaven, and it was in the garden of Eden. When difficulties and tribulations come, that’s when our faith is tested and tried. When we are on our own and have the freedom to choose without our families or church there to see, that’s when we are tested. Student socializing that involves alcohol or other substances, exams on the Sabbath, colleagues who run over us to get to certain places of prominence, etc. How do we react? Let us keep close to our hearts the words of Paul to the Romans, *So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God* (Romans 8:8).

So how can we testify to our colleagues and teachers when we are empty and aimless?

First, we need to take care of our relationship with God, have a connection so that we can help others. We have to love ourselves and we have to love others... because how can I love my neighbour if I don’t love myself?

Then you might ask: How can we love ourselves? Like any thirsty person, we must go to the source. He who does not love does not know God, for God is love (1 John 4:8). Love is the perfect cure for everything that seems hopeless because love is God and God is love.

CHALLENGE

Think of someone you know who is going through a difficult time in their personal life. Find an encouraging Bible verse and share it with them. Don’t forget to tell them that they’re not alone and that you are there to help or just listen. Be an agent of love.

APPLICATION

Genuinely love and honor each other.



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TRUST IN GOD

WEEK TEN

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or the Lord will be your confidence and will keep your foot from being caught. (Proverbs 3:26)

I am happy to share that there are victories in professional life that are won by placing our trust in God.

Today, my job responsibility is to sustain the performance and service of an important company in the food industry. This was not easy to achieve, in fact, I would not have achieved it without the help and guidance of God. Eight years ago, I was about to leave the company and my position as a quality technician because they could no longer accommodate my request to have Saturdays off.

However, God had other plans.

I remember the day, it was a Friday, around 2 in the afternoon and the entire management team was no longer in the offices. God showed His favor towards me. As I was leaving for home an engineer approached me and asked if I could meet with him and the operational director of the company. I felt fearful and surprised by what was happening at that moment, but I trusted that God is just, and God's timing is perfect.

God's timing is never before, it is never after. It is never early. It is never late. It is always in God's moment, so I hurriedly went and entered the room in the company of the Engineer. The director mentioned something, referring to a previous conversation we had, I will never forget these words he emphasized: "I don't have a magic wand to move you to the position you want, but if you trust in your God, plans can change". And so, it was at the last moment God made a complete turnaround to my life, the director asked me to stay as a supervisor,

with responsibility for a line of products co-manufactured in Saltillo, Coahuila. At that moment I understood that God always has a better plan than mine. A better plan than ours.

If today you find yourself feeling uncertain and fearful, I want to invite you to reflect on God's goodness. I invite you to put your trust in God. He did it for me. He has done it for others. And He will do it for you. Just trust and believe that He will do it.

Just as Joseph ministered to the small details and God exalted him and placed him as governor of Egypt, that same God will fulfill His plan in your life and your dreams will be fulfilled according to His Word. The plans that God has for our lives will always be better.

In a world filled with unfilled promises, misplaced trusts, and broken lives, only Jesus is unchangeable and worthy of all our trust. Commit every day to pray for God to give you a spirit of discernment to know and seek His will for your life. Trust completely in the Lord.

CHALLENGE:

Make a list of ways you can trust the Lord...date them and write beside them the dates that God answered your requests. Being able to revisit them, will help you grow your faith.

APPLICATION:

Challenge yourself to never fear or doubt, but instead to walk in obedience and faith, and acknowledge Him in everything you do. To trust in God is to acknowledge God in every aspect of your life. Read Proverbs 3:6 "In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths".



THE FATHER'S VOICE CALLS FOR YOU

WEEK ELEVEN

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and when she had said these things, she went her way and secretly called Mary her sister, saying, "The Teacher has come and is calling for you." (John 11: 28, 29).

Have you seen the thirst for the Word on your campus?
Do you long for your friend's salvation?
Do you allow the voice of Jesus to be heard through you?

Some time ago, during my early professional years, I had many doubts about where God wanted me to be. I thought the only place to be surrounded by spirituality was at an Adventist institution. That's when I started a 40-day fast and prayer. It wasn't many days into the fast when a co-worker noticed what I was doing and asked me, "Are you challenging someone to do something?"

"Yes, I responded. I am challenging myself to do things that I wouldn't do by my own free will. So, every day I do a fast".

"What is tomorrow's challenge?" she asked me. "It's a vanity fast", I replied.

The next day she came to work without makeup. I can't forget that scene! And from that day on we decided to continue the next 30 days of fasting.

I watched her struggle to fulfill each challenge on our Fast Days with an emotion that was contagious. The experience made me realize that God calls us in countless different ways. He called her

and He called me. I continue to pray for her as she cannot imagine. In each experience I reminded her of how much God does and can continue to do for her, because just like Mary when she heard that Jesus was there, she ran to meet Him.

I no longer have any doubt that God's presence is with me and that this was the place He chose for me. And that He is also calling me.

Are you sure that God is here? Do you hear him calling?

CHALLENGE:

What do you do when, like Mary, life takes your breath away? Do you run to meet Him or do you walk away disappointed? When faced with unexpected circumstances, challenge yourself to read Matthew 11:28-30: "Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."

APPLICATION:

Prayer—personal contact with Jesus—changes everything. However, Jesus said there are some things that only happen by fasting. Commit to praying and fasting until you hear God's voice. Click here to read an article on fasting.

(<https://adventist.news/news/what-is-fasting-for-what-is-it-and-how-should-it-be-done>)



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UNVEILING THE UNKNOWN

WEEK TWELVE

how then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? (Romans 10:14).

Calling on Jesus is one of the many blessed privileges of being a Christian. I encourage you to pause for a minute and reflect on the diverse circumstances in which you have called on God—times of happiness, thankfulness, love, devotion, fear, uncertainty, decision-making, sadness, remorse, challenges, sickness, and so on. What an opportunity to call on the King of this Universe, knowing He responds with unconditional, incomprehensible love!! Innumerable are the high honors that we enjoy because of our relationship with God.

Unfortunately, billions in this world go through life unacquainted with this divine, transcendent love. Why is that?

Why would someone carry their guilt and sorrows? Why would someone share their greatest joys with the jealous and uncaring? Why would someone labor arduously for achievements that never truly satisfy? Why would someone strive for a better life and never experience real transformation?

We might blame secularism, the world with its allurements of power and wealth, broken philosophies and perspectives, and existing world religions, etc. But while these influences—with their false assurances of hope and peace—do play significant roles in keeping multitudes away from Jesus, a vast majority of people do not call on God simply because they have never heard of Him.

How could someone remain unaware of God in this age of information? We find ourselves in an unprecedented era of accessibility and knowledge. It's diffi-

cult to fathom that today, in this day and age, there are persons who have never heard of Jesus. After all, Isn't it a fact that anyone with internet access can swiftly obtain information on any subject?

Nevertheless, popular yet misleading beliefs about Christianity, misconceptions taught about Jesus, negative encounters with nominal Christians, misinterpretations of the Christian faith, inaccurate perspectives ascribed to Christians, and erroneous doctrines attributed to Christianity, along with many other reasons, have kept the real Jesus and His true character hidden. Truly, the billions of this world need someone to tell them about the Jesus they have never heard of.

I invite you, first and foremost, to experience Jesus more personally. Call on Him now! Embrace the unconditional and incredible love He offers. Additionally, partner with God to boldly embody the Jesus portrayed in the Bible for those who haven't heard of Him. Finally, in prayer, surrender your time, resources, and energy to God's disposal.

CHALLENGE

- How have you shared the story of Jesus with those who have never encountered Him?
- How can your life be a beacon of a love for those around you?

APPLICATION:

Read Joel 2:32, "And it shall come to pass that whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved." You are the answer. You are the one they are waiting on to tell them. What are you waiting on? Pray and ask God to show you someone to share the gospel with. Some family member, friend, classmate, or colleague who need to hear about the path to salvation. Someone who need to hear about Jesus and how much He loves them.



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WORTHY OF THE MISSION

WEEK THIRTEEN

f *or I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. (Romans 1:16)*

Have you ever felt undeserving of something? Or perhaps your thoughts have led you to believe that due to bad decisions or poor choices that you made, you can no longer represent the vision of the gospel. You can no longer be bold in sharing your testimony with others. This feeling has caused many young people to give up on participating in the mission that God has destined for them and to feel they are no longer worthy because of sin.

Have you ever felt small when living in a big city or when arriving at a large and diverse campus? When I entered university, this thought came to my mind and heart. I felt incapable and unworthy of sharing the gospel in such an imposing place, filled with people holding diverse ideologies and challenging thoughts to counter my belief. The enemy reminded me of each and every one of my sins, along with the feeling of incapacity, and the power to be a light at the University. So, what could I do to receive an explosion of divine strength within me and allow myself to be guided by the Holy Spirit?

Then I remembered that Jonah felt this way when he tried to flee from the divine commission. He expresses his feelings in Jonah 2:4 “Then I said, ‘I have been cast out of Your sight; Yet I will look again toward Your holy temple.’” Going through moments like these does not make you less valuable in God’s eyes, quite the opposite! It’s the perfect opportunity for God to remind you of the wonderful meaning of the gospel: ‘it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes’ Romans 1:16. Even in that vulnerable moment where the enemy tries to remind you of everything that has distanced you from the Divine presence, may God himself remind you that His immense power is perfected in weakness! (2 Corinthians 12:9-10). Neither

heaven nor the preaching of the Gospel will be the same without you. ‘Just as surely as there is a place prepared for us in the heavenly mansions, there is a designated place on earth where we are to work for God.’ (PVG 262.3).

Today, lift your eyes to the sky; Jesus misses your voice in prayer. He knows the torment you are surely going through, and that’s why the Lord tells you today that your negative thoughts about being an instrument to fulfill the mission don’t matter; Satan and his torments have no more power over you. Today, by the grace of God, you are worthy in Christ Jesus; you are worthy of the divine commission through the same gospel we preach: “The power of God for salvation to everyone who believes.” Today, I challenge you that when the enemy tries to ask you, “Are you worthy?”

“Do you still believe you are worthy?” Confidently respond: Yes! By the grace of Christ, I am worthy of being an instrument in the hands of God to fulfill the mission.

For the glory of God, in my university, we managed to conduct a campaign donating Adventist books to the university library. We made an impact for a week with students and teachers by distributing the book “The Great Controversy,” held a reading club where we reviewed a chapter of the Book of Ecclesiastes once a week, created a prayer garden and burned petitions at the end of each month, and held consecration services at the beginning of each semester. God has blessed the mission at my university and with my peers of my generation.

CHALLENGE

Remember, we cannot save ourselves. Today, write down the names of classmates, faculty, or staff members who you would like to pray for and with. Each day pray and ask God to open up a way to reach the persons on your list. Keep a record of how God is working it out and how He is answering the prayers.

APPLICATION

Pray that you will boldly proclaim the gospel of Christ to everyone you meet.



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MISSIONARY ON CAMPUS

WEEK FOURTEEN

So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; it shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish what I please, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it. (Isaiah 55:11)

Large schools provide a stage for witnessing and an opportunity to see how God can use you. This is my case.

Have you ever wondered... “Why me, Lord”? Surely, we’ve all asked this question at some point. I realized I was no exception when I received an invitation from the PCM director of the Central Association of Honduras, Professor Nils Andrade, for a meeting of Adventist university students on my university campus. Have you ever found yourself in a new situation that could make you feel ashamed, especially when you are part of the minority? That day, only three young people gathered, and being exposed to so many unknown faces, I felt a bit of shame. However, I didn’t stop attending the weekly meetings. Every Wednesday, we gathered to meet Jesus under the shade of a large, leafy mango tree that shielded us from rain and sun.

Have you thought that Jesus often impacted great cities through a dialogue with just one person? Do you believe that can also happen in our times?

On one occasion, a non-believing friend and classmate saw me at our “meeting place” and without hesitation, he approached and asked what we were doing there. My friend was an athlete, and the idea of changing his lifestyle intrigued him greatly. So, I immediately told him it was meetings to know the love of Christ through songs, biblical activities, and reflections, and I quickly presented a brief summary of the “eight natural remedies.”

On many occasions I share a meal with my friend, as he was not from the city and sometimes couldn’t afford to eat due to his tight budget. During those moments, I had the chance to listen to him and invite him to our growing group meetings. However, due to the pandemic, he had

to start working, and it became difficult for him to accept my virtual invitations. One Saturday, returning from church, a mutual friend messaged me, and with sadness, I learned he had been in a car accident and lost his life. Can you imagine all that went through my mind?

There have been many opportunities for witnessing. We have conducted missionary activities on the campus, giving away books and magazines, providing Bible studies, and praying for the fidelity of every young Adventist, holding on to our beliefs, and guiding them to seek alternatives with their professors to avoid academic activities on Saturdays, and above all, showing God’s love to everyone by addressing basic human needs. And you know what? I am no longer ashamed to be a Seventh-day Adventist on my campus.

That day, I thanked God for crossing paths with my friend and knowing that his purpose in my life was to be that first person to whom I spoke about the Bible and the love of Christ with at my university.

Large cities offer a stage for witnessing and opportunities for God to use you. Today, I invite you to talk to your classmates, professors, cleaning staff, or anyone else you encounter. Do they know that true love can only be found in Jesus Christ? Touch one heart at a time, and you’ll touch the whole world!

God bless your ministry as a Missionary on the Public Campus!

CHALLENGE

Do your best to share the truth in love. Many new believers will have many questions about salvation, so study the Word of God and read as many material as you can find that our church has provided on topics that they are asking about.

APPLICATION

Remember, grow your relationship with Jesus as you try to tell others about Him. Pray daily that God will open opportunities for you to share the gospel of truth with persons on your campus. Remember, the only difference between you and them is the grace of God.



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HIS DESIRE

WEEK FIFTEEN

but you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light... (1 Peter 2:9)

While serving as a PCMer, I often felt shy because I did not grow up in a religious environment, and so I did not have the confidence I thought I needed. My friends, on the other hand had a different experience—they grew up in religious environments. Every Tuesday we gathered together to sing hymns, pray, study, and share God’s Word—we called this special time “Love Lunch.” Initially, I worried that my friends only attended these meetings for the food or because of me, but I prayed to God about this. Over time, I realized that my friends were genuinely engaged, they would ask questions about the Bible and listened keenly to the stories I shared. This to me, was a testament of God answering my prayers.

We would sing Korean hymns in our gatherings, even though some friends could not understand Korean. Gradually, they became familiar with the songs and bravely sang the lyrics. This, I believe, was God’s grace, helping us overcome language barriers.

I believe the Bible holds the answers. One Bible verse I particularly love and often use when praying is Psalm 119:5: “Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path.” Even as a missionary, I sometimes still have doubts about faith and life, but amazingly, my questions of-

ten find answers through pastors, fellow believers, and other youth sharing insights from the Bible. This is why I hold this verse dear because the Bible, God’s Word, has all the answers.

My journey as a PCM missionary drew me closer to God. This was a time when I felt closest to God, especially when I was tired and facing challenges. God always used my friends to encourage me. Sometimes, even when I did not tell them anything, they could sense that something was wrong, and they took me to the places I wanted to go and treated me to the food I craved. It felt like God knew exactly what I needed and granted my desires in a special way. Although my term as a PCM missionary will end next year, I will continue to work diligently in God’s ministry to spread the gospel. Thank you for reading my story.

CHALLENGE:

Do you want to become a PCM missionary? How has God responded to your prayers in a special way?

Ask God to use you to share the Good News about Jesus, the Christ with others. Pray that God will raise up PCMers across the nations and the world to help and bring many souls to a knowledge of Jesus and be saved.

APPLICATION

He gives you the strength to walk boldly in His will. Sharing the gospel is an opportunity to learn that Jesus is trustworthy, wise, and always with us. Pray for God to open your eyes to the opportunities around you to share every day.



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RADICAL CALLING

WEEK SIXTEEN

now the Lord had said to Abram: “Get out of your country, from your family and from your father’s house to a land that I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name great; and you shall be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and I will curse him who curses you; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.” (Gen. 12:1-3)

Abraham is a very important person in the Christian and religious communities. Abraham is also a good example of who and what a missionary is. Like us, Abraham did not live a perfect life; however, we can learn the nature of God’s calling on his life from biblical history.

What radical nature does God’s calling have? First, God’s calling is personally radical. God’s first demand for Abraham was ‘Get out’. The New King James Version (NKJV) suggests that God told Abraham to leave his country, but the King James version is a little stronger, it translates it to be “Get thee out”, it means “Get yourself out”. God’s calling is direct. It is not good enough just to be part of a Christian community or group or to say, “Well, I’m in a Christian family and I’ve always been part of a church”. God calls us into a real and personal encounter with Him. We must make the personal commitment for the mission.

Second, God’s calling is radical. When God called Abram, he told Abram what he had to ‘get out’ of, such as country, who and what he had to leave behind—family, land, etc., but he did not tell Abram where to go. God’s call involves giving up things like our own judgments, predictions, and expectations. God actually says to Abram ‘Get out’

and Abram says, “Where to?” and God says, “I’ll show you later, just go”. And at another time God says, “I’ll give you a son.” and Abram says, “How?” and God says, “I’ll show you later, just trust Me”. That is God’s calling and Christianity. God is telling Abraham to get out and be radically changed. God does not want us asking Him whether or not what He is going to do will fit into our agenda. So, every day—the first thing in the morning or as soon as we wake up—need to pray “Lord whatever I discern as your will, I will do unconditionally.” Pray for discernment.

Lastly, God’s calling is missionally radical. God says to Abram, “I will bless you, and you will be a blessing”. To become a real Christian (Missionary) is to be changed, so that now you are not making your decisions based on where you live, what’s the best job for you, or what is the most comfortable. Instead, as Christ’s Ambassadors, His missionaries, we do believe that if we seek to be blessed, we will be empty; but if we seek to bless others, God will bless us.

What does it mean to “Get out” of your country and family, it means to get out of your security zone, get out of your comfort zone so that you can be used by God to bring the Good News of Salvation, and spiritual comfort and security to others.

For the past two years I have been living as a missionary in Taiwan. I used to be a person who preferred stability and found it challenging to step out of the well-trodden path that others take. However, one night I made the decision to take a leave of absence and embark on missionary work. I extended it for another year, and now I am in my second year of missionary service. The fact that I had such a change of heart can only be explained as God’s work in me. ♦♦♦♦



RADICAL CALLING

WEEK SIXTEEN

During this missionary period, I can say I have learned a lot more about life. Of course, there have been difficulties, but the greatest lesson I have gained is the understanding of God's amazing love. Understanding God's amazing love is incredibly valuable on its own. I continue to discover myself and God in this mission field, and I am very grateful that God has called me and provided me with this learning opportunity.

CHALLENGE

With great privilege comes great responsibility. God has called you to share His love with the world, and that is a privilege. Are curious about the world that God will reveal to you? Are you ready to respond to God's call?

APPLICATION

Pray that God will give you discernment to hear His calling and strength to do what you are called to do.

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