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# **ARE ALL PEOPLE CALLED TO MARRIAGE?**

265: Not everyone is called to marriage. Even people who live alone can have fulfillment in life. To many of them Jesus shows a special way: he invites them to remain unmarried "for the sake of the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 19:12). [CCC 1618-1620]

Many people who live alone suffer from loneliness, which they perceive only as a lack and a disadvantage. Yet a person who does not have to care for a spouse or a family also enjoys freedom and independence and has time to do meaningful and important things that a married person would never get to. Maybe it is God's will that he should care for people for whom no one else cares. Not uncommonly God even calls such a person to be especially close to him. This is the case when one senses a desire to renounce marriage "for the sake of the kingdom of heaven". Of course a Christian vocation can never mean despising marriage or sexuality. Voluntary celibacy can be practiced only in love and out of love, as a powerful sign that God is more important than anything else. The unmarried person renounces a sexual relationship but not love; full of longing he goes out to meet Christ the bridegroom who is coming (Matthew 25:6).

deceived Eve by telling her that God doesn't want us to be like Him. What a terrible lie it was! Eve being led astray by his lie, disobeyed God's command and as a punishment Adam and Eve were banished from paradise. Being created in His own image to love and to be loved, how could God withhold anything from us? The truth is - He doesn't. Even though we are sinners God still wants us to be reunited with Him one day in paradise.

This made me ponder the depth of this love that God has for us. Jesus' love for us started even before we were created: "He chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love" (Ephesians1:4). No matter how hard I try, I will never be able to fathom this endless love of God for us. God became so small that He could come to live in me every day in the Holy Eucharist.

How deep must have been His love for us that He chose to become so small for our sake. He came in search of us, suffered and died and then rose again to give us victory over death. Jesus is still alive in you and me. "It is the Lord who goes before you. He will be with you; he will not fail you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed" (Deuteronomy 31:8). Today we are surrounded by various lies in the world. Do not be led astray by Satan's lies, instead believe in Jesus and be saved!





Hemble Michael, from QLD, Australia, draws insight on a problem that plagues the modern society.

n today's world, many people consider the battle between reason and religion to be a fight that has already been called. The referee has counted to ten. The crowd cheers. God is dead.

How can one believe in God when science has such explanatory powers? We no longer need Zeus to live in a cloud to explain the booming sound of thunder, nor Neptune hiding in the depths to give voice to the roaring waves. The gap in the collective knowledge of humanity is closing, so why would we need God?

It's simple, we never needed God for that, that isn't what God is for.

Consider a ceiling fan in a house. We could determine the speed of the blades, how the air is displaced and even how electricity travels through the wires at the flick of a switch. We can give all this detail without reference to an electrician. However, it seems to be a step too far in this analysis to say that electricians aren't needed.

It's true, we don't need an electrician to spin the blades for us, or to flick the switch, but that's because it's not their job. Indeed, their job is far more important. God's job is even more so.

In fact, reason itself is dependent upon God.

The materialists believe that reality is explained purely by the material substances that make it up. That our biological processes are explained by chemical processes which are explained by molecular processes and so on and so forth, all the way down.

If this is so, that even our consciousness is explained by the random interaction between quarks, then how can we justify that one thought logically follows from another? Our 'reason' is completely arbitrary, two and two making four is just as logical as two and two making seven or a balloon.

Unless there is an intelligence that exists outside our mind that orders the world, then reason itself cannot exist.

The Greeks called this intelligence the Logos, the Chinese called it the Tao and the Hindus the Sphota. Christians call it the 'Word'.

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God and the Word was God" (John 1:1).

The reason that the world coincides with our mathematical and philosophical ideas, is because it is ordered by a mind that reflects those ideas. Or more accurately, our minds are reflections of this mind. "God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them" (Genesis 1:27).

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To use more archaic language, God gave us a rational soul. The universe is fundamentally intelligible, and we have an intellect (one of the powers of the rational soul), capable of perceiving that intelligibility.

This is the foundational principle of any form of scientificen deavor. Disciplines, like mathematics and physics, are not inventions of

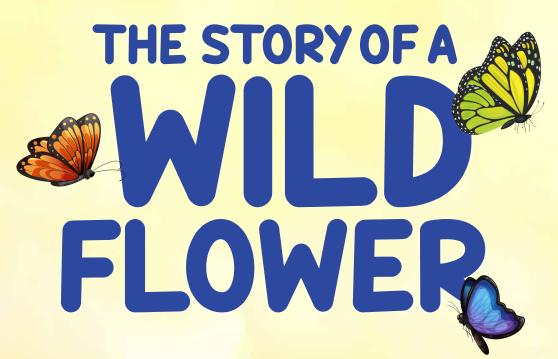
our lizard brains, rather it is humanity peeling back the layers of reality and reconstructing the algorithm that the universe operates upon. "For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. Ever since the creation of the world his eternal power and divine nature, invisible though they are, have been understood and seen through the things he has made. So they are without excuse; for though they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their senseless minds were darkened. Claiming to be wise, they became fools" (Romans 1:22).

Consider also speech, where I make sounds with my mouth through which you are able to understand my inner thoughts. Consider the way you read this page, full of straight and squiggly lines with the occasional dots. The very fact that your mind is capable of interpreting the meaning of these symbols is a signpost pointing you in the direction of God.

Reason is just another name for God, and I think He said it best.

"I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father, except through me" (John 14:6).

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Lydia Bosco, from South Carolina, USA, reflects on how every life is precious in the sight of the Lord. 'm a wildflower. Nobody planted me. Nobody even knows my name. No gardener watered or nourished me with fertilizer. Nobody cared for me. I came from God. I solely rely on God's rain and nutrients from the ground. But many are surrounding me. Only the fittest get the nutrients, but my Creator let me survive, even though I'm not the fittest. Thank You Lord!

There is no one to admire my beauty. The world considers me to be a weed. They want to uproot me. But my Lord sustained me. There is no special place for me in a vase to be kept and seen by multitudes. I have no special scent to attract people. People walk over me as though I'm not there. I'm smashed and crushed, no one cares even if I die. But I, this little flower, am happy. I have bloomed and lived for my God alone. All through my life I looked up at Him and grew. His light and heat alone nurtured me. His gentle breeze comforted and cheered me. I was always under His presence. He always admired my beauty and provided all my needs.

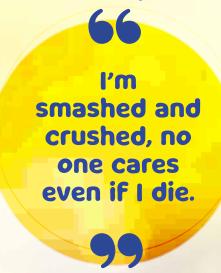
# **He Knows**

Many of us might be having a life like this. Some might not know their origin, some may be orphans, some may have parents, but may be living a life as orphans. Our birth is with the knowledge of God. God is our real Father. Our parents are given by God to foster us. Even if my father and mother abandon me, the Lord will hold me close (Psalm 27:10). Even if those who are supposed to take care of us, neglect us, our God has a special plan for each one of us, one that is unique. Jeremiah 1:5 says, "Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you, before you were born, I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations." The only thing we must do is trust and love our Heavenly Father. If we don't trust our Father God, whom can we trust on this earth? To love God means to obey

His commandments (John 14:23). He loves us more than anyone can ever love us in this world, and He has the best plan for us, a plan for our prosperity (Jeremiah 29:11).

# Bloom Where You Are Planted

Look how thankful a wildflower is. It has gone through so much in its lifetime. Still, it is not complaining or comparing itself with others, but thankful for what it is. I also should be thankful for who I am. I'm a child of God. God created me in His own image. We



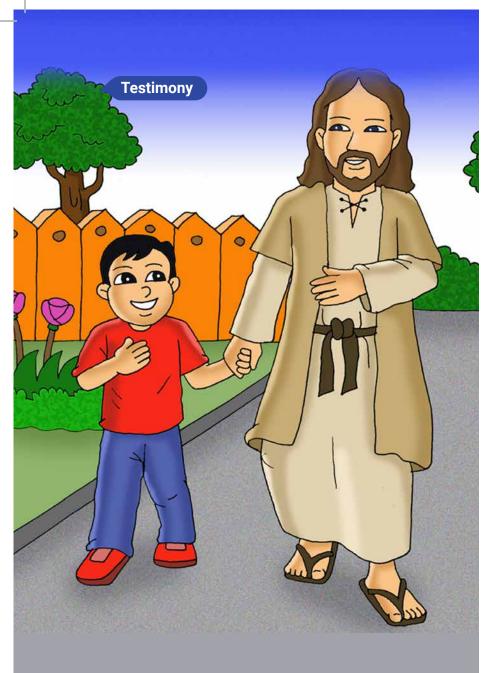
are fearfully and wonderfully made (Psalm 139:14). Do we at times feel dissatisfied with how we look? God tells us, "Like clay in the hand of the potter so are you in my hand" (Jeremiah 18:6). Does the clay say to the potter, "What are you making?" (Isaiah 45:9). The little wildflower didn't compare itself to a rose or an orchid but lives its life blooming where it is planted. Instead of looking at the grass on the other side, look at the bloom you already have and nourish it. We always try to look at the things others have

that we don't. Try to focus on what God has already given you. If you haven't found out your vocation yet, just ask God and He will make you understand.

# **Earthen Vessels**

Scripture (Luke 12:28) tells us. "If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today, and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, how much more will He clothe you-you of little faith!" We saw how much God took care of the miniature wildflower. God is telling us how much more would He be concerned of us. God can change our life no matter how broken we are - "A bruised reed He will not break" (Matthew 12:20). God wants to clothe us much more than a wildflower. Romans 8:32 says, "Since He did not spare even His own son but gave Him up for us all, won't He also give us everything else?" Instead of us choosing our destiny through our wrongdoing, let God choose it. It will be much better. We can do this by surrendering ourselves into the hands of God, by deciding to change our old ways and wanting to lead a good life. 2 Timothy 20:22 says, "Now in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and silver but also of wood and clay, some for honorable use, some for dishonorable. If anyone cleanses himself from what is dishonorable, he will be a vessel for honorable use. set apart as holy, useful to the master of the house, ready for every good work."

We might just be an earthen vessel and not a golden or silver one, we might just be a wildflower and not an exquisite flower, yet our God can make us honorable and useful.







Rajni Manoj from Derby, UK, dwells on the unending love that urged Jesus to become man and dwell among us.

hen my husband was diagnosed with blood cancer, I was heartbroken. Losing hope and falling into despair was the easy route. But in that hopeless moment, Jesus spoke to my heart. I clearly heard in my ears, "Why are you afraid, don't you have your Jesus with you?" That was the turning point in my life. In those absolutely frightening and uncertain moments, the Lord chose to speak to my heart. What perfect timing! The light shone in my darkness. "In him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it" (John 1:4-5).

In the Old Testament, we see how Moses was so sure of God's love and protection that he told Joshua, "It is the Lord who goes before you. He will be with you; he will not fail you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed" (Deuteronomy 31:8). Only someone who has tasted the goodness of God can be so sure of this steadfast love of God. Abraham, on his way to sacrifice his only son following God's command, assures Isaac that the Lord will provide, even though He didn't see the bigger picture of how God would

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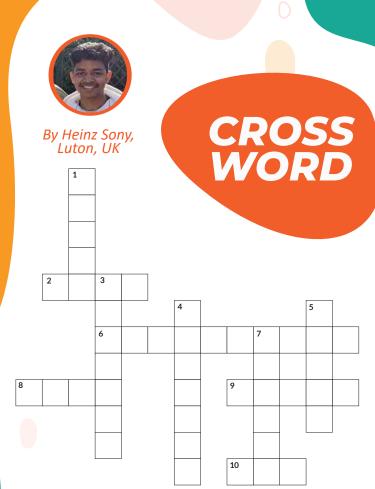
provide. But He trusted in the Lord to keep the promise that He made about Sara, "I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her" (Genesis 17:16).

God sees everything and everyone. Jesus' heart would melt whenever He saw someone in need of mercy. Everyone who came to Jesus could draw from the well of His kindness. Psalm 34:8 tells us, "O taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are those who take refuge in him." When Jesus raised the only son of the widow, I am sure He must have foreseen the time when His own Mother would be standing at the foot of the cross - as a heartbroken widow!

Jesus came to teach us the language of love. In our darkest moments, He says to us, "Consider me again." He is the Son of God, He is the light of the world, He is the only way, the truth and the life. No matter how many times we fall, Jesus is not angry or vengeful, but He is constantly inviting us to consider Him again. He knows our weaknesses. He knows our limitations and sinful tendencies. Yet He chose to die for us on the cross. By His death and passion, He saved us.

During challenging times, let us remind ourselves that we are not alone. We have a God who walks with us and reassures that His grace is sufficient for us (2 Corinthians 12:9).

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# Across

- The name of the first man God created in the Bible.
- 6. The last book in the Bible.
- He was chosen by God to save his family and the animals from the great flood in the old testament.
- 9. Jesus made \_\_\_\_\_ as keeper of the keys to heaven.
- 10. God gave Moses \_\_\_\_\_ Commandments on Mount Sinai.

# Down

- 1. The book of Psalms was written by King
- 3. He is known as the 'Father of faith' in the Bible
- 4. The first book of the Bible that tells the story of creation.
- The man who led the Israelites out of slavery in Egypt.
- 7. Jesus had \_\_\_\_\_ disciples.

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parents. Life became disordered and lonely when they left. Thomas couldn't focus on his job and ended up losing it. Thomas returned to Kerala and lived with his parents, while his wife and son lived in her parents' home. He fell into depression and began thinking about divorce. In his desolation, he turned to God in prayer, inspired by the words of the Psalmist: "I sought the Lord, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears" (Psalm 34:4).

Struggling financially, he started a small shop adjacent to his house. One day he heard someone calling him and coming

towards the shop. Grabbing his hands, the guy asked, "Do you remember me?" From his voice, Thomas recognized it was his best friend from college. While sipping on the tea Thomas made for him, his friend described the reason why he passed by his shop. He had taken a bus from the nearby town to his village, but when the bus took a different route. he realized that he would reach home very late.

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He was frustrated and angry, but he had no other choice but to stay on the bus. Soon, the bus passed in front of Thomas's shop and he recognized him. He got off at the next bus stop and walked back to Thomas' shop. As they were chatting, Thomas told his old friend everything about his family and financial problems. After hearing everything, his friend offered to help him to find a job in the Middle East where he was working. "In my distress I called upon the Lord; to my God I cried for help. From his temple he heard my voice, and my cry to him reached his ears" (Psalm 18:6).

Within a few months, Thomas got a small

job in the Middle East with the help of his friend. The management was well pleased with Thomas's hard work and dedication. He got a promotion and a hike in salary. He managed to pay off all his debts. After two years he went back home, met with his wife and resolved their matrimonial problems. Then he took her and his child with him.

Through his hard work, he eventually became the manager of that company. God blessed them with another child. It reminded me of the book of Job where it says, "The Lord blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning" (Job 42:12). The Holy Spirit guided him to help in his church and

grow spiritually.
After many years
they returned
home and are
now engaged in
evangelization
work with family,
and are living a
holy life, giving
thanks to God.

Thomas' story made me tearful.
Thomas continued, "That day, it was Jesus who led my friend to me by letting him take the wrong bus.
When I look back, I can't explain God's providential care.
He added, Jeremiah 29:11 - For I know

the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

Today, just like Thomas, are you in a pit of tears, brokenness, depression, alcoholism...? The same God who intervened in Thomas's life wants to act in your life too. Instead of looking at problems and getting fearful, look at Jesus and receive His blessings. "Look to him, and be radiant, so your faces shall never be ashamed" (Psalm 34:5).

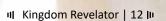
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# Jending 5



Chris Balier, from Pakistan, dwells on how his life has evolved journeying with Jesus.

or centuries Jesus Christ has been regarded as one of the most important figures in human history. His teachings, life, and sacrifice have inspired countless people all around the world to live better, more meaningful lives. As a Christian, I believe that Jesus is not just a historical figure or a moral teacher, but my personal savior. "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever" (Hebrew 13:8). In this article, I will discuss my personal journey with Jesus Christ and how He has become my savior.



# Not Just a Historical Figure

Growing up in a Christian family I was introduced to Jesus Christ from a young age. I attended Sunday school, read the Bible, and prayed regularly. However, it wasn't until my teenage years that I truly understood the significance of Jesus in my life. As a teenager, I struggled with feelings of loneliness, insecurity, and inadequacy. I was searching for meaning and purpose in my life and couldn't find it in the material things or relationships that I pursued. It was during this time that I turned to Jesus Christ.

Through reading the Bible and attending church, I began to understand that Jesus is not just a religious figure but a personal savior who loves me unconditionally. "Be strong and bold: have no fear or dread of them, because it is the Lord your God who goes with you; he will not fail you or forsake vou" (Deuteronomy 31:6), I realized that He had suffered and died for my sins so that I could have eternal life with Him. This revelation brought me great comfort and hope, as I realized that I wasn't alone and that there was a purpose for my life.



# **Great Transformation**

As I continued to grow in my faith, I began to experience the transformative power of Jesus Christ in my life. He gave me a new perspective on life, one that focused on love, forgiveness, and serving others. I began to see my relationships, work and hobbies in a new light, as opportunities to glorify God and make a positive impact in the world. I also experienced a sense of peace and joy that I had never felt before, as I trusted in Jesus to guide me through life's challenges.

One of the most powerful ways that Jesus has become my savior is through His grace and forgiveness. As a flawed human being, I have made many mistakes and fallen short of God's standards. However, I know that I can always turn to Jesus for forgiveness and a fresh start. His love and mercy are neverending, and He has given me the strength to overcome my past failures and move forward with hope.

# **New Perspective**

Another way that Jesus has become my saviour is through His teachings on love and compassion. "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another" (John 13:34). He taught us to love our neighbors as ourselves, to forgive those who hurt us, and to serve others with humility and grace. These teachings have transformed the way that I view and interact with others and have given me a deeper sense of purpose and meaning in life. I strive to live out Jesus'

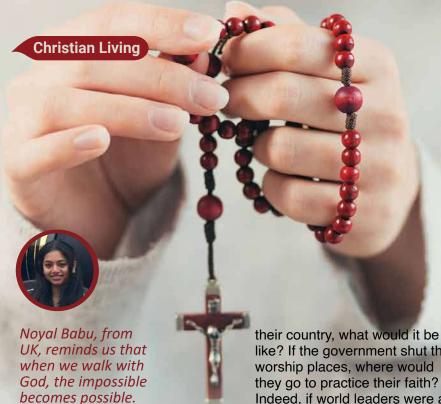
teachings every day, knowing that they are the key to true joy and fulfillment.

Finally, Jesus has become my savior through the community of believers that I am a part of. I have been blessed to have a supportive and loving church family who have encouraged me in my faith and helped me to grow spiritually. "And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved." (Acts 2:47). They have prayed for me, listened to me, and challenged me to live a life that honors God. I know that I can count on them for support and encouragement and that

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we are all on this journey of faith together.

In conclusion, Jesus Christ is my personal savior who has transformed my life in countless ways. Through His grace, forgiveness, teachings and community, I have found a sense of purpose, joy, and peace that I never thought was possible. I am grateful for His love and sacrifice, and I strive to live a life that honors Him every day. I encourage anyone who is searching for meaning and purpose in their life to turn to Jesus, who is the ultimate savior and source of hope.



ven though I was never the perfect child, my merciful Father always loved me. For the past 21 years, He nurtured me and gave me a wonderful life. Oh Lord, I have no option other than to praise how wonderful You are!

I am a cradle Catholic, having been born into a Roman Catholic family. I grew up listening to the recital of the Rosary in my house. Being born and brought up in Saudi Arabia, a country where professing and propagating other religions is prohibited, I knew that something called 'faith' is important. As a kid, I even witnessed the effort people put into attending Holy Mass secretly in that country. Maybe the reason I developed such strong faith was the lack of freedom to profess and practice our beliefs. I often wondered that if other religions have the freedom to practice what they believe in and build Temples and Mosques to follow their religion in whichever country they are, then why weren't we as Christians not allowed to follow our faith? If people belonging to other faiths were prohibited from practicing their religion outside

their country, what would it be like? If the government shut the worship places, where would they go to practice their faith? Indeed, if world leaders were a bit more tolerant and did not use religion to gain power, we would have been in a more secular and tolerant world.

"I am the Lord, the God of all flesh; is anything too hard for me?"

Jeremiah 32:27

# Jesus Christ the Only Way

When I began to face problems and sufferings in life, I somehow knew that my Lord Jesus Christ was the only one I could seek help from. I knew that my Lord loves me very much, that He is my savior and the only way to salvation. I still remember that I used to have a conversation with Jesus every night before I went to sleep (pretending Jesus stood near my bedpost, stroking my head) and found great happiness in that innocent act.

On reaching adulthood, when confronted by struggles at

Some point I felt I had lost that innocent bond I had with my Lord. Now all I want is to

that innocent bond I had with my Lord. Now all I want is to re-bond with you Father! Till today He has done only good to me. In all my milestones I experience the love and care He showers upon me. The truth that Jesus is my salvation holds me to be with Him, it is the only reason that makes me want to hold His hands and walk through my Life. "Happy are those who hear the joyful call to worship, for they will walk in the light of your presence, Lord" (Psalm 89:15).

Today faith seems to be wearing away. People are losing hope and as a result, mental struggles have increased. Depression, suicidal thoughts and addictions are on the rise. In general people with no affiliation to God experience a higher rate of depression. Psalm 34:18 says, The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit." The Psalmist again reminds us, "I lift up my eyes to the hills - from where will my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth" (Psalm 121:1-2). Jesus is the answer to all our troubles. Yet I often ponder on the Bible verse, "When the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?" (Luke 18:8).

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# MEET THE POPE



By Henoch Sony, Luton, UK

# St Fabian 20TH POPE



# **Early Life**

Fabian was born in Rome, Italy about the year 200 in a noble family. His father was a member of Rome's known Fabius family, which supported the city's government and the arts community. His early life is not mentioned much in historical documents; however, his family most certainly had the resources to educate the future Pope.

# Later Life and Contribution to the

Church

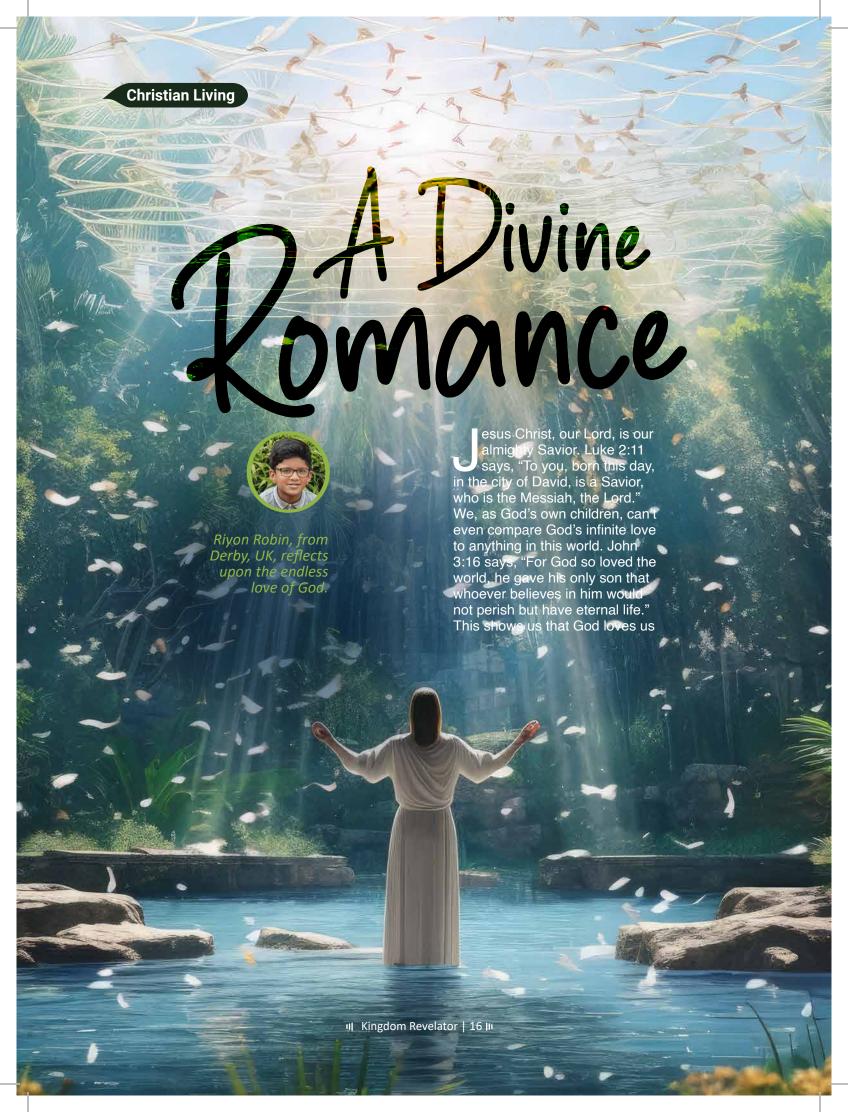
Pope Fabian worked closely with Philip the Arab to put a stop to Christian persecution. He also contributed to the formation of the Church's organization inside the city by appointing a number of deacons. The pope sent those men to various locations and eventually had them convert the people of Gaul. Pope Fabian also established seven new communities in Rome, each with its own deacon. He was a gifted administrator.

# **Papacy**

Pope Fabian was elected as Pope on 10<sup>th</sup> January 236. He had a fourteen-year Pontificate and is considered one of the most effective popes of the early church. He succeeded Pope Anterus who was in the office for only six weeks. Fabian travelled to Rome for the election because he was interested in the proceedings. Legend has it that a white dove appeared out of nowhere and rested on Fabian's head as the Bishops and others were considering various prominent men. They took this as a message from the Holy Spirit that they should choose Fabian. He was quickly appointed as the next Pope.

# Legacy

Emperor Decius focused his attention on Fabian, considering him to be one of his largest opponents. Fabian became one of the new emperor's first victims, as well as one of the Church's earliest martyrs. Pope Fabian was arrested and imprisoned. He was treated with extreme cruelty during his confinement and finally tortured and executed on 20th January 250. He was buried in the papal crypt in the catacombs of St Callistus and later his remains were transferred to the Basilica of St Sebastian in Rome. His feast day is celebrated on 20th January.



and cares for us so much, that He sent His one and only beloved son, Jesus, just so that we could be saved and have a spiritually nourished life.

# **Encountering Jesus**

During my life, I have had many experiences with Jesus. Among these encounters, the one that touched me the most was when I was at Adoration in Church. Suddenly, I felt God's presence and I felt Him enter my soul. After that experience, He was with me almost everywhere, and protected me wherever I went. Not only was it a spiritual encounter, but it was also a physical encounter. I felt my body tremble in the presence of the Lord and felt unworthy to stand in the presence of Jesus.

Sin has been multiplying in this world ever since the first man fell into sin. In Romans 5:12, the Bible says that 'As by one man, sin entered into the world, and death by sin: and so, death passed upon all men for that, all have sinned.' Jesus Himself stated that He is the way, the truth and the life. Only He can save us from our sins. You can see what the Samaritans called Him in John 4:42. They said to the woman who had introduced Jesus to them, 'Now we believe, not because of what you said for we have heard him ourselves, and know that this is truly the savior of the world.' Jesus said, 'And if any man hears my word, and

# Jesus The Role Model

I asked Jesus how much He loved me, and He stretched out his arms wide on the cross and showed me this much. God loves everyone abundantly. Ponder on the wounds in His hands, and the

believes, I judge him not: for I come not to

judge the world, but to save the world.'

suffering He took on, just so that we can strengthen our bond with Jesus Christ. In the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus prayed silently and drops of blood replaced His sweat. 'Lord Father,' said Jesus, 'please be with me for what is to come.' He knew that it was all God's plan.

Just as Jesus acted, so do we need to act the same way too. God sent Jesus down to us as a role model to show us how to live. The word, 'savior' means someone who has saved someone else from danger. There have been

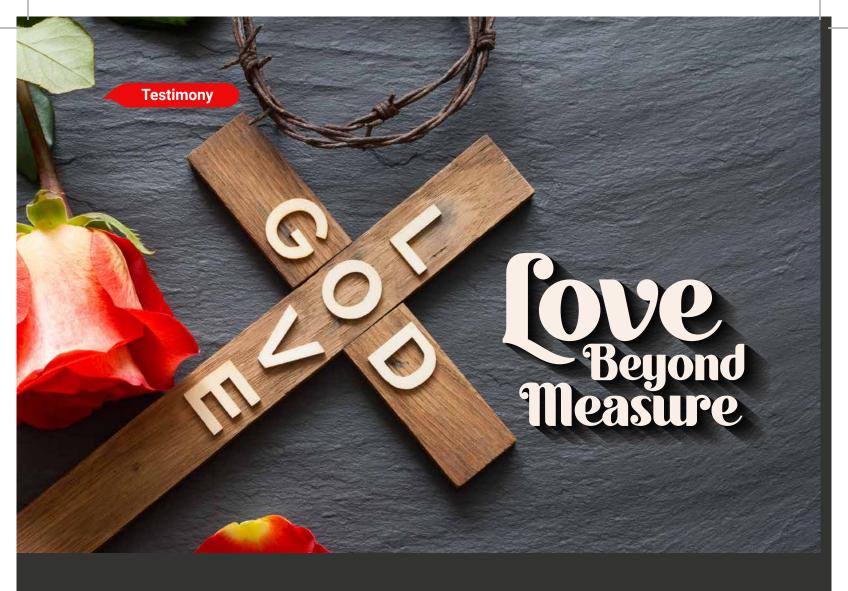
many people who have saved other people from danger, but - what makes Jesus so special? Acts 10:43 says, 'all he prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through His name.' We always need to fulfill the will of God and obey Him.

If you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

Romans 10:9

When we believe in Jesus, we can do anything through His name. When we repent from our sins, God will always forgive us. In the parable of the lost sheep, a shepherd had hundred sheep but found out that one sheep was missing. Instantly, he left his ninety-nine sheep and went to look for the missing one. When the shepherd found the missing sheep, he put it on his back and rejoiced. In that same way, when we turn back to God and away from sin, God will always forgive us and welcome us back into the Kingdom of Heaven. No matter what we do, we will always be in the presence of Jesus. He is always with us and will lead us across the path of salvation.

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Mary Lorelie Aquino, From USA, recollects fondly about her parent's exemplary lives.

ou have heard that it was said, You shall love your neighbour and hate your enemy. But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your heavenly Father, for he makes his sun rise on the bad and the good, and causes rain to fall on the just and the unjust. For if you love those who love you, what recompense will you have? Do not the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet your brothers only, what is

unusual about that? Do not the pagans do the same? So be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect" (Matthew 5:43-48).

I was born to two beautiful individuals whom I call Inay and Tatay, my parents. I watched them grow as amazing children of God. The journey in my memory started at the height of the business where they provided food catering inside big manufacturing companies. My family did that business

for over 25 years, feeding thousands of people daily.

We were blessed and graciously provided for by God, with plenty of money for years. The more the cash came in, the more people they assisted and supported. Whatever God gave, they have given back to God through His people. I am proud to say that I have not seen them use people, or scam anyone in their life to gain wealth; all that they had was hard-earned. They used every penny to propagate the Gospel through charity to as many souls as they could reach. They made the Holy Eucharist alive in the lives of many souls.

Then they grew old and gave the business to one of their adoptive children, without asking for a penny for it. Then, their income became limited. They lived a simple and comfortable life. Then, when some people became cruel and unkind to them, Inay and Tatay remained calm and forgiving. Tatay kept saying, it is okay, do not worry, "God sees all these". True enough, while a few were terrible, there were over three dozen who supported and helped them. God was their true help; things I could never have imagined came along to elevate their situation.

Few memories during Tatay's illness, his death and his burial were considered horror stories to tell. Our consolation lay in the number of beautiful stories told of the love and outpouring of grace in their lives. One was when it was Tatay's time to see God, a Eucharistic Minister came and brought him Holy Communion. Jesus stood with Tatay before

'The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.'

(Psalm 103:8,10)

God. That was his desire and God made it happen for him. And of course, the outpouring of support, prayers, and love from those who have seen them for who they were, was incredible. I am gracious and humbled by God's grace.

This is not about the sob story of maltreatment and the judgmental attitudes of others. It is how Inay and Tatay handled such attitudes. The consistent kindness and forgiveness that were rendered to many in their pain. One of my conversions was that Jesus revealed His love to me through this act of kindness that my parents taught me. We never made an arrangement for Tatay to receive Holy Communion because we had no clue that he was about to die that day. But God Himself brought an Eucharistic Minister to be with Tatay to give him Jesus. What a grace! To receive Jesus in your heart at the time of your death. This was made real in my father's life. "Whoever

obeys his word, truly in this person the love of God has reached perfection. By this we know that we are in him: whoever says, "I abide in him," ought to walk in the same way as he walked" (1 John 2:5-6).

The only way they can do this ultimate kindness and forgiveness is if they have a true and real love for God. God showed Himself to them. Daily, I strive to imitate Jesus in my life too. It is not easy, but God is kind and merciful. One day at a time I struggle through it, but I am looking forward to the fulfillment of God's plan for me. It is my hope that I too would die with Jesus in my heart, to die sacred and holy like my father.

Reflect today upon those whom you struggle to love. Perhaps that list is long. Start with those you encounter most often or those to whom you have a strong negative feeling. As you call them to mind, pray for them, for their good, and for God's blessings upon them. Strive to see some goodness in them. I encourage you to thank God for them and try to remove any disordered feelings or thoughts you might have about them. This is the first step in your mission to fulfill Jesus' new command of love.

# **Prayer:**

My loving Lord, you love and bestow your unlimited mercy upon all people, good and bad alike. I pray that I may always be open to that love and receive it deeply into my own life. I pray also that your love may shine through me into the lives of those who need it the most. Jesus, I trust in you. Your unworthy servant.

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# ROLANDO RIVI



In 1937 he began attending the local school where his teachers observed his love for life while noting his desire to know and love Jesus. His parish priest, Fr Marzocchini Olinto became his teacher and also his spiritual father.

In 1942, at the age of 11, he entered the minor seminary at Marola, and was admired by his teachers for being an exemplary student, and a boy of sincere and serious devotion. At that time, all seminarians wore cassocks, and so did he. Already at that tender age, he expressed the desire to become a missionary. He was noted as both an excellent singer and musician and participated enthusiastically in the seminary choir.

## **Later Life**

During his summer vacation, he continued to dress and live as a seminarian, with no remission from his devotional life consisting of daily Mass, Rosary, meditation, and prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. Many times, he said that the cassock was a sign: "that I belong to Jesus."

In the summer of 1944, the seminary at Marola was occupied by German Nazi troops, and Rolando was forced to return home; however, he continued his studies with the local parish priest. He continued to wear the cassock in public, despite his parents' concerns that this

would make him a target of the anticlerical violence that was rampant in north-central Italy.

### **Death**

In the years immediately after the collapse of Italian fascism in July 1943, nearly 100 priests were murdered by Communist partisans in those parts of the Emilia-Romagna known as the 'red triangle.' They were indoctrinated to fight Christianity, humiliate priests, kill the Parish Priests, and destroy all Catholic teachings. Shortly thereafter, Nazi forces occupied northern Italy and made former dictator Benito Mussolini their puppet ruler in the region.

> "I study to be a priest and these vestments are the sign that I belong to Jesus."

> > Blessed Rolando Rivi

On 10th April 1945, a group of these partisans kidnapped Rolando as he was studying in a little grove near his home after serving at the Holy Mass. He was taken to a farmhouse, beaten, and tortured for three days, accusing him of having spied for the Italian Social Republic. He was then dragged into the woods, stripped of his cassock, and shot twice in the head. They murdered him on the 13th of April out of their hatred of the faith and to prevent him from becoming a priest and the partisans rolled his cassock up into a ball and used it to play soccer. He was just 14 vears old. His father and Parish Priest discovered his body the following day.

## Veneration

Rivi's was well-noted in his lifetime for his holiness and his deep and unwavering faith in Jesus Christ. People began to hail him as a saint after his vicious murder in which people called for him to be beatified.

Miracles attributed to his intercession were recognized and he was beatified on 5th October 2013, by Pope Francis, the first high school seminarian to be beatified. His feast day is celebrated on 29th May. He is best remembered for his love of the cassock which he believed made him one who belonged to Christ and his church.

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Dr Joyal Joseph, from Birmingham, reaffirms that we have a God who is with us every moment of our life.

o not fear, for I am with you, do not be afraid, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my victorious right hand" (Isaiah 41:10).

"You have no reason to fear or be afraid in your life, in all things you will be victorious, in everything, God the Father will make a way for you!" I want to focus on the two parts from the above verse that is, both 'I AM' and the 'I WILL' that God speaks here.

I AM - God says here I am your God, and I am with you. Can you actually believe the nature of the Lord? He is a Father who is ever present, He is with us 'now'. What a Father we have! He who created the heavens, the earth and the entire universe chooses to be with us, and He is by our side always!

I WILL - In this day and age no one is willing to help each other; no one is willing to help unless they can gain something in return. But our God is saying that He will strengthen us, help us and He will uphold us with victory! He is voluntarily available to us because He loves us without any conditions! His love for us is unconditional!

Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought, it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit.

(Jeremiah 17:7-8)

If this is so, I wonder who then is the master of your ship? Who steers the ship of life that you are on? If Jesus is the captain of your ship, then your life becomes easier. You simply trust in the grace of the Lord and let Him be the leader and Lord of your life!

Food for thought- "I have no reason to fear for Father Jesus gives me victory in everything."

# POPE'S Voice

We must always walk in the presence of the Lord, in the light of the Lord, always trying to live in an irreprehensible way.

Pope Francis



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# **GLOBAL CATHOLIC NEWS**

# PRO-LIFE ATHEIST TO CONVERT TO CATHOLICISM

USA: Kristin Turner was an outspoken supporter of abortion who didn't believe in God. She even used to speak at events on the topic "Why abortion is good for society." But now the 21-year-old activist is

an ardent pro-life advocate who recently announced her intention to join the Catholic Church. Turner said she came to her decision through 'a lot of small things', but her involvement in pro-life advocacy played a big part.



# POPE PRAYS FOR 'VATICAN GIRL' WHO DISAPPEARED 40 YEARS AGO



Vatican: Pope Francis on 25<sup>th</sup> June marked the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the kidnapping of Emanuela Orlandi, the 15-year-old daughter of a Vatican employee. Emmanuela's disappearance remains one of Italy's most enduring mysteries and recently was the subject of a Netflix series. The case has enthralled Italians for four decades, and interest rose globally after Netflix broadcast a four-part documentary series in October called 'Vatican Girl.'

# POPE FRANCIS ADVANCES THE SAINTHOOD CAUSE OF SR LUCIA



Portugal: Pope Francis has advanced the sainthood cause of Sister Lucia dos Santos, the eldest child to witness the Fatima apparitions. The Church will now need to approve a miracle attributed to her intercession before she can be beatified. Pope Francis already canonized the two other Fatima visionaries, Jacinta and Francisco Marto in 2017. Lucia, who was 10 years old at the time of the 1917 Marian apparitions, outlived the other visionaries by decades, surviving until age of 97.

# ABORTION RATES RISE IN ENGLAND AND WALES



England: Pro-life campaigners have declared the extent of abortion in England and Wales a 'national tragedy' after official statistics released by the Department of Health and Social Care on June 22 showed a significant increase in the number of abortions last

year. Between 1st January and 30th June 2022, around 123, 219 abortions by residents of England and Wales took place compared with the first six months of 2021, which saw 105, 488 abortions, representing a 17% increase in the span of just one year. Abortion is legal in England and Wales up to 24 weeks gestation unless the baby is thought to have a disability, in which case abortions can be performed up to birth.

# ADORE REAL PRESENCE OF JESUS IN THE EUCHARIST, POPE

Rome: Catholics need to recover a sense of awe and adoration before the Eucharist, knowing that it is "the real and loving presence of the Lord," Pope Francis told members of the committees organizing the National Eucharistic Revival and the National Eucharistic Congress in the United States. Pope Francis told the group

that, unfortunately, today many Catholics "believe that the Eucharist is more a symbol than the reality of the Lord's presence and love." But, he said, "it is more than a symbol; it is the real and loving presence of the Lord."



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