

# *Echoes of Calvary*



Weekly Newsletter - 3 | 25 - 31<sup>st</sup> Jan '2026

## **Dear family in Christ,**

Grace and peace to you. This week we're focusing on learning the lifestyle of Jesus—not only in words, but in daily choices.

### **Scripture of the Week:**

"Whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all." — Mark 10:43-44

## **This Week's Practice: The Heart of Humble Leadership**

### **Humble Leadership: Leading by Serving**

Jesus redefined greatness through humility. True leaders are not those who demand status or recognition but those who lift others, empower the weak, and put the needs of others before their own. Leadership in Christ is rooted in service, patience, and compassion—not control or self-interest.

Following Jesus means asking, "How can I serve and uplift?" rather than "How can I be noticed or praised?"

### **Practical Ways to Practice Humble Leadership**

- **Lead by example at home:**

Help without being asked, take responsibility, and speak with patience and encouragement.

- **Empower others at work or school:**  
Encourage teammates, share credit, and mentor without expecting anything in return.
- **Serve the marginalized:**  
Notice those who are overlooked—volunteers, cleaners, the lonely—and offer kindness and respect.
- **Prioritize listening over speaking:**  
Seek to understand before offering advice or judgment.
- **Respond to challenges with humility:**  
When criticized or opposed, choose grace, forgiveness, and gentle correction over pride or retaliation.
- **Give your time generously:**  
Invest time in others' growth, encouragement, and well-being—even when it feels inconvenient.

**Reflection:**

How can I lead like Jesus this week—through humility, service, and love? True greatness in God's eyes is measured by how we serve, uplift, and reflect His heart in every interaction.

**Upcoming Events to add in your daily prayers:**

- Youth meeting, Calvary Church Chennai – 14<sup>th</sup> Feb'26
- Get-together, Bangalore – 16<sup>th</sup> Feb'26
- Get-together, Kolkata – 04<sup>th</sup> Mar'26
- Wednesday Fasting Prayer — 7:00 PM
- Friday Fasting Prayer — 7:00 PM
- Sunday services – 8am and 3pm onwards
- Children's Global Sunday school — Saturday, 7pm onwards on zoom

## **Events that happened in 5<sup>th</sup> week of Jan'26 to seek the fruit of the Word sown in your daily prayers (28<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> Jan'26):**

### ➤ **Sunday Worship on 25<sup>th</sup> Jan'26:**

Meditated on Matthew chapter 7 about **living a life aligned with God's will**, emphasizing genuine faith expressed through actions, not just words. Below are some points for us to follow:

- ✓ **Pause and reflect (Selah)**—regularly stop to examine your heart, direction, and walk with God.
- ✓ **Pray with balance**, not only speaking to God but also sitting quietly to listen for His voice.
- ✓ **Wait for God's timing**, trusting that delays prepare you for deeper blessing and purpose.
- ✓ **Seek God before decisions**, asking clearly for His will and waiting for His guidance.
- ✓ **Choose obedience over impulse**, aligning actions with God's Word rather than personal desire.
- ✓ **Remain faithful in small things**, believing God brings growth and blessing step by step.
- ✓ **Set apart daily quiet time**, even a few minutes, to meet God in solitude and focus.
- ✓ **Begin and end your day with God**, asking Him to guard your heart and keep you centered on Jesus.
- ✓ **Learn through challenges**, reflecting honestly so God can refine and strengthen you.

### ➤ **Get-together, Pune. 26<sup>st</sup> Jan'26:**

This get-together was organized at the YMCA Hall, Pune, and brought together many viewers of Calvary Darshan TV programs and social media audiences from Telugu, Hindi, Tamil, and several other language backgrounds. The testimonies shared were powerful reminders of the mighty works the Lord is doing in lives across the nation.

Everyone listened attentively to the Word of God and had the opportunity to personally meet Dr. Jayapaul, share their testimonies, and receive a word of prayer. Below are the main points discussed:

- ✓ Examine your heart daily and repent where needed, asking God for healing, peace, clarity, and restoration.
- ✓ Pray intentionally against depression, sickness, confusion, fear, and every form of bondage.
- ✓ Remain grounded in God's Word through daily Bible reading and regular church fellowship.
- ✓ Trust God's timing fully, even in silence or delay, knowing He is working behind the scenes.

- ✓ Avoid comparison and discouragement, remembering God's plan and timing are unique for you.
- ✓ Honor God with your finances, avoiding debt and giving faithfully as an act of trust and obedience.
- ✓ Live in continual worship, letting praise and prayer shape your thoughts, actions, and decisions.
- ✓ Stand firm in faith during trials, believing every test is preparation for God's greater purpose.

### ➤ **Midweek Prayer, Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> Jan'26:**

Today we meditated on Job, Chapter 1. Below are the key reflections and lessons:

- ✓ Job's life shows that daily prayer is the foundation of integrity, blessing, and strength.
- ✓ Prayer prepares us before trials come, not after they arrive.
- ✓ True seekers of God's Word are willing to sacrifice time, effort, and comfort.
- ✓ Past missionaries lived sacrificial lives for the Gospel, challenging today's comfort-driven faith.
- ✓ The church is purified by Christ's blood and transformed by God's Word.
- ✓ Unity, love, and holiness must replace criticism and division in the church.
- ✓ Come prepared for worship with Bible and songbook, honouring God.
- ✓ Daily prayer is essential, like breathing, for spiritual life.
- ✓ Pray consistently for family, following Job's example.
- ✓ Family prayer and accountability protect relationships from division.

### ➤ **Friday Fasting Prayer, Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> Jan'26:**

We meditated on Psalm 18, reflecting on God's power, protection, and faithfulness in the life of the believer.

- ✓ Prayer is the main weapon God gives believers to overcome problems and opposition.
- ✓ The Christian life is spiritual warfare, not a life of comfort; believers must fight through prayer.
- ✓ We are called to be awake soldiers of Christ, strong in faith, not a sleeping church.
- ✓ David's victories came from seeking God's will and praying first, not from human strength.
- ✓ Prayer releases God's power immediately, bringing heavenly help against the enemy.
- ✓ Make prayer your first response, not a last option, especially in urgent situations.
- ✓ Consistency in prayer gatherings builds spiritual discipline and strength.
- ✓ Prioritize God's house, trusting that job security and provision come from God, not people.
- ✓ Before praying for others, examine your own heart, faith, and prayer life.
- ✓ Prayerless lives and churches lack spiritual power and effectiveness.
- ✓ True victory requires intentional prayer preparation, not automatic faith.

- ✓ God responds to prayer with care and speed yet expects persistence and faith.
- ✓ Measure ministry by changed lives, not numbers, views, or applause.
- ✓ Honor prayer time with punctuality and reverence, valuing God's opportunities above comfort.
- ✓ Missing spiritually appointed moments can mean missing divine opportunities forever.

➤ **Spreading God's Love Through an Orphanage Visit Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> Jan'26:**

**"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me."**

**— Matthew 25:35–36**

Calvary Church members, along with the pastors and their leader Dr. N. Jayapaul Garu, visited Little Drops Orphanage in Chennai for the third time as part of their outreach ministry. During the visit, they shared the Word of God with the residents, speaking about the hope of heaven, the forgiveness of sins through Jesus Christ, and the assurance of salvation. The team organized a special prayer session for the orphanage and spent time visiting all the wards, where they personally interacted with the children and caregivers. They also made a compassionate effort to meet and pray with those who were bedridden, offering words of encouragement, comfort, and spiritual support.

**Please keep in prayer the Word that was sown this week, that each of us may continue to meditate on it and bear fruit in our lives. Let us also pray for everyone in the church to overcome the trials and attacks of Satan in our daily lives, standing firm in faith. Additionally, please remember all the other church ministries taking place in your prayers.**

**May the Lord teach you His ways and strengthen you to walk  
as Jesus walked! Amen!**

**With love,  
Dr. N. Jayapaul,  
Calvary Church Chennai.**