



LAUNCH OUT

GLOBAL CHRISTIAN LIFE CENTER

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2025

A year to
LAUNCH
into **THE DEEP**

Luke 5:4

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PASTORS' PERSPECTIVE

Dear Church family,

We are honoured to extend our New Year greetings and blessings to each of you in the name of our Lord Jesus!

The theme for 2025 is “**Launch out into the deep**”. This is both a call and a command for us at GCLC to pursue a deeper walk with the Lord—a call to grow into maturity in Christ.

In Luke 5:1-11, we read how Jesus asked Peter, a seasoned fisherman, to cast his nets into the deep after a long, unfruitful night. Despite his initial hesitation, Peter obeyed and witnessed an extraordinary miracle that changed his life forever. After the miraculous catch, Jesus extended a greater call to Peter and his companions: to “Become fishers of men.” The true miracle was not the abundance of fish but the transformation of a fisherman into the first apostle of the Church.



From that moment on, Peter embarked on a journey into the deeper things of God. His confession that Jesus is the Son of God was celebrated by Jesus as a divine revelation. Although Peter’s journey was marked by ups and downs, his life ultimately glorified the Lord. In the end, Peter displayed unwavering faith, honouring Jesus through his martyrdom—dying on a cross, humbly choosing to be crucified upside down.

As we reflect on this theme, let us consider the deeper areas of our Christian life where Jesus invites us to grow:

The love of Christ: Apostle Paul challenges us to explore the width, length, height, and depth of Christ’s love—a love that transforms and empowers us.

The Word of God: By delving deeper into Scripture, we equip ourselves to stand firm against the enemy and remain steadfast in our faith.

Prayer: Jesus modeled a powerful prayer life, teaching us how to connect with the Father and overcome spiritual battles. Let us deepen our understanding and practice of prayer as a weapon against the forces of darkness.

The life of faith: Like Paul, we are called to run the race with endurance.

Despite life’s challenges, Paul’s testimony at the end of his journey inspires us: “I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.”

Victory in our Christian life requires intentionality. Let us commit ourselves to a deeper relationship with Jesus in 2025, trusting Him to lead us into greater spiritual maturity and purpose.

May this year be one of victory and transformation in Christ Jesus!

Blessings,

Pastors Robert and Pat Jeyaraj

A New Year's resolution worth taking seriously

Luke Simon: The Gospel Coalition

At the start of each new year, I feel the urge to take life more seriously: my Bible reading, my prayer habits, my discipline, my health, my relationships, my finances, my words, my fitness, my marriage. And yet, despite all I should take more seriously, there's only one thing I reliably take way too seriously, year after year: myself. But it's hard not to, right? How could I not take myself seriously?

But while taking myself too seriously has provided delightful dopamine hits of self-righteousness, it has also led me to adopt an identity I wasn't expecting—that of a slave.

Slavery of taking the self too seriously

What happens when I take myself too seriously?

I become a slave to entitlement; I can't be grateful for gifts, because I deserve them.

I become a slave to scarcity; I can't be generous, because I'm afraid I'll run out.

I become a slave to tribalism; I can't respectfully disagree, because I'm the ultimate defender of truth.

I become a slave to resentment; I can't offer grace, because they should've known better than to insult me.

I become a slave to overworking; I can't rest, because the world depends on what I accomplish today.

I become a slave to shame; I can't accept forgiveness, because I know I'm "better" than that.

I become a slave to sin.

Ancient Temptation

We humans have been taking ourselves too seriously since the beginning. Eve took herself too seriously. She believed the distance between her and God was a piece of fruit. But don't we all do the same? Taking ourselves too seriously is a way we try to become like God—and it's foolishness. Ever since the fall, our world has been full of people who take themselves too seriously.

Except for one. Jesus, the God-man who took our sin seriously and His own dignity not seriously at all, is the only one who can never be overestimated.

Resolve to take Jesus more seriously

My motto for spiritual growth has become this: Because I'm taking Jesus more seriously, I'm free to take myself less seriously. The truly mature aren't weighed down by self-importance or consumed with their image. They're not easily offended, and they're never too busy for "ordinary" people. Instead, they're lighthearted, humble, and kind. They've already laughed at themselves, so nothing you say will faze them. This is the freedom my heart longs for this year—the freedom to stop taking myself so seriously.

My motto for spiritual growth has become this: Because I'm taking Jesus more seriously, I'm free to take myself less seriously.

What happens when I take Jesus more seriously?

I'm free to be grateful; I know every gift comes from my Father.

I'm free to be generous; I give knowing that Christ will provide what I need.
I'm free to be empathetic; I can be patient in disagreement because the Truth will reign.
I'm free to forgive; I know He's the ultimate Judge.
I'm free to rest; I can take a day off because the world is in God's hands.
I'm free to be forgiven; I know Jesus bore my shame and calls me a friend.
I'm free to live.

As I write these words, I can feel the weight falling off my shoulders. I don't have to pretend to be something I'm not. I don't have to accumulate praise. I don't have to make a name for myself. It's the feeling of relief I get when I hear these words of Jesus: "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." (*Matt 11:28-30*)

Jesus stepped into a weary and burdened world, full of people taking themselves way too seriously, and He invited them to a life of lightness, ease, and rest. How do we find this rest? By taking him seriously. By trusting He's borne the weight of the world on His shoulders.

I'm not the solution to the world's problems—Jesus is. And that's something I want to take seriously this year.

I once was lost but now am found- Amazing grace!

Prashant Doddamani

My name is Prashant Doddamani, and I currently work as a Medical Lab Technologist at AIIMS. I grew up in a deeply religious family and struggled academically, dropping out of college at 17 to work in a factory. Concerned about my future, my father sent me to live with my aunt, a Christian widow, who enrolled me in paramedical college. Through her prayers and influence, I attended a watchnight service in 2007, where I was convinced that Jesus is the one true God.



Though I stopped participating in traditional practices and rituals, I initially hesitated to publicly declare my faith. During this time, I battled chain-smoking, alcohol addiction, and was actively involved in religious community events. A turning point came when Pastor Daniel Koti invited me to church, and God began transforming my life. Faced with pressure from peers to continue participating in religious activities, the Lord reminded me of His words, "If you acknowledge me before others, I will acknowledge you before my Father in heaven." I boldly declared my faith and stepped away from my old ways despite opposition and threats.

God protected me and led me to quit smoking and alcohol instantly during a communion service. Over time, my wife and I faced infertility, but God fulfilled

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JANUARY EVENTS

Promise Word service – 1st January @5:30am via Zoom
21 days of fasting and prayer (Mon-Fri), which will take place in the homes of various GCLC members. Let's come together as a family of faith to seek the Lord, grow deeper in His presence, and intercede for His guidance and blessings in the year ahead. Please check the GCLC Stake-

holders group for schedule and locations.

Weekly meetings

GANG Youth prayer - every Thursday | 10:00pm via Google meet

Daily meetings

Morning prayer via ZOOM | 5:30am

LIFE CONNECTION

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(Please contact the carecell leaders in your respective areas for more details)

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His promise, blessing us with our daughter, Joanna, exactly three months after His confirmation.

Professionally, I worked 11 years in a demanding job as a lab manager. Struggling under its weight, I prayed for God's direction, asking for either a government job in India or an opportunity abroad. By His grace, He answered my prayer, and I joined AIIMS—a dream fulfilled and the greatest breakthrough in my life.

Looking back, I see how God redeemed me from slavery to sin and established me in His plans. All glory to Him for His faithfulness in my journey.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

DELHI SERVICE

1st Service @ 11AM

2nd Service @ 6:00PM

L-16, South Extension Part-2

New Delhi-110049

Contact: Rev. Clifford (8285835214)

GURUGRAM SERVICE

9:30am - 11:00am

UJ Complex, 1st floor, near pillar

#48 Guru Dronacharya Metro

Station Sikanderpur, Sector 26,

Gurugram

Contact: Rev. Youtha

(9821543468)

MODEL TOWN SERVICE

(Hindi service) 3pm - 4:30pm

649, Front side, 1st floor Bhai

Parmanand colony (west)

Kingsway camp, New Delhi

Contact: Pastor. Sam Muthumani

(8825407436)

DWARKA SERVICE

Bi-lingual Service

5:00pm-6:30pm

SPCI House-Don Bosco C991,

Sector 7, Dwarka Behind Maxfort

School New Delhi

Contact: Pastor Tomin

(9956177329)

SAMALKA SERVICE

Hindi Service

9:00am - 10:30am

Life Centre Academy Samalka

Contact: Pastor Vinod

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*Happy Birthday and
Happy Anniversary to
those celebrating their
special days.*

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PILLARS OF GCLC

WORD

"God's word is for thorough equipping of man-kind for every good work." 2 Tim 3:16

PRAYER & WORSHIP

"Pray continually and live life as an act of worship." 1Thess 5:17

MISSIONS

"Go ye therefore... and make disciples of all nations." Mathew 28:19-20

LIFE CONNECTIONS & FELLOWSHIP

"Though we are many, we are one body in union with Christ." Romans 12:4-5