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Five Behaviors to Accomplish Great Things in Life

SALMON is a peculiar fish that exhibits what scientists call anadromous migration. It is born in freshwater but then migrates to salt water in the ocean to grow and mature. After living in the ocean for up to five years and traveling thousands of miles, it does something that baffles scientists even today. The fish traces its way back; some say via magnetic orientation or others using smell to where it was born. Remarkably, it swims against the flow, i.e., upstream hundreds of miles to reach the spawning grounds. The journey is so arduous, and its passion and commitment so urgent that many will give up their lives out of exhaustion after reaching the destination and after spawning the next generation.

The salmon teaches us many important life lessons. ***While dead fish move with the flow, to create lasting value, leave a legacy, and accomplish great things, one needs to swim against the flow.*** This is not unlike what our master Jesus taught us. In Mark 8:31-33, Jesus began to speak about the great thing he was about to accomplish “plainly.” Until then, the disciples were having a great time with Jesus; they were the people of the moment, crowds followed them everywhere, there was magic in the air, and life was good. But when Jesus started talking about suffering, rejection, and death on the cross, the disciple’s expectations visibly revolted. Peter was the spokesperson as usual, but knowing others were thinking the same, Jesus publicly admonished Peter. By then, their imagination had already gotten the better of them – to recapture the Jewish inheritance from the Romans and to reign in Jesus’s cabinet. They had gotten so used to the fame and the attention that now they couldn’t live without them. What is our attachment to fame and attention? Does that overshadow our attachment to Jesus? Jesus used their response to teach them the five behaviors that are needed to accomplish great things in life (Mark 8:34-38).

4 TAKE RISKS

While the above three behaviors will get us very close to our purpose, Jesus talks about another important behavior that is needed to execute our purpose—the attitude of losing one's life to gain it, i.e., the behavior of taking risks. In Joshua 3, the Lord instructed the Israelites to overcome the overflowing and scary Jordan, the last obstruction, before setting foot on the promised land. The Lord asked them to carry the ark and, equally importantly, to step into the scary and overflowing river. He did not make it easy by stopping the flow, but he wanted them to step in first, in faith, to stop the flow. Risk-taking by faith and not by sight pleases God, and he is faithful to back us up.

God has called each one of us to accomplish great things in life. Through His life, Jesus showed us how to leave a legacy. It is human to resist change; it is natural to swim with the flow, but according to Jesus, to accomplish great things, we need to fight our natural tendencies and swim against the flow. I pray that the Lord will help us practice these five behaviors to fulfill the purpose for which he has called us and accomplish great things for him.

1 DENY YOURSELF

Life is a matter of choices, and every choice you make makes you – says John Maxwell. Accomplishing great things involves making tradeoffs, or in other words, one needs to give up to grow up. When the Lord led Israelites through the desert to the promised land, he was adamant that they be holy, and that meant being separated for God. There were many things that they couldn’t do that others around them could. God commanded them to make the right choices through laws and to live a life of trade-offs. What are we willing to give up to grow up?

2 CARRY OUR CROSS

Hard work is the passport to success; simply put, there is no shortcut and we need to expense some calories to drag the cross.

3 FOLLOW JESUS

When following a car on the road, one needs to always keep the car in sight. We need to keep Jesus in sight to follow him, hence the importance of praying, reading and meditating on the word of God daily, going to church every week, and not missing the fellowship of God's children. Each of these puts Jesus in our sight.

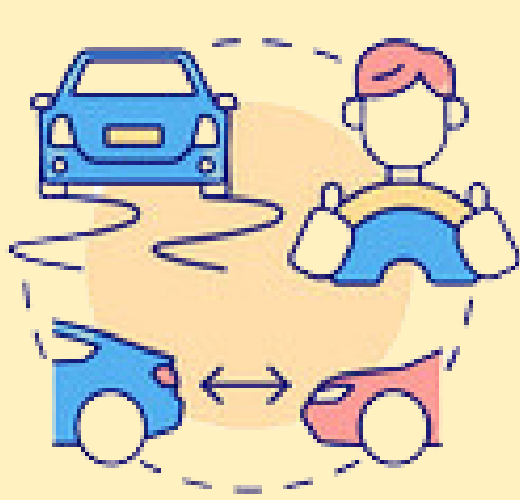
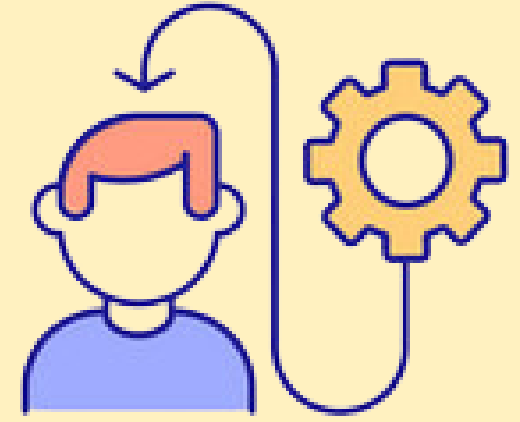
5 GIVE PRAISE

While the cross was the eternal sacrifice for our sins and replaced the sin offering, the burnt offering, and the reparation offering, Paul instructs us (Hebrews 13:15-16) to carry forward the grain offering and fellowship offering via the sacrifice of praise, the fruit of our lips, the public declaration of testimonies. In Jesus’s words, if we don’t testify in public, he will be ashamed of us in public when he comes back in glory.

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THE ROLE OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT IN EDUCATION

India needs more skilled workers, with only a small percentage of the workforce having undergone formal skill training. The country's focus is on scaling up skill training efforts to meet employer demands and drive economic growth. With a young population, India aims to provide a skilled workforce to address the expected shortfall in aging developed countries. The Skill development program aims to provide market-relevant training for the youth, create opportunities for talent development, and promote sustainable employment and entrepreneurship programs. ITI courses offer a variety of specializations for students after 10th and 12th, focusing on hands-on technical training for skilled trades that require experience-based skills and knowledge. These careers offer entry-level professionals the opportunity to join the workforce faster than traditional college education paths.

Technical training, also known as vocational training, is a way for professionals in skilled trade careers to learn essential skills for their jobs. This training can take place in a short education program, on-the-job training, or a combination of both. Professionals may advance through different levels of expertise, such as from apprentice to journeyman. Technical training focuses on developing hard skills and often involves hands-on learning. Various types of technical training programs can help you begin a career as a skilled tradesperson.

Agriculture trades involve studying farming and natural landmarks to produce food and protect the environment. Professionals in this field may focus on growing plants, caring for animals, or leading conservation efforts. Training can be done through KVKs and agricultural universities. Some careers in this trade include farm manager, equipment operator, animal caretaker, conservation technician, greenhouse manager, and precision specialist. Each of these roles involves managing different aspects of farming and conservation to ensure efficient and sustainable practices.

Construction trades involve the study of specific building materials and techniques, with professionals collaborating to build and renovate structures. Common construction careers include mason, carpenter, electrician, plumber, and heating/cooling technician. Masons work with brick and stone, carpenters with wood for walls and furniture, electricians manage wiring and lighting, plumbers handle water systems, and heating/cooling technicians install and repair climate control appliances. Technical training programs are available for these careers.

Like in construction trades, professionals in the art industry often specialize in specific mediums or tools. They are highly creative and may sell their work. Careers in this field include painters who work in construction or create art on canvas, ceramists who sculpt pottery out of clay, sculptors who work with various materials to create statues and figurines, and photographers who capture and edit photos for clients, often at events like weddings and concerts.

Technical training for manufacturing trade careers includes product creation and machinery usage. Some careers that require technical training in manufacturing include tool and die maker, machinist, and fabricator. Tool and die makers create precision tools, machinists use blueprints and computer software to create parts, and fabricators combine materials to make new creations and supplies for manufacturers.

Transportation trade jobs involve operating and repairing specialized vehicles like trains, planes, buses, and heavy machinery. As they are responsible for the safety of passengers, professionals in these roles receive technical training to enhance their skills. Some transportation trade jobs include pilots who operate aircraft, bus drivers who transport passengers, train operators who ensure safe transportation, and heavy equipment technicians who service and repair machinery.

Service trade jobs include careers that focus on providing customers a specific service or product. Examples of these jobs include hairdresser, baker, nursing assistant, and chef, all requiring technical training. Hairdressers cut, style, color, and wash hair, bakers create pastries and desserts, nursing assistants help patients with daily tasks, and chefs prepare food in restaurants and kitchens.

Candidates should consider their interests and demands when choosing a skilled trade. They should think about their hobbies to see if there is a related trade program available, such as carpentry for woodworking enthusiasts. Matching a career to one's interests can lead to greater job satisfaction and success in achieving goals. Churches or communities might identify demand-driven entrepreneurship projects and train interested candidates to work as partners in the business.

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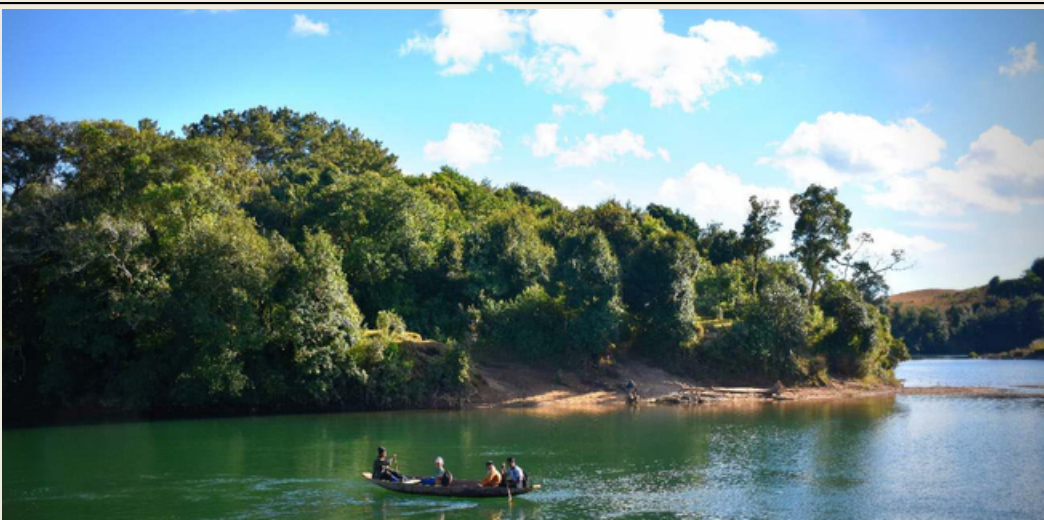
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NONGKHNUM ISLAND

A HIDDEN JEWEL OF MEGHALAYA

Nongkhnum, one of the largest river islands in Asia, is a mysterious destination that beckons those in search of solitude and natural beauty. Located in the West Khasi Hills district of Meghalaya, this uninhabited island is just 14 km from Nongstoin, the district headquarters, and 95 km from Shillong, the state capital.



The island is formed by the splitting of Meghalaya's longest river, the powerful Kynshi, into the Phanliang and Namliang rivers, creating a unique geographical formation that gives rise to a pristine river beach. Nongkhnum Island boasts a sandy beach, as well as two stunning waterfalls - the Weina Falls and the Langshiang Falls. Despite its natural beauty, tourist numbers remain low due to inadequate infrastructure in the area.

Visitors can enjoy a peaceful boat ride on the clear waters or explore the island on foot, taking in its many attractions. A picturesque bridge connects the island to the nearest bank, offering numerous photo opportunities. Winter and spring are ideal seasons for camping on the island, as the low light pollution allows for uninterrupted stargazing sessions.

Overall, Nongkhnum Island is a hidden gem waiting to be discovered by those seeking a tranquil escape in the midst of nature's wonders.



The Power of VBS in Nurturing Character Growth in Children

We are excited to announce that we will be conducting Vacation Bible School (VBS) at Gasa English Medium School in Meghalaya from 24 to 29 April 2024. Our goal is to impart the fundamental principles of leading a successful life based on Christian values, fostering character development, and encouraging students to give back to their community. We kindly ask for your support in keeping this program in your daily prayers.

Raising Awareness, Inspiring Change Launching Anti-Drug Initiative

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During our journey to the Northeast, we are also planning to conduct an anti-drug awareness program in the states and towns we pass through. We kindly ask for your prayers and support for this important mission.

As we all know, drug abuse can have devastating effects on people's lives, especially among the youth in North India. That is why we are committed to implementing various initiatives and programs aimed at educating the public about the dangers of drug abuse, raising awareness about the associated health risks, as well as the social and economic consequences of drug use.

Our focus will be on education and rehabilitation as we strive to free individuals from the grip of drug addiction. We invite you to join us in this mission to help those affected by drugs.



KUMBANAD INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY



In our country, many rural youths are faced with limited opportunities for education and employment, leading to struggles with poverty and lack of resources. To combat this issue, we are committed to providing these young individuals with essential skills to help them generate income and enhance their quality of life.

The Kumbanad Institute of Technology has implemented vocational training programs and provided access to resources to create sustainable livelihoods. Our initiatives are

designed to break the cycle of poverty and support these young people in building a brighter future for themselves and their communities. Through these efforts, rural youth in India are being equipped with the necessary tools to not only survive but thrive in their local economies. The Kumbanad Institute of Technology was founded with this vision in mind, but unfortunately had to be discontinued during the COVID-19 pandemic. P R Baby Foundation is now taking the lead in reviving this Institute to its former glory.

In the initial phase, our focus is on empowering the less privileged rural youths of North India by bringing them to the Institute and enabling them to acquire additional skills for their survival and income generation.

Fresh Beginnings

Welcome to the New Academic Year



FAITHCITY B SCHOOL
Empowering the youth
Building the Nation

The new academic year at Faithcity B' School will commence in April 2024. Our mission is to empower the uneducated and underprivileged rural youth of North India through capacity building, personality development, and character molding. Our goal is to contribute to the development of the nation and the Kingdom of God.



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"Indians know more about the US than about the Northeast".

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He made a valid point - very few of us know enough about the Northeast.

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HERE ARE SOME OF THE SURPRISING FACTS ABOUT THE NORTHEAST.

- ✓ **There** are eight states in Northeast: Arunachal Pradesh, Mizoram, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Tripura, Sikkim, Nagaland.
- ✓ **There** are nearly 220 languages spoken in the Northeast, It is a mix of Tibetan, South-east Asian and East Indian Cultures.
- ✓ **Northeast** is the only part of India that the Mughal Empire could not conquer.
- ✓ **The Ahom** Dynasty, which ruled the Northeast for 600 years, is the longest unbroken Dynasty in Indian history.
- ✓ **The world's** largest river island, the Majuli and the world's smallest river island, Umananda both are in the Northeast.
- ✓ **Seven** prominent National Parks of India are located in Northeast.
- ✓ **Shillong** is considered as the Rock Capital of India.
- ✓ **Mawsynram** in Meghalaya holds the Guinness World Record for being the Wettest Place on Earth.
- ✓ **Sualkuchi** in Assam is one of the World's largest weaving villages where the entire population is engaged in weaving Silk Fabrics.
- ✓ **Muga**, the Golden Silk of Assam, is not produced anywhere else in the World.
- ✓ **It is** the cleanest region in India. Mawlynnong in Meghalaya is the cleanest village in entire Asia.
- ✓ **70%** of the country's Orchids are found in Northeast.
- ✓ **Mizoram** and Tripura are among the states with the highest Literacy rate in India.
- ✓ **There** is no Dowry culture in entire Northeast.
- ✓ **Sikkim** is the first state in the world where 100% of its agro produce is organic and certified so. Sikkim won the Future Policy Award 2018, beating 51 nominated policies from 25 countries, according to a statement. Policies from Brazil, Denmark and Quito (Ecuador) bagged silver awards.



DETERMINED TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Hardingson A. Sangma is a native of Gimegre Village in the East Garo Hills district of Meghalaya. In 2003, he made the life-changing decision to accept Jesus Christ as his Savior and Lord. He pursued his education by completing a two-year course in Christian Theology at the Assembly of God (AG) in Karbi Anglong, Assam, followed by a three-year Bachelor of Theology (B.Th) program at the Africa Church Association (ACA) in Bangalore, Karnataka.

With a deep passion for serving his community, particularly the Garo tribe, Hardingson dedicated himself to becoming a full-time social worker and evangelist. His ultimate goal is to expand the Kingdom of God alongside his family. Upon learning about the impactful work of the Faithcity A. Chik Foundation in Meghalaya, he felt a clear calling from the Lord to join their efforts in Rongrengpal and Moradam in the South Garo Hills district.

Currently, Hardingson is actively involved in the churches of Rongrengpal, Moradam, and a newly emerging fellowship near Moradam. He played a key role in establishing a Non-Formal Education Centre in Moradam village, with the support of local villagers, and is now fully engaged in educational initiatives in the area.

Hardingson is happily married to Mindil Marak, who wholeheartedly supports him in his ministry endeavors. Their partnership is a testament to their shared commitment to serving others and spreading the message of faith and hope.

DISCOVER OUR FRESHLY LAUNCHED WEBSITE



The Gasa English Medium School website in Chiading was officially launched on March 3, 2024, by Pastor Babu John, Senior Pastor of Faithcity Church in Kochi. During his congratulatory address, Pastor Babu John highlighted the importance of initiatives that are essential to meeting the community's needs and assisting them in living with dignity and achieving success.

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Faithcity
A.Chik Foundation

Faithcity A. Chik Foundation is incorporated on 9 March 2024 under Section 8 of the Companies Act 2013. The Foundation is dedicated to engaging in social and community development initiatives in the Northeastern states of India.

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