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YEAR OF RESTORATION

JUNE

Worship Timings

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SUNDAYS

English Services

09.30 am to 11.30 pm

Sunday School

11.00 am to 12.00 pm

SATURDAYS

Soar 180 Youth Program

07.00 pm to 09.00 pm

MONDAYS

Cottage Meetings

07.00 pm to 08.30 pm

FASTING PRAYERS

(held prior to Communion
Sunday)

Thursday

07.30 pm to 09.00 pm

Friday

09.30 pm to 12.00 am

LIFE GROUPS

Various Areas

07:30 to 09:00 pm

For schedule, contact

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MONTH OF SPIRITUAL TRANSFORMATION

THE JAR OF ALABASTER

For now, in this time of imperfection we see in a mirror dimly a blurred reflection, a riddle, an enigma, but then when the time of perfection comes we will see reality face to face. Now I know in part just in fragments, but then I will know fully, just as I have been fully known by God.

-1 Corinthians 13:23

This is perhaps one of the most heart wrenching lines in the Bible. At first glance, it may not seem like much. But to anyone whose lives were wrecked and transformed by Love Divine, this verse is the beat of their hearts, the rhythm of their Hope, a life in fulfilment of Job's delight in the midst of his misery, "I have heard you by the hearing of the ear; but now my eyes see you."

Only if Your heart truly knows the heart of your maker in the midst of this life set through a veil, then will your eyes be thrilled when it sees your maker face to face. Else they'll only be confused, curious and bewildered.

The heart that knows it's maker is the heart that is transformed in the likeness of its maker. It then beats only for Him. There is no going back.

It doesn't skip a beat at the thought of it's past, failures or even the echoes of fear. Because it's a heart that has been through the metamorphosis, it cannot be deterred whatsoever. Love has done the mending. Love has done the healing. Love has transformed. Jesus is now the lover of the once lost heart.

Amazing Grace only has a bittersweet sound to the heart that hasn't been through the metamorphosis. But only to the heart that is truly transformed, the life that is changed completely forever, Grace is Amazing and it is the most beautiful of voices, the sweetest of sounds, echoing into eternity.

Maybe that is why Paul says these beautiful words at the end of the chapter of love, explaining what Love meant to Him. When it transformed him, he had changed to the extent he just could not even be called by his old name!

Paul boldly said, "Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ." (1 Corinthians 11:1) because his life was transformed. In the three days that Paul was blinded, his life was hidden behind the doors. Nobody knew that he had left aside everything and was praying; his heart crying out to God for the very first time. Thus began the transformed life of the man who became one of the greatest apostles to have walked the earth.

It is very important to know that God truly transforms your life sometimes behind closed doors. Through tears that no one else sees, through a yearning that no one can be convinced of, through cries no one else hears.

Don't ever underestimate what God is doing in your life through what you may think is your season of waiting, when all you know is that you're blind and you know you need to see somehow. It is through such moments that you really know who God truly is! And when you know who God truly is, you can't help but break your **Jar of Alabaster**. Tears may spill, but your life is made new with you now knowing of the One that loves you ever so fiercely, like the woman who dropped her Jar of Alabaster at the feet of Jesus, and wiping it with tears.

That Jar of Alabaster – may have been symbolic of her sin or her greatest possession, but she held on to it no longer. When she beheld her Savior, there was nothing holding her back, be it pride, or shame. It didn't matter who watched. Her life was transformed. Every tear that spilled from her eyes, was her heart responding to heaven welcoming her Home and even perhaps, for the first time ever, become a child.

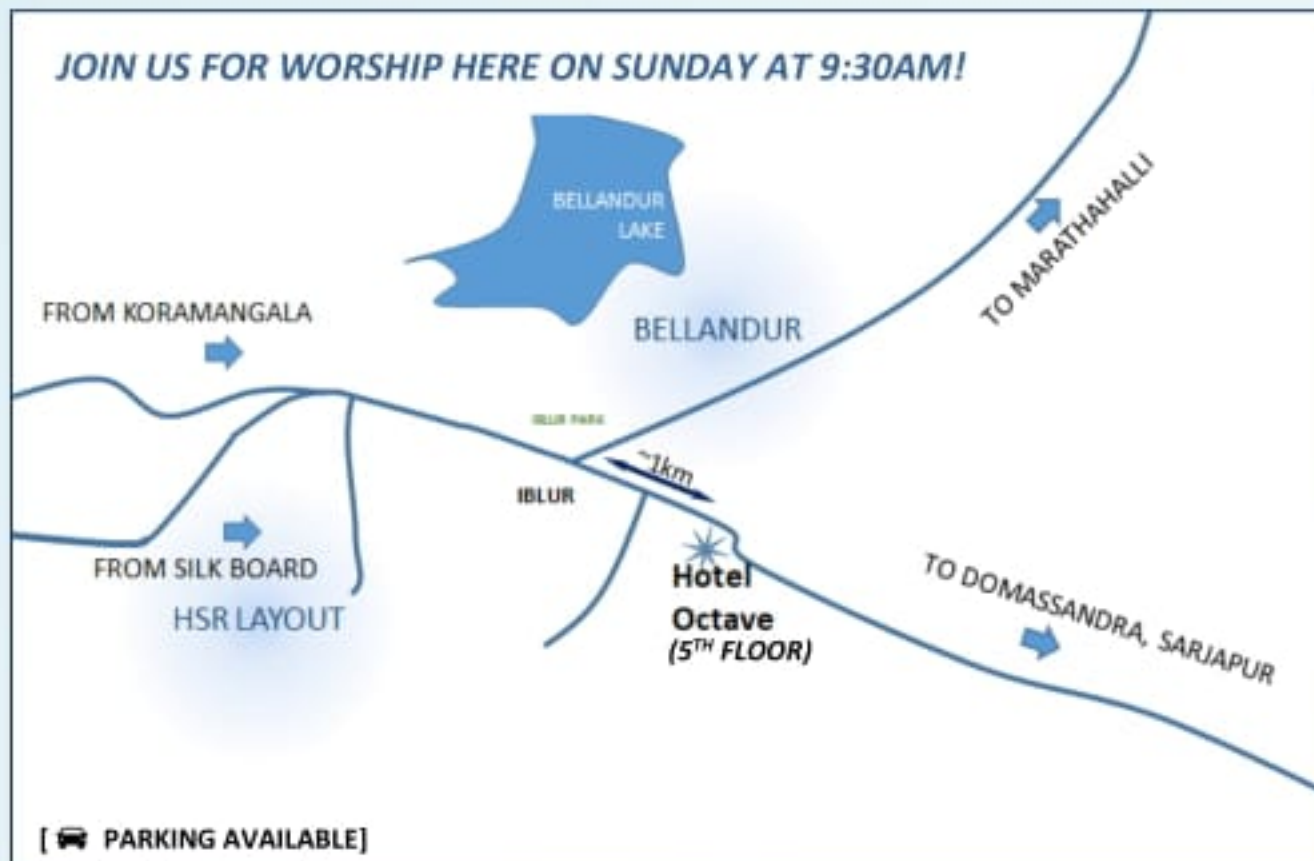
In fact, she realized what it meant to be healed from within, to be forgiven and more than anyone else who judged her. When her scars were healed, her sins forgiven, she was what the scholars of her age would have called, spiritually transformed.

Jesus healed Mary Magdalene of seven demons. He took away her shame and pain. Her life transformed when she saw Jesus for who He really is, because of which, she identified herself completely in Him! Heaven flooded her eyes, the song of Him singing over her rose over the noise of what was once hurled against her.

And do not be conformed to this world any longer with its superficial values and customs, but be a transformed and progressively changed as you mature spiritually by the renewing of your mind focusing on godly values and ethical attitudes, so that you may prove for yourselves what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect in His plan and purpose for you.

- Romans 12:2 (AMP)

Is your heart still captive? Is your Alabaster Jar still safely locked up? Don't you see Him yet?



We Need Your Prayers!!

- Praisequake 4 is to be held on August 11th, 2018.
- We are planning Living Flame III in the month of July, 2018.

By His Grace...

The New Sunday School Year has begun!

Class timings:

Sundays, 11:00AM to 12:00PM

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