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Revelation 4:11

"You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being."

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*"NCF Mumbai exists to **Reach** the lost, **Equip** the believers, **Ascertain** the church and **Prepare** to disciple the nation through all we do"*



YOU ARE WORTHY

Pastor Hamyan Phom

One of the questions we always ask ourselves is: **Am I worthy?** I believe, most of us struggle with our self-worth. Today, so many people especially young people battle with insecurity and self-doubt. We have low self-esteem while comparing with others. We also worry about what people think of us. Someone rightly said, *"comparison is a thief of joy"* There is no peace of mind. We think we are good for nothing. Something inside us keeps telling us that we can not do it. We look at the mirror and think that we are not beautiful or handsome. We think we are not talented or gifted like others. We not smart like others. There is always a sense of inadequacy. Those feelings of inadequacy hold us back from living the amazing life God created us for.

The theme **"WORTHY"**-Revelation 4:11" was the need of the hour for all the campers to reminding us that Our God is worthy of all things. He alone deserves all the glory, honour and power because He is sovereign. He rules the universe as its Creator. We are worthy not because of our merit but God's unconditional love for us has accepted us and made us worthy like the prodigal son who was accepted by his father despite all his wrong doings (Luke 15:11-31). Our acceptance before God was bestowed upon us by God's "grace" or undeserved favour through Jesus Christ. (Ephesians 1:6-9). God pursued us with His grace through Jesus Christ who paid the full penalty for our sins when He died in our place on the cross (John 19:30). So God the Father can now fully accept us, having no grounds to condemn us (Romans 8:31-34). As a result, we can be forgiven, restored and accepted.

Never believe in the lies satan puts in our mind instead of believing the truth of God. The truth is we are of great worth to God. He created us for His good pleasure.

If we choose to believe in our value as God sees it, and not as we feel it about ourselves, that is when we will feel we are worth it. To God we are the apple of his eyes, we are victorious, fearfully and wonderfully made, delightful, we are His beloved, we are the chosen one, we are valuable. We are God's masterpiece. Psalm 139:14 *"I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well."*

Let us always see from God's perspective and not from a human point of view. We must never forget that we are worthy because we were created by God in His own image. Actually, no one is worthy of the Love of God but He made us worthy when he put His Son on the Cross, when He put our sins and their penalties upon Jesus, and when He took the righteousness of Christ and put it on us.

In response to what God has done for us through His son Jesus, we are to *"...live a life worthy of the Lord and please Him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God."* (Colossians 1:10). God receives glory when we love Him and love others as ourselves. He receives glory and good pleasure out of our services unto to Him through our service to others.

Let us always affirm ourselves by saying I am accepted, I am forgiven, I am chosen, I am redeemed. I am fathered by the true and Living God. No condemnation. There's no guilt or fear. I am loved by the true and Living God. Though human may fail us, reject us and humiliate us, Christ will accept us if we return to Him.

May we experience what the prodigal son encountered upon returning to the Father.

Amen!

Speaker's Corner



Rev. Lipokatang Phom
*Director,
Globe Nagaland*

It was my immense joy to be a part of the Naga Christian Fellowship, Mumbai! I am humbled to get to know the wonderful, gifted, talented, brave, selfless and loving people. What a great time I had to see the unity in leadership!

I am grateful to God for all the unthinkable works in our hearts. I have experienced that when God is in our midst, no wall is un-penetrable and it is because of the desire, hope and passion that He gave each heart to understand and serve Him. Thank you for trusting me during the "Worthy Camp Mumbai".

May God continue to bless you all!



Dr. Sunita Noronha,
*Assistant Professor Christian Ministry-
Pastoral Care and Counselling
Union Biblical Seminary, Pune*

I count it as a privilege and joy to be able to lead a couple of sessions at the Annual Camp, from 21-24 Oct. 2022 of the Naga Christian Fellowship (NCF) Mumbai at YWAM, Lonavala. I was inspired by the theme, "Worthy."

I based on marital counselling sessions on the above theme. The sub-topics included topics such as Path to Self Discovery, Positive Self-Affirmations, Positive Self-Care, Important Ingredients of a Happy Married Life, and Gottman's Method of Marital Therapy.

The sessions were well received by the thirty or so participants. They listened with rapt attention and also actively participated in the Q & A session.

I once again thank Pastor Hamyan for his gracious invitation to the well-planned and well-executed programme. To God be the glory!

Speaker's Corner



Dr. Zubeno Kithan
Assistant Professor,
Union Biblical Seminary, Pune

I had a very good time being a part of the camp organized by the Naga Christian Fellowship Mumbai. An opportune time for me to get to know a lot of young people. I appreciate the Pastor for inviting me to speak on two occasions. Of particular interest was the topic on Mental Health issues which is increasingly becoming a reality for many people especially the younger generation. Many churches in today's context would want to shy away from speaking openly about the issues related to mental health. Another thing I really enjoyed being part of the camp was also the open interactive sessions held after each session. Such kind of free association with the younger generation is the need of the hour. I could sense that many of them felt safe to share their positions on different concerns and were also open to new exploration and learning along with their lived experiences.

Creating such a safe space for the younger generation is crucial to truly understand what they are going through. I hope NCFM will continue to create a safe space for many young people to come and experience God on a deep personal level. It takes non-judgemental attitude and genuineness to really care for each other if we want the younger generation to feel accepted and welcome in the church and be part of it as we claim the church as God's. God bless Naga Christian Fellowship Mumbai and lead you to greater heights as you endeavour to be more engaging and practical.

Revelation 4:11

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Our Testimonies

Camp's Experiences

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Little did I know that this camp was going to be a "waking up pill" for me. I am glad and extremely grateful to God for making this camp an approachable opportunity. I was spiritually dead before but after I attended this camp, I encountered the Holy Spirit working in me indefatigably which baffled me and made me wonder about how merciful, gracious, loving and kind our God is.

Overall, my experience of the camp was undeniably great. The Praise and Worship sessions, the extracurricular activities like games, group discussions, the bonfire, and yes, last but not the least, the FOOD.... T'WAS SO GOOD (too good to be true). The speakers attended to each and every one of us like a doctor attending to their beloved patients which when seeing it warmed my delicate heart. The knowledge and insight the speakers had about their own area of expertise was unfathomably non-marginalized broadening the mind of all the listeners to question and relate it with their lives, which I find really helpful. The campers were so good and friendly that anybody who was formerly an introvert could potentially become an extrovert in the presence of their company.

Thank you so much NCF Mumbai, for inviting me and allowing me to be a part of this wholesome Bible camp.

Amid the hassle and confusion, at the need of an hour, the Camp has been a wonderful opportunity to free me from every distraction. Not only did being a part of this camp help me grow spiritually but I also got to meet many new people and learnt many things.

The best thing about the camp is that in a city away from home it unites our Naga family together through Christ. Having fellowship, sharing our burden, encouraging and uplifting one another, reminding us about our Living God whom we serve while we are in a foreign land. This is all we could ask for. In the chaos, while the world is full of deception, it is very much needed for us to come together and uphold each other once in a while, and that is why Annual NCF Mumbai Camp is the best opportunity one should never miss.

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NCF Annual Camp at Lonavala was a fulfilling experience socially, physically, mentally, and above all, spiritually. I was a member of the group "UPRIGHT" and our group was given the title "The Happiest Group". Our group members included Miss Evo as our Group Leader, Ashee, Chuba Jamir, Clement, Sheetal, Calvin and myself. I believe we were a terrific group for Christ, like all the other groups. Many things about the camp like the games, the food, the fellowship over tea, and the not-so-late family night, all in all, was a meaningful fellowship that anointed us anew to continue our spiritual pilgrimage. Some of us came to the camp as strangers; some attended the camp through the contact of a mutual friend, and some came as not-so-familiar friends, but we came and weaved a relationship as children of God belonging to the Christendom ship, trusting, loving and praying for one another like never before.

It was a rewarding experience. Another memory I will cherish is a piece of our life spent there in the camp. All I can do at this point is to yearn for yet another such camp.

Our Testimonies

Camp's Experiences

Blessings are gifts from God that bring happiness to our lives. God also blesses us with His favour, empowering us to fulfil His plans for our lives.

I express my gratitude to God and all for this wonderful opportunity. In these 4 days of Annual Camp, I came to deeply understand how love and compassion are so important in our lives.

During the skit competition, when one of the teams was presenting a skit based on the theme "The Good Samaritan", a voice came to my mind where it made me understand how important it is to show love and compassion to others. Though a social worker, who deals with the people living in the slums, people with disabilities and senior citizens daily, many a times I notice myself being selfish by judging people's life (why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your neighbour's eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? Mathew 7:3). It spoke to me deeply and changed my outlook.

Also, on the second night after the session during an interaction, our speaker Rev. Lipok Phom prayed for a breakthrough in my career path as requested. For context, before turning up for this camp, I had given a few job interviews. Much to my surprise, on the last day of the camp, when we all were having group sharing and discussion, a call from an unknown number came to inform me that I had been selected as a ground staff executive at Mumbai International Airport. This I believe is also another wonderful blessing of being a part of this camp.

I want to encourage each of us that if we always walk closely with God, He is always there to bless us mightily. Remember, when battles come in your life, do not be afraid or discouraged because battles belong to God and He is with you always. Fight the good fight of your faith, 1 Timothy 6:12.

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VIMUKH WORSHIP
TEAM LEADER



We, as a team in the Camp Worthy had a wonderful time. We have understood of God's call of Worthiness in His eyes, and have also experienced how God chooses weak and broken people to help others in similar situations.

In His Kingdom, we all are invited, accepted, and we all have one Father, that is Jesus. We are all His Children, as a Church which is with different culture, come together in the body of Christ. God is calling us to be Worthy in His sight and live a worthy life.

I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.

Psalm 139:14

GROUP LEADERS' REFLECTION

Camp Worthy was an enriching and altogether an amazing experience. Connecting in a deeper level with my team members, and sharing our stories and experiences helped us know more about God and how He truly loves us. I was a member of team 'DIVINE'. We learned a lot from all the sessions as well as the different activities. Also performing on stage without practice was exciting and frightening at the same time.

The main takeaway from the camp for me would be the camp theme itself 'Worthy'. We live in a world where most of us seek validation from our social circle which is only paving way for anxiety and depression in our lives making us feel worthless at times. But, even if we feel worthless in front of man, in the eyes of God we are worthy, worthy of all the love He brings. A reminder which was much needed.

TEAM DIVINE

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TEAM NOBLE

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All glory and honour to our almighty Father for His never-ending goodness and mercy. This year, I had the great joy to attend NCF's annual camp 'Worthy' where I met new people, made friends, and learned more about God our Father and the living Word.

During the four days interval, as a team leader, I had the pleasure to have close and active interactions with my team members: Samya, Wangkheyong, Bro. Benjamo, Bro. Ningsang and Bro. Imti. As a competing team, we were a force to be reckoned with, and the variety of group activities and lessons we shared together added liveliness and fun to the sessions.

I thank God for their lives and for the lives of the speakers and especially those who worked tirelessly and because of whom we had a comfortable stay at a beautiful destination. Words cannot suffice how thankful I am to the Lord for His unconditional love and faithfulness. Through and during the camp, God reminded me of His great power, something I direly needed to be reminded of, and the endless hope He provides through the price He paid for us, once and for all. As a child of God, my faith only strengthens as I rely on Him for sustenance. I was made to praise and worship Christ my Saviour and there is nothing sweeter than to trust in the Lord! May the peace and hope He gives be upon you! God bless you!

Hello,

I am Deepu Lama, Team Leader of VIRTUOUS group.

Virtuous group was the winner of the camp, WOOHOO! By the way, our group had it in the bag from the beginning, just kidding. Jokes aside, I give all the credit to God and the team members.

What a team! I feel blessed to have known such wonderful God-loving people. We got to know each other, learned from each other's life experiences, also how to live in Christ and how not to lose hope in God. My experience in camp was excellent. I had a great time listening to the speakers and also had a wonderful time during the praise and worship. I would like to thank NCF Mumbai, starting from Pastor, Camp Directors, YWAM ministry, families, and the campers. Thank you for the short but memorable moments.

TEAM VIRTUOUS

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Isaiah 43:18-19

*"Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old.
Behold, I am doing a new thing..."*

Thank you!!!

The **hymn** penned down by Thomas O. Chisholm, "**Great is Thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see; All I have needed Thy hand hath provided— "Great is Thy faithfulness," Lord, unto me!"** is so apt reminiscing what God has done for us. God is indeed so faithful and He has provided all our needs, infact more than what we needed especially for the recently concluded Church's Annual Camp.

NCF Mumbai owes an enormous debt of gratitude to those without whom our Annual Camp would not have been possible; **the Core Leaders, Pastoral Team, NCF Families, Working Youths and Students (all the church members)** for all your immeasurable love and support for our church and for making our Annual Camp possible.

We also extend our sincere thanks to all the Camp Directors namely: **Mrs. Alum Raikhan, Mrs. Lanbangliu Lulu Kamei, Redinokdang Lemtur** and all the **Organizing Committee members** for their amazing leadership roles played and the responsibilities shouldered for the success of the camp.

Our special heartfelt thanks go to all the Camp Speakers namely: **Rev. Lipokatang Phom, Dr. Sunita Noronha, Rev. Niranjan Noronha, Dr. Zubeno Kithan** for blessing us through God's Words and for sharing your valuable knowledge with us. Thank you all for bringing us closer to God.

We truly acknowledge and extend our gratefulness to **VIMUKH Worship Team Pune led by Miss Bijita Boro** for leading Praise and Worship throughout the camp. We praise God for all of you!

Our profound thanks and gratitude go to all the **Group Leaders and all the Campers** for your valuable suggestions, ideas and creativity. Your active participation, willingness and availability have made our camp so beautiful and a memorable one.

We also express our deep appreciation to **Miss Shilpa, Mr. Immanuel and other friends from YWAM Lonavala**, who have willingly helped us by investing your life, time and knowledge in the precious lives of our little Sunday School children.

We would like to acknowledge our indebtedness to all the **families, individuals and well-wishers** who have selflessly and generously contributed towards the camp and for covering us through your fervent prayers. NCF Mumbai is eternally grateful to **Kohima Phom Baptist Church** for their massive generosity for the Camp.

We wish to extend our sincere thanks to all the **staff and students of YWAM Lonavala** for allowing us to have our Annual Camp at the YWAM base and also for all the immense help and support extended to us to make our camp possible.

Though we, as a church, fail to mention all of your names in particular and acknowledge and to thank you all individually, God knows each one of you and what you have done for Him.

Above all, everything to the One (God) the source of everything- all the praise goes to Him!
May God's choicest blessings be upon all of you.



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CAMP SPEAKERS

*From Left: Rev. Nirnanjan Noronha,
Dr. Sunita, Dr. Zubeno Kithan,
Pastor Hamyan & Rev. Lipokatang Phom*



Camp Directors



Vimukh Worship Team, Pune



First Team arriving at Camp Site for Preparation



Camp's Stage



VIMUKH Worship Team leading us Praise and Worship on the first night



Team Leaders reviewing every night after day's activities



Campers



NCF Mumbai Families



Barbeque time at Bonfire

God Moves In Our Worship



Group Sessions



Competing Teams

Team VIRTUOUS



Team HONESTY



Team DIVINE



Team NOBLE



Team EXCELLENCE



Team UPRIGHT



Team Unity Through Sports



Teamwise One Act Play Competition



They were crowned as the Best Campers



This Little Light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine

"But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light"

1 Peter 2:9

One Body in Christ amidst cultural diversity



📢 UPCOMING EVENTS 📢

15 August (Tuesday) 2023 - NCF Mumbai Monsoon Trekking at Sondai Fort near Karjat
9 September (Saturday) 2023 - Fete Day in Aid of NCFM Annual Discipleship Camp
19-21 (Saturday-Monday) October, 2023 - NCFM Annual Discipleship Camp

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