

JOEL LAZARUS MINISTRIES

♦ May, 2025



From Glory to Glory: Living in the New Covenant

Dear Friends and Kingdom Family,

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ! We thank God for His steadfast love and the ever-increasing glory that He reveals in our lives through the Holy Spirit. As we continue to press forward in faith and mission, I wanted to share a word from 2 Corinthians 3:7–18 that has deeply stirred my heart this month.

The Apostle Paul draws a powerful contrast in 2 Corinthians 3:7–18 between the old covenant, written on tablets of stone, and the new covenant, written on our hearts by the Spirit of God. Though the old covenant came with glory—so much so that Moses' face shone—it was a fading glory. But the new covenant brings ever-increasing glory, and it does not fade.

Paul reminds us that under the old covenant, there was a veil—both physical and spiritual—that kept people from fully seeing or understanding the purpose of God. That veil still remains for many when the law is read, but "whenever anyone turns to the Lord Jesus, the veil is taken away" (v.16).

What an amazing truth! In Christ, we no longer live in shadows or under the fear of the law. We now live in freedom —"where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom" (v.17). And as we behold the Lord's glory, we are being transformed into His image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Spirit. This is not just a theological concept—it is the reality of our Christian walk. The Spirit is constantly working in us to reveal more of Christ, to free us from the chains of performance, guilt, and condemnation, and to shape us to reflect His glory to the world.

Reflection for Us Today

- Are we still living under an old mindset trying to earn God's approval?
- Are we letting the Spirit remove the veils that prevent us from seeing the fullness of who Jesus is?
- Are we being transformed daily as we fix our eyes on Jesus?

The new covenant invites us to live unveiled, with boldness, intimacy, and transformation. Let us be a people who walk in that freedom and radiate the glory of Christ in everything we do.

In Closing

Let us continue to grow from glory to glory as we abide in Christ. May our lives reflect His image more brightly with each passing day. And as we are transformed, may we be agents of transformation in our communities and families.

Thank you for your faithful support and prayers. Together, let us press on toward the high calling in Christ Jesus!

With love and blessings

Evangelist Joel Lazarus

"...We all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory..." – 2 Corinthians 3:18





Calgary

April was a month filled with divine appointments and the tangible presence of God. I was honoured to minister at the **Billy Graham Association Head Office Chapel Service** in Calgary—a humbling moment to stand and preach where many giants of faith have poured out their hearts. From there, I had the joy of ministering at **Maranatha Life Church**, which is part of the same spiritual family. What made it even more special was the spontaneous Tamil-language praise and



worship session we organized with very little notice. Yet, 21 adults and children showed up with open hearts and lifted hands at Pas. Suresh' house.

From Friday Morning through to Sunday morning (11-14th), I minstred in worship and the Word in houses and church—and truly, the Lord met us powerfully in each session.



Hamilton Ministry

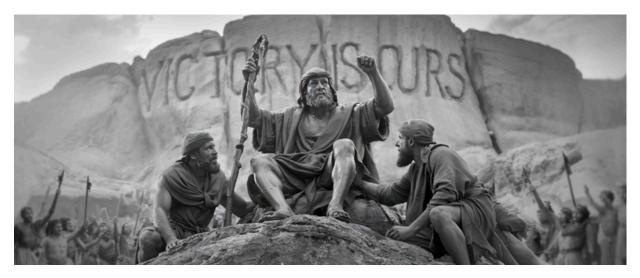
Later in the month, from April 25th to 27th, I traveled to Hamilton to minister at Church Underground during their fasting and prayer weekend. It was a rich time of seeking the Lord together. I was especially grateful to be joined by Brother Reji, whose partnership in ministry added a unique strength and depth to our time there. We felt the hunger of God's people as we pressed in for breakthrough, healing, and spiritual renewal. It's always moving hands lifted high, and hearts laid bare before the Lord.



Monthly Worship Night

On Saturday the 26th, we also held our monthly worship gathering—this time in a cozy studio setting. The atmosphere was intimate, the worship sincere, and the Spirit of God moved among us. These moments remind me why we do what we do—not for crowds or applause, but for encounters with Jesus that change lives. I am continually amazed by His faithfulness and deeply thankful for those who pray, give, and serve alongside us. All glory belongs to Him!





Ephesians 6:19 (NIV)

"Pray also for me, that whenever I speak, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel."



🙏 Prayer Request – May 2025

Dear friends and ministry partners,

As we enter this new month, we are stepping out in faith into new territory—beginning our Podcast and YouTube production to expand the reach of the Gospel and share spirit-filled teachings and testimonies. Please pray for God's wisdom, creative direction, and provision as we prepare content and set up the necessary resources. We believe this will be a powerful tool to inspire, equip, and reach people far and wide.

We also deeply value your prayers for my health and for my family's strength, protection, and unity as we serve together. Ministry is a beautiful calling, but it also comes with spiritual warfare and physical demands. Please continue

to cover every branch of our ministry in prayer —from children's outreach and evangelism to publications, training, and our worship gatherings. We long to see God's heart revealed in all we do. Lastly, we invite you to lift up our upcoming Monthly Worship Night on May 31st. Pray that it will be a night marked by God's presence, healing, and breakthrough. Ask the Lord for His provision, guidance, and wisdom as we prepare the space, the team, and the hearts that will gather. We desire nothing less than for Jesus to be exalted and for lives to be touched by His glory.

Thank you for walking this journey with us. Your prayers are a lifeline, and your partnership is a blessing we do not take for granted.

In Christ's love, Joel Lazarus

Prayer Point

- Please pray for the launch of our Podcast and YouTube ministry for God's wisdom, creative direction, the right team, and financial provision.
- Pray for Joel's health and God's protection, strength, and unity over his family.
- . Cover all branches of Joel Lazarus Ministries in prayer including children's outreach, evangelism, publications, worship nights, and training programs.
- Please pray specifically for our upcoming Monthly Worship Night on May 31st:
 - That God's presence would fill the room.
 - For hearts to be open and lives to be transformed.
 - o For all needed provision, resources, and guidance as we prepare.
 - Keep the evening free and join us if you're nearby let's worship together!



Keep Your Day Free (May 31st - 2025)

We invite you to lift up our upcoming Monthly **Night of Worship** on May 31st in prayer. We're believing for **a powerful move of God** as we gather to worship Him in spirit and in truth. We warmly encourage you to mark your calendars and keep the evening free. Let's come together to exalt Jesus and create space for His glory to touch lives.

<u>The address is : 4500, Shepherd avenue East, Scarborough (UNIT 113)</u>





Send your Prayer Requests

Prayer is our lifeline to God—it's how we communicate with Him, align our hearts with His will, and invite His presence and power into our lives. Throughout His ministry, Jesus modeled a life of consistent prayer and taught His disciples to do the same. Prayer deepens our relationship with God, brings peace in the midst of challenges, and reminds us that we are never alone in our journey.

There is also tremendous power in united prayer. When believers come together in agreement, God moves in powerful ways. As Jesus said in Matthew 18:19–20 (NIV): "Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them." This is why we encourage you to share your prayer needs with us. Our dedicated prayer team is here to stand with you in faith, believing for breakthrough, healing, and the fulfillment of God's promises in your life.

If you have a prayer request, we invite you to reach out to us. You can email us at <u>joellazarusministries@gmail.com</u> or connect through our website at <u>www.joellazarusministries.org</u>. No matter what you're facing, know that you are not alone—we are here to pray with you and for you.

Thank you for reading!