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Report of Annual C.N.C.F Annual Joshua Youth conference 2024

C.N.C.F Annual Joshua Youth conference was held in Colombo on the 5th of August, 2024. The main theme of this conference is **To be a Witness**. About 150 young people from various parts of Sri Lanka participated in this conference. The program consisted of various elements including worship time, games, and sermons.

The Youth Conference was inaugurated by the welcoming speech delivered by Pas. Nayomi Ratnasekera. Then Sister Nilanthi leads the opening prayer. Meanwhile, during the worship service, the youth glorified God's name by singing hymns to Him, clapping, dancing, and singing. During this time of worship, the youth also experienced the Spirit and power of God.

After that, Brother Niroshan addressed the young people. There he shared his life experiences with him. After completing his education, he started working as a waiter in a private hotel and became a successful person. He devoted himself to performing his service there honestly. As time passed, he left the institution and started working for a shipping company. As a young man from a very low-income family background, he had to face various challenges in that world. Through all those challenges, God was with him, guiding him, and enabling him to do his service well with His grace. As a result, after many years, he was promoted to the position of General Manager of the institution. He has now left that company and started his own shipping company. He ended his speech by asking everyone to take advantage of the little opportunity God has given you. When you faithfully fulfill it, God will use you to do great things. His testimony was both fascinating and challenging for all present.

Next, Brother Dumin began to share his experiences with the youth. He expressed his experiences of the relationships he had at that age and the impact those relationships had on his life. The desires that arise in youth create obstacles to building the right relationship. Through the breakdown of those relationships, he even has to face various addictions. Although he has done many things to get rid of those addictions, today, thanks to the grace of Jesus, he is free from them and is living a good life. Therefore, he shared that when we choose a partner, it is very important to first find out if he is also a Christian.

Message of Rev. K.Yohan Asiri.

William Arnot, a distinguished Scottish pastor in the last century, put the matter this way: “To every true Christian these two things may be said: You have need of Christ and Christ has need of you.” He then adds this thought: “The simple fact that a Christian is on earth and not in heaven, is proof that there is something for him here to do; and if he is not doing it, the neglect shows either that he is not yet a Christian or that he is a Christian who grieves Christ.”

What is it that God left you on earth to do? Let me put the matter another way. What is it that we can do on earth that we can't do in heaven? We can sing on earth and we can sing in heaven. We can pray on earth and we can pray in heaven. We can fellowship with other believers on earth and we will certainly fellowship with them in heaven. The list could be lengthened. But when you think about it, there is one main thing you can do on earth that you will never do in heaven: You can tell a lost sinner about Jesus Christ. There will be no sinners in heaven, so if you're going to tell them the Good News, you've got to do it while you're here on earth.

We are God's Witnesses

Just before he returned to heaven, Jesus explained to his disciples what they were to do after his departure. What he said to them, he also says to us. He left us on the earth that we might be his witnesses. In heaven there will be no witnesses because in heaven seeing is believing. There the Lamb will be the light and he will need no lesser lights, but in this dark world we are the only light he has. On earth we are his witnesses. He does not send angels to proclaim his name and he does not write the gospel in lightning across the skies. He uses people like us to convince other people like us to believe in him. We are God's witnesses—his evidence if you will—to convince an unbelieving world. If we do not do our part, God has no other plan.

Listen to the words of Jesus in Acts 1:8 as he imparts this truth to his followers: But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

Acts 1:8 emphasizes two things we need to know: 1) The Holy Spirit empowers disciples, and 2) Spirit-filled disciples witness about Jesus around the world. It is the first point we need to emphasize for just a moment. Our greatest need today is not for political power but for the power of the Holy Spirit. Political power can change leaders but it can't change hearts. It can win an election but it can't save a life. It can pass righteous laws—or repeal unrighteous ones—but it can't make men righteous. Politics cannot change the way people think because it touches the outside of life. Only the Holy Spirit can change hearts, restore families and save an entire nation from destruction.

With the end of this sermon, the young people entered into a time of worship where they once again committed their lives to God.

Afterwards, Hon. Bishop Dr. S. Janaka Kumarathunga (Founder & President Ceylon National Christian Federation) addressed the audience and thanked everyone present and wished them well for their future endeavors. The youth conference ended after he offered the final prayer and expressed his gratitude.





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