

POEMS OF THE MONTH

Human puzzles.

Simon Zachariah

I found many people around me
All different sizes, shapes, and colors
God told me to build a beautiful world!
I said: "they don't align, not identical.

He said: "They are the part of this world;
Work with them, put together
It takes time! They all have their places."
Soon I found, forming families, friends.

Now I am busy doing puzzles all the time.
Building communities, and groups.
Don't you want to try doing puzzles?
Build a support group for a good cause!

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- സൈമൺ സഖറിയ

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"And I know He watches me"-
-Joe Uthup.



Channels of Glory –
Letter from Dr. Simon Zachariah

This time I want to talk about ‘Caring’. I know of some fathers who always take time to care for their families. The important part of caring is to know all about the members of the team. If you are a leader of a family or a group, your caring should start from ‘knowing’. You should know your team members, their abilities, and disabilities, strength, and weaknesses and so on. Secondly, you should know the situations. Situations of the resources and future expectations. Thirdly you should be aware of the fact that without your team member’s cooperation, you cannot win as a leader. I know few fathers who know their children well. They know their needs and they know their resources. So they always give priorities to save and live frugal lives. But if any of their children need anything important, they won’t hesitate to borrow resources and fulfill the needs of their children. When they go on a camping trip,

they prepare a list of things to carry, prepare a list of things to do. The family members will be fast asleep in the car, but a caring father will be alert all the time. When anyone unexpectedly needs anything, either he would have carried it with him or he will be able to improvise something to fulfill the need. When the father is away from home, everyone will be more cautious to do anything. But the caring fathers will not stay away from his family for long periods of time and if he has to go away for some reason, he will make sure to call home and give them guidance and assurance that he is always available to them.

I know of some children who are very caring towards their parents. When the parents are weak and old, the children know that their parents need help from them. They often purchase things which parents might want and might need. They often check on them, chat with them, spend time with them and assure them that they are available to parents. They avoid arguments, and difference of opinions. Such parents will be always proud of their children and bless them and brag about them.

I know some caring neighbors. They have freedom from other families to visit whenever they want. They spend time together in chit chatting, praying, sharing their worries about their families and friends. They even have the freedom to correct each other’s children because they spend time and resources to provide them. I still remember my neighbor uncle and aunt, who played with us, and cherished all our achievements. Whenever we had unexpected visitors, sometimes our mom

will send us to borrow curry and food ingredients from that ‘Kochamma’. Many times she will know our need and send us food through the back door of our house so that the guests wouldn’t know the caring act of an unselfish neighbor.

In the same way, our daily helpers of the household also cared for us and we cared for them too. It is our duty to care for one another. That’s what God want us to do. We should know the needs of others and should be willing to offer help. Through the folk story of the ‘Ant and the pigeon’ we teach our children how we need to mutually help each other. The pigeon saves the life of a drowning ant by dropping a leaf from above. Many days later, the ant saves the life of the pigeon by biting the feet of a hunter who was aiming to kill the pigeon.

All these caring behaviors reminds me of our heavenly Father who cares for us always. He knows us even before we were born, and He knows all our future needs and wants. Like our earthly father He sometimes surprises us by showering a lot of blessings.

I remember a story of a mother and her son. Both of them were outside their house enjoying the spring weather. Actually both of them were far apart doing different things. Suddenly a bee came towards the child and he cried out aloud and ran towards his mother. At the same time, mother ran towards the child and chased the bee away! Even though both of them were far away, they were aware of the presence of each other quite well. In the same way, a child of God should be aware of God’s presence and His caring all the time.