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## DEVOTIONAL THOUGHT

*“Save me, for I am yours; I have sought out your precepts.”*

Psalm 119:94

As my children were growing up, one of my sayings to them when they did not feel like doing something was, “even if you don’t feel like it...” The same is true in our spiritual journey. We all struggle with spiritual discouragement. Some days our circumstances discourage us enough that we struggle just to pray. Other times, we don’t feel like doing the things we know we need to or should.

This is one of the reasons I like the book of Psalms. David, the shepherd and king, faced times like these in his life. The Psalms are filled with verses that express his discouragement and despair. Yet, the Psalms also give us the key to living victoriously during dark periods of life.

Psalm 119:89-95, *“Forever, O LORD, your word is settled in heaven. Your faithfulness continues throughout all generations; You established the earth, and it stands. They stand this day according to Your ordinances...”* My circumstances or feelings of discouragement have not changed God. He is the same God today as He was when He created the world, led the Israelites through the Red Sea, and fed the five thousand.

*“For all things are Your servants...”* All things, even the things affecting me right now, are God’s servants. The circumstance, people, and events around me are all under God. They are His servants, designed to help and bless me spiritually.

*“If Your law had not been my delight, then I would have perished in my affliction. I will never forget Your precepts, for by them You have revived me. I am Yours, save me; For I have sought Your precepts. The wicked wait for me to destroy me; I shall diligently consider Your testimonies.”* Remembering God’s faithfulness and control over everything gives us strength to walk with God even when we feel like giving up. After all, our feelings and circumstances have not changed God. He is perfectly capable of sustaining us if we will only let Him. We simply need to choose to delight in and diligently consider God’s precepts despite how we feel. Choosing to delight in God might not be easy. It might even involve hard work. But only God can truly encourage and revive us.

Next time you feel spiritually drained or discouraged, remember that you have a choice. You can choose to draw your strength from an unchanging God who loves you. Will you choose to trust Him today?

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### Stay In-the-Loop

Facebook	@ Illinois Conference of Seventh-day Adventists
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Conference Address	619 Plainfield Rd Willowbrook IL 60527

## I KNOW SOMETHING GOOD ABOUT...

. . . Pastor David Kokiong was ordained to the Gospel Ministry this past Sabbath at the Hinsdale Fil-Am church. Congratulations, Elder Kokiong!

## NEWS

### Mental Health Counselor

Last year, thanks to a grant from the Center of Conflict Resolution, the Illinois Conference was able to provide a mental health counselor to our schools and students. I am very pleased to announce that this mental health support will continue during the 2021-2022 school. I want to welcome Dr. Jerry Pine to our team! He is a licensed Clinical Counselor and a Board-Certified Behavior Analyst. He also has an Ed.S. in School Psychology and an M.Div from Andrews University. He was introduced to our teachers yesterday at the end-of-the-year training day. I am thankful for Dr. Jerry's willingness to serve. I know he will be a blessing to our schools.



### Camp Akita Summer Camp 2021

Our theme this year is "See a Victory". We want to let you know that as we come back together, safety is our top priority. Parents-- you can read and review our COVID-19 Summer Camp Guidelines detailed in our 2021 Parent Pack.

Space is limited, so visit our website, [campakita.com](http://campakita.com), or contact the Youth Department by phone or email at (630) 716-3555 or [youth@ilcsda.org](mailto:youth@ilcsda.org)

## DID YOU KNOW...

. . . Father's Day was not immediately accepted when it was proposed, and it did not become a national holiday in the U.S. until 1972 during President Richard Nixon's administration.

## RESOURCES

### **Mission at Home Medical Clinic - Coming Soon!**

The clinic is free and open to the public. Families and children are welcome!

AMITA Health's healing mission is to extend care to all people, especially those in our local communities. It's a way to fulfill the mission at home, directly to those who need medical care but can't afford it. Join AMITA Health to receive free medical services, including: COVID-19 Vaccinations, Dental exams (adults and children), Dermatology, Diabetes and Nutrition Education, Laboratory screenings: glucose, urinalysis and pregnancy, Orthopedics, Pediatrics, Pharmacy: Free medication (based on medical exam at event), Physical Therapy, Primary Care: school/sports, physicals (immunizations not included), Podiatry, and more:

When: June 19th from 8-am -5p.

Where: Glendale Heights Sports Hub, 250 Civic Centre Plaza, Glendale Heights, IL 60139

Pre-registration is preferred to ensure an appointment time. On-site registration will be available but available times may be limited. Register online at [amitahealth.org/missionathome](https://amitahealth.org/missionathome) or call 855.MyAMITA.

### **Adventist Review TV**

Did you know that the Adventist Review has a new platform with new content? Check out Adventist Review TV at [artvnow.com](https://artvnow.com)

### **World Church Days of Prayer and Fasting**

World Church Days of Prayer and Fasting: July 3, 2021 and October 2, 2021, January 1, 2022 and April 2, 2022. Find program materials at [revivalandreformation.org/prayerdays](https://revivalandreformation.org/prayerdays)

### **Cactusville VBS Digital Kit**

Introducing the Cactusville VBS Digital Kit, created by NAD Children's Ministries.

Welcome to Cactusville, one of the most adventurous towns in the Southwest! Cactusville is a mining town tucked away in the desert where the sun is always shining, the skies are bright blue, and the peaks of the surrounding mountains look like broken spurs. Yee-haw!

Kids will experience a rip roarin' good time while learning that they are called by God. They are called to be unconditionally loved and accepted, whoever they are. They will see how they can accept and live out this calling while enjoying Bible treasure huntin' Cactusville adventures!

This virtual kit includes everything you need to lead Cactusville VBS. Whether you are leading this program on Zoom or in person, with one person or multiple people on stage, it comes with all the resources you'll need.

Learn more at: <https://www.adventistvbs.org>

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— EGW, Adventist Home, p.421

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