

Revival News



European Monthly Report

March 2024



HOSEA 6 verse 3 *Then shall we know, if we follow on to know the LORD: his going forth is prepared as the morning; and he shall come unto us as the rain, as the latter and former rain unto the earth.*

Spring has sprung! And it's not just about rain, daffodils and blossoms... we've had some very exciting events around the assemblies in Europe and the UK. On pages 4 & 5, read full reports about the Hungary Spring camp and Irish Rally.

Above: Spring camp, Hungary; Below: Irish rally

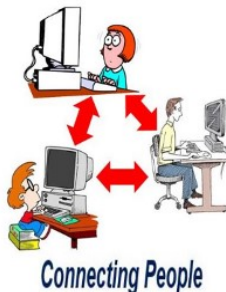


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Rotterdam convention May 9-12

UK convention May 31—June 3

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Editorial: Choices.

God made mankind in his own image? What does that mean?

I believe it means we have a free will, ability to choose. Masters of our own destiny.

This could well be the main reason why God is so opposed to (other?) religions. Mostly they deny this ability to choose, they teach that everyone has a destiny, decided by the gods. (Jackie Chan “preaches” this in his movies)

It’s a bit like your life is like a train, as driver you might have influence on the speed but not on where it is going, it’s sitting on rails.

Destiny is the buzzword in most religions, 203,000,000 hits on Google, many referring to the computer game “Destiny”

Recently I came across a story in a book, dealing with this “free will” (ability to choose one’s destiny) and decided to investigate this from a biblical point of view. Normally we won’t accept any authority from other books than the Bible so if we come across certain concepts we need to see what the Bible has to say about this.

So we go back to the beginning, when God created mankind.

Ge 1:26 And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over ...

27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

28 And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over...

Next, we can read the account of how God formed (not created!) Adam and

how Eve was “taken out” of Adam.

In the first verses

of Gen 4 we read of the first human conflict, the individual responsibilities and possibilities.

For example: Ge 4:7 If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted? And if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door. And unto thee [shall be] his desire, and thou shalt rule over him.

The first part of this verse talks about choice, doing well or not doing well. Then it goes on about sin as an entity and how “thou shalt rule over him” almost as an automatic promise, “It’s your destiny” Now we know that in verse 8, the very

next verse, Cain killed his brother Abel so he certainly, absolutely did NOT “rule over sin” It’s more like the opposite, at that point in his life, sin ruled over him!

So, let’s investigate the last part of verse 7 further and see whether this is indeed a promise (fixed destiny) or whether it’s up to the individual to determine where they will end up.

There are several quite different translations for this verse, let look at them and then at the original Hebrew text.

The KJV Bible says: “thou shalt rule over him”

The Dutch SVV follows the KJV (translated)

The American Standard Bible says: “but do thou rule over it”

The Hungarian translation we use follows the Am. Std. Bible, “But you must master it”

In German there are different translations, the Luther Bible, we use most in Swiss and Germany says: (herrsche über sie), translated it means “rule over him”, it’s like an order, “just do it!”

There is version of the German Elberfelder Bible that says (du kannst über sie herrschen) “you are able to rule over him”.

So, there seem to be two, quite different, thoughts on what this scripture means. The one of them is that “ruling over sin” is an automatic outcome and the other is that “ruling over sin” is a choice we can make (or not make) making our end destiny solely a product of our own responsibility.

Now let’s look at the original Hebrew text:

וְאָלֶיךָ	תְּשׁוּבָתוֹ	וְאַתָּה	תִּמְשָׁל	בּוֹ	:
u·ali·k	thshuqth·u	u·athe	thmshl	- b·u	:
and-to-you	impulse-of-him	and-you	you-are-ruling	in-him	

The key word here is, as we can see, “thmshl”, pronounced “Timshel” and here the translators have made it that Cain already ruled sin. Of course this was not the case, after all, he killed his brother as described in the next verse. Now, why make such a big deal about this?

Remember, this story at the very beginning of the Bible should without doubt determine whether mankind has a say in its ultimate destiny or not, quite important, for sure.

So we turn to the process of “Midrash”.

Quote: Midrash is the process of interpreting and explaining the biblical text developed by the rabbis of the Talmud. Their midrashim can be found in the Talmud and were also collected in various anthologies. But the process of midrash continued throughout the centuries and continues today.

Now none of us are Hebrew scholars or Rabbis so we can only take their word for this but this is their conclusion:

The word “timshel” is, in fact, second person imperfect, which refers to an act that has not yet occurred.

The conclusion: the word timshel should be understood to mean “thou mayest rule over it.”

Putting all of this together, the last bit fits perfectly in what we understand of the principle of the Bible and the gospel in particular. Through the Holy Spirit we get the power to rule sin. This is the glory of God’s creation, mankind in His image.

The ability to decide, to choose right or wrong.

That way, God can never get any blame for where our end is going to be. We can never blame anybody for our sins.

So It’s ALL our own responsibility. Our God- given

free will, our ability to choose.

Awesome.

Have fun,
Ps Piet Visser



Heard from the platform:

- Faith is the action to the fear reaction.
- God know all of our needs and will supply.
- The Holy Spirit is our uninterrupted power supply.
- The Lord is always in the right place at the right time to uphold us.
- Never forget there is much more than just this life. Eternity awaits.
- Don’t ever sideline God, it is unwise.
- Have you multiplied your talents?
- We all have a role in the fellowship.
- Do we keep our new life new?
- God responds to faith, not doubt.
- Remember, there is no more “I can’t do that” situation in your life—fantastic.

Revival across Europe and the UK

Baptisms in March: 3 in Czech, 1 in Ireland, 9 in the Netherlands, 4 in the UK



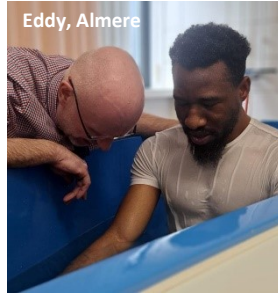
West London



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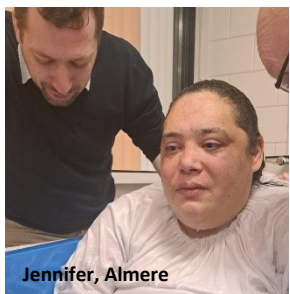
Matthea, Almere



Eddy, Almere



Abigail, Almere



Jennifer, Almere



Felix, Almere



Dave, Liverpool



Stella, Liverpool

ROMANS 6 : 4
Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.



Lenka, Czech



Nicky, Czech



Jana, Czech



Erik, Rotterdam



Lesley, Rotterdam



Soufyane, Rotterdam



Cristina, Rotterdam



John, Ireland

Theme events in March

Superheroes were spotted in Almere, and the Rotterdam saints took a trip back to the fab 50s!



Spring Camp, Hungary



Spring Camp in the last days of March was everything a camp should be: diverse talks around a very relevant theme, many testimonies of the power of God, quality time in fellowship, catching up with brethren from other assemblies, learning, serving and fun in a relaxing Hungarian countryside environment.

Steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding - the words of Paul, our camp theme, remind us how in times when many go through hardships, we must aim at not only surviving but overcoming and abounding. Camp was attended by 138 saints at its peak (81 Hungary, 36 Holland, 17 Czech, 2 Switzerland, 1 Australia, 1 Singapore). We heard a presentation on world-wide revival, did an outreach and took communion together on Sunday. There was even more fellowship before and after camp and now we continue strengthened and inspired.

Revival Fellowship Hungary



Camp grounds and fellowship hall



Pastor Nigel



Camp oversight meeting



Sunday meeting



Testimony

Heard from the platform at Spring camp:

- There's war going on for the soul of each person - be sharp and alert.
- We need to be here to strengthen unity.
- Don't get bored with changing.
- There's no alternative to overcoming: surviving = overcoming.
- Overcoming is not an option! We cannot be stubborn if we wish to overcome.
- Basic principle: the stronger overcomes the weaker: with the Lord we're the stronger.
- Keep yourself motivated and inspired: a wounded spirit can be deadly.
- Discipline is sometimes needed before you can get motivated.
- Missing out even one day in doing our job can result in losing people.
- With longsuffering and fortitude we are helping save souls.
- There's joy in believing, and signs & miracles follow.
- The best insurance is doing the work of the Lord.
- We are a lighthouse: warn of danger and shine a light that guides to safety. We need inside discipline or never switch off the light.
- Know who you are and remain stable in uncertain times: then you can help others. Do not fear what you see with your eyes or hear with your ears—be an example.
- Stand up and be ready to fight for what is right.
- Whatever happens, don't get bitter!
- Our new life is not an update of our old life.
- Man tries to enforce his own opinion, but it's God's that is important.
- Look at what we are bringing into the fellowship and make sure it is not from the world.
- What do we need to overcome personally to bring glory to the Lord?

Irish Rally, Tralee

Greetings from Ireland. We have had a busy and exciting month as we were preparing for a rally over the Easter Weekend which was supported by about 17 saints from the UK.

The Rally's Theme was 'Come and hear how God can undo your heavy burdens', based on Matthew 11:28-30. Leading up to the Rally we went door knocking in nearby housing estates and we also went outreaching before the communion meeting each week. We advertised the rally to commence on Thursday, 28th and finish on Saturday 30th (morning). We held evening meetings on the Thursday and Friday, in a room that we have been hiring in a Youth Centre which is centrally located in Tralee. This Youth Centre is a place which is well renowned in the local community too.

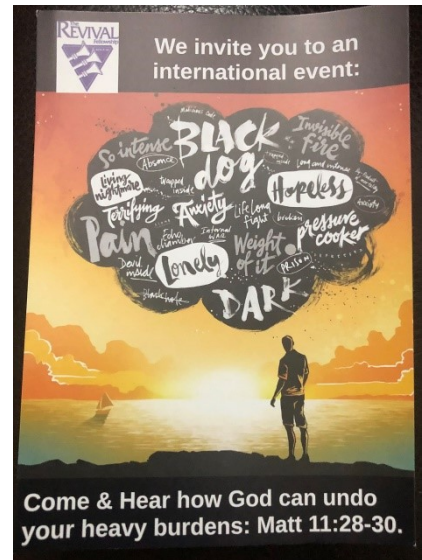
Each afternoon, we met in the centre for prayer and a Bible nugget of encouragement, before heading out to go outreaching. We split up into Door Knocking Teams and Street outreaching, which included a local park which is across from the Youth Centre. After the outreaching, we came together in a local restaurant for dinner before the evening meeting. The evening meetings consisted of 3 Testimonies and 3 Talks and on the final Saturday morning we had a musical outreach before the communion meeting.



Outreach

Over the course of the three days we had 5 observers come along. One man, John, was spoken to during a door knock, our sister approached him as he was returning to his house, after being at a 'play on the crucifixion'. She asked him had he received the holy spirit since he believed, he said 'no' so she immediately asked if he wanted to pray to receive the holy spirit, which he agreed to. Our brethren then prayed with him in plain sight in his front garden, he received the

Holy Spirit quite quickly as he spoke in tongues. He came to the evening meeting and then got baptised. It was very exciting to see the Lord's hand on everything, John has been coming along since. Praise the Lord.



Heard from the platform at the Rally:

Testimonies: *Healings of social anxiety; non Hodgkins Lymphoma Cancer; a progressive healing of an autistic son; healing from anger towards God after a death; instant healing of sore throat; amazing protection during a flight when an oxygen tank exploded on-board and healing of a broken heart.*

Talks:

- "We were once darkness but God made us children of the 'light' - light is something that makes us see but also the fact that we've been made light because Jesus lifts our burdens",
- "The Lord encourages us to fight the good faith and defend the gospel, use the scriptures as our defence",
- "People can ask 'why do bad things happen in the world'? In the old testament God demonstrated His love by sending messengers to preach to them but because mankind despised God's word, they were left to their own devices but then through His son, God shows His compassion by giving them another remedy, another way back through the Holy Spirit".
- "The world can come crashing against us but the Lord is our stronghold", "Jesus is Hope and wants to complete our life",
- "The world is set up to drown us with excess of information but the Lord leads us by the still waters, where we can drink and understand and be at peace".
- "There are people who are interested in the truth and those who just want to spoil it; appeal to people who love the truth!". "Being spirit filled we are not immune to the things in life, but God gives us a way out!"
- "When you consider Jonah, the people in the boat tried to save him on their own strength, but in the end it was God who did it",
- "Have the mindset of being thankful i.e.. The garment of praise",
- "Learn of Jesus and enter into the rest", "Would you rather drink from a stagnant pool or a flowing waterfall? Keep moving in the Lord!".



Pastor Anthony & Rachael with John

We finished off the weekend with our UK brethren by having a young people's meeting in one of the air B&B's on the Sunday afternoon; where we heard testimonies and short talks. It was such a great way to end a fantastic weekend. We are very grateful for the support from our UK brethren!! We look forward to more good things happening soon!!

Revival Fellowship Ireland



Meeting

The Revival Fellowship in:

Almere

Preaching the word, being instant in season, out of season resulted in 5 people being born again this month. We are grateful to see that people turn their ears away from fables and listen to the Truth.

"Hero's" was the theme of our Kids & NextGen night. Dressing up as all kinds of heroes (just for fun), Jesus is the One and Only, saving souls as we heard in talks, testimonies, and items about it. A couple with three kids came to visit, the Truth was truly obvious to them. Hopefully, it will move them one day, taking steps to obey the word of God.



Youngies & very youngies, Almere

A presentation about the 7 churches in the book of Revelation, revealed to us encouragement and warnings how we should or shouldn't walk in the Lord. Prayer and fast is always an effective way to overcome things and see signs, wonders and miracles. At this time a sister got a diagnosis of thyroid dysfunction which indicated an autoimmune disease according to blood tests. After the prayer and fast weekend, new blood tests and the scan revealed that there was no presence of autoimmune disease or cancerous cells. God is truly a miracle-working God! A combined international meeting with Suriname was very uplifting seeing that the word of God is the same everywhere. We heard very encouraging talks, testimonies, and nice items. Some brethren travelled to Hungary for the spring camp and got home inspired by talks and testimonies they had heard there.

We look forward to doing something new next month, to initiate more revival as we are all about this plan of God!

Bristol

We moved into our new location permanently this month, and the memorably-named 'Fear Hall' has very

quickly felt like home. Now that we're located at the end of a busy high street, it was great to be able to outreach right outside our hall and point out to people exactly where we are. We had a new few visitors from last month coming to several meetings and pray that we continue to see the in the future.

A day of prayer & fasting in March focused on the theme of Our Walk with Christ, and it was uplifting to see all the ways in which the Lord encourages and strengthens and teaches us through every situation. Our greatest blessing this month was in the recovery of our sister Wendy. While in hospital her kidneys at one stage were at 2% of normal function. The family was being told to prepare for dialysis or death. The assembly was constant in prayer, as were prayers made in fellowships across the UK. Not only did Wendy's kidney function recover from near-total failure, she was able to return home from hospital ahead of schedule.

We rejoice in the power, grace and goodness of God. Whatever the prognosis and predictions of the world, we have greater promises in Christ!

Czech Republic

One Saturday night during fellowship at the Campbells, Dan shared his experiences from his trip to Australia. What amazing testimonies we heard of saving peoples lives. Praise the Lord. The next week Ps. Olda and Eva left for a two month trip to the brethren in Australia. We also had a Saturday activity with cooking workshops organized for and by children. We had eight visitors that evening, when also the



Cooking activity, Czech

parents and more guests joined in for a dinner evening with songs and testimonies and a talk from our young brother Dan Stribrny. And it all had a great impact, just read on. You'll love it.

With the guests we stayed in contact, and one mother came more times because her daughter loved it so much at the fellowship. Her name is Jana, and now she is baptized and spirit filled. Also Emilie's class mate Nicky came to see where the gospel is all about. She wasn't a particular good friend of her, and Emily wrote her once a message that she is not happy with

Nicky's life style and that she needs to repent. It turned out to be her hearts desire for two years to get baptized. Her mother (Jana) was present as well and both got baptized the same Sunday. They are coming since, and even joined us to the spring camp in Hungary. The spring camp was so uplifting, and blessed. We had a great time with our brethren and thank God for making it possible and the Hungarian saints for putting up this spring camp.



Expectant sisters, Spring camp

Dordrecht

This month we saw a great presentation about the marvellous universe. *'When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, The moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained; What is man, that thou art mindful of him? And the son of man, that thou visitest him? Psalm 8:3-4.'* We enjoyed a great online evening



Czech

The Revival Fellowship in:



Outreach, Hungary

together with the saints from Suriname and the other Dutch assemblies with testimonies, talks and musical items. What a great way to be connected and share the joy that we have. During our signs&wonders night we heard amazing testimonies. A sister shared that she has been healed from epileptic attacks after being born again. She quit taking the strong medication at once and hasn't had an attack since then. A brother shared that he had severe pain in his toe for four years. He went to the hospital several times but nothing helped. After being born again he was healed by prayer.

Hungary

March started with a Saturday program we call Crazy Science - attached photos give you an idea just how crazy it was :). One of our Sunday school girls got inspired to take a bunch of pamphlets from the hall and start talking to people, inviting them to meetings, after seeing her mum doing the same. We did a fellowship level Saturday outreach and also organised a number of mid-week outreaches. A sister shared how she learned that seeking first the Kingdom of God in difficult situations really works! Spring camp organised by our fellowship was the highlight of the month of course. Fellowship with brethren arriving from other countries started before camp with sightseeing and local Wednesday night meetings and continued after camp with an open house for fellowship at Gabi and Gusti's place. A sister got burned by hot water, also experiencing stressful situations at home; after camp she testified that both her body and soul were healed by God. A sister asked prayer for her ear and

experienced a healing. Many more of us have asked for prayer and reported healing and protection in March.



Bagi's birthday, Hungary

Liverpool

Hi there from Liverpool. We had 2 baptisms this month—Stella and Dave who got in touch through Facebook. Stella received the Holy Spirit and Dave is still praying. We started the month off with a prayer and breakfast morning at the hall. And a couple of weeks later we had our prayer and fast. The theme was "The Whole Truth" and we heard talks from Ste, Gideon, Derek and Tom. Claire laid hands and prayed for her friend's daughter who was very ill while in hospital and her heart rate stabilised. We finished off the month with a few of us visiting Ireland for the outreach in Kerry. We prayed throughout the month for the outreach and the Irish assembly. The Lord blessed that trip.



Poole saints at Longleat

Poole

Greetings to all our brothers and sisters from the saints in the Poole Assembly. The month of March began with a Prayer and Fast with several brothers giving talks on the theme of walking by faith and not by sight. We were reminded by brother Luke that we live "in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation among whom you shine as lights in the world." We also had a local assembly outreach in Winton which is near to our meeting hall and many people took leaflets or stopped for a

chat. This was followed by a hymns night which enabled us to both refresh our repertoire and learn some new hymns as well. We have now resumed our fortnightly evening outreaches in the local area and are hopeful our fishing will be fruitful. An assembly outing to Longleat Wildlife Safari Park was a great success and despite the rain, we all enjoyed a great day of fellowship and seeing the animals. The Masau's and brother Junior, spent the Easter weekend in Ireland supporting the saints with their outreach. A local door drop resulted in a polish couple coming to the meeting. They were looking for a church when they received an invitation. Will wait to see what the next step will be! So, until next time, bye for now!

Rotterdam

The month started off with a young peoples 1950's themed dinner night! The Next Gen (youngies) organized the food, decorations and of course invitation pamphlets for the evening. They had a lot of fun in this process. Its not just about the fun of which there is a lot of but there is a greater goal, inviting guests to hear the gospel of Christ. It was a wonderful to help our young ones in their endeavors, we were inspired by their enthusiasm! A couple of weeks after this there was a combined prayer & fast in Rotterdam, its always a privilege to have all the saints in the Netherlands in one place, seeking the Lord together.



50s night, Rotterdam

Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! Pslam 133:1

We also had an evening where we via zoom had an activity together with the fellowships from the Netherlands and



Crazy science! Hungary



The Revival Fellowship in:

Suriname. Talks, testimonies, and a couple of items. Some of the brethren were able to travel to Hungary for their annual spring camp. We are now in preparations for the Euro convention in May, if you are planning on coming, please fill in the registration form, thank you! (And this also applies to the Euro summercamp!)

Switzerland / Germany / Austria

Luise told us how she was healed this month from very severe pain in her knee. After she asked all of us in the fellowship to pray for her, the pain was gone immediately.

A few of us were really looking forward to going to the Hungary camp. Stephan and Zsuzsa made the long journey there

in stages. On the way to Hungary, they made a stop in Vienna and did an outreach in the main shopping street there. No matter where we go, we can always try to talk to people.

Mark 16:15 *And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.*

The Hungary camp felt like the best camp ever. Many thanks to the Hungarian brothers and sisters! We had a wonderful, uplifting, learning time together with our brothers and sisters.

West London

This month we have had two baptisms: friends of a brother came to a Sunday meeting and were both baptised after having received the Holy Spirit. Also, a couple in our fellowship celebrated the first-year anniversary of their son. It was a reminder of how God blessed him after a very difficult birth and some worry about his health. A year on, he is a very



Sisters, West London

healthy, happy baby. Some new ones came to the event and had the opportunity to be witnessed to and see the testimony in the family.

We also organized a surprise afternoon tea to celebrate the 60th birthday of our brother Patrick. It was quite a surprise to him, and many came to celebrate with us; a great afternoon of feasting and fellowship for all.

Our brother Bob had to go to hospital to have a difficult tooth extracted. The extraction was difficult and long. Half an hour after it was done, the bleeding would not stop and he was in a lot of pain. He put out a prayer request: within 5mins the bleeding stopped and the pain subsided. Later on that day, we were all happily surprised to see him at the meeting.



Patrick's birthday, West London

Testimonies

When I was seven, I received the Holy Ghost during a camp and was baptised soon after. A lot changed after I became born again.

I realised I had God's peace within me and could always turn to Him. I also felt the urge to speak about God, but was often afraid of not being accepted, especially by my classmates. Therefore I mostly kept the fact that I was born again hidden. When I was in high school I drifted away from God to the extent that I didn't want to come to fellowship anymore. I informed my mum about my decision one evening. She, however, encouraged me to attend the next meeting and at that meeting I realised I still wanted to live a life with God. Since then I am no longer hesitant about sharing my experience with people who are not yet born again.

God has worked numerous miracles in my life, healing me from a skin infection, neck pain, inflamed gum tissue and sinusitis. When our baby was in breech position and a manual procedure was scheduled to turn her, after prayer, she turned and no medical intervention was needed.

Imogen, Rotterdam NL



I've had the blessing of growing up knowing God.

The first miracle in my life is the fact I exist as my parents were not able to have children. My father found me in my cot when I was a baby, I had died of cot death. He prayed and I rose up. This happened another 2 times in hospital. But through prayer I was completely healed.

I was born again at the age of 8. From that moment I realised I now had my own walk with the Lord. In school I used to experience a lot of teasing for not fitting in; God sorted that out after prayer. I couldn't pass a year; I passed anyway after praying and fasting.

Unfortunately I lost my way for a while which led to a lot of grief and pain in my life. But when I repented God was there for me. He healed my broken heart. Healed me of hay fever. Gave me a fantastic wife. He made a car start again. Changed me. Healed me of all sorts. There's much more. But above all I'm so grateful that I can share His Gospel and see souls saved.

Luke, Rotterdam NL