

## MAGH

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Our God is Almighty.

### 1. Repenting for our Egos

Genesis 1:26-28

Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground."

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

God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground."

JP to discuss - technology summit I presented at this week – there were updates and predictions on AI and machines. Alarming statement was made by a presenter on man creating a new life form and becoming gods.

This reminded me of our original sin as set out in Genesis 3: 6-7

When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.

Our ego and the view that we can decide on what's right or wrong is what led Adam and Eve to sin.

Prayer 1 - Lord we are sorry for the times we have allowed our egos to take control. For those times we have decided to solve life's issues without you or take credit for all your blessings. We meditate and repent as Apostle Paul teaches us in 2 Corinthians 7: 9-10:

yet now I am happy, not because you were made sorry, but because your sorrow led you to repentance. For you became sorrowful as God intended and so were not harmed in any way by us. Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation and leaves no regret, but worldly sorrow brings death.

### 2. Strength to Choose God Over Flesh

God blessed us with free will and we have a choice.

We can follow Jesus and His example of a God led life or follow our flesh and our own mind and earthly desires.

As Christians we know that Jesus is the way and path to salvation and a life free of worldly burdens.

As adults and parents and leaders, we set the example for our family and those we are responsible for.

For youth and children surrounded by the things of the world it is so easy to fall into the flesh.

Colossians 3:1-4 NLT

*Since you have been raised to new life with Christ, set your sights on the realities of heaven, where Christ sits in the place of honour at God's right hand. Think about the things of heaven, not the things of earth. For you died to this life, and your real life is hidden with Christ in God. And when Christ, who is your life, is revealed to the whole world, you will share in all his glory.*

*So put to death the sinful, earthly things lurking within you. Have nothing to do with sexual immorality, impurity, lust, and evil desires.*

We need to pray for strength to follow God's path in all we do.

With Easter here what decisions will we make? How will we exercise our free will? Will we invite the family members that haven't been saved? Our friends that haven't found Christ?

Isaiah 40: 29-31

He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.  
Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall;  
but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength.  
They will soar on wings like eagles;  
they will run and not grow weary,  
they will walk and not be faint.

Deuteronomy 31: 6

Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you.

Prayer 2 – we pray for strength to choose following you in all our decisions. That we may lead by example. Also for our children that they may make the right choice every day when tempted by the world around them.

### 3. Trusting in God Above All Else

AI is developing at a stellar pace and starting to transform workplaces and likely to lead to displacement of roles.

I presented at the summit on the topic of AI and the law.

JP - to give an overview including an overview of the AI laws, privacy law changes and how the courts are not trusting due to hallucinations.

The overriding issue here is one of trust. I ended my last talk by being clear that the biggest challenge with AI and evolving technologies is the lack of trust. Due to the hallucinations, misuse and abuse out there.

This new world can be confusing and challenging for young minds.

But as Christians do we need to worry about this? No! Because for everything including the latest developments in AI, we know that God is good and always has our back.

We need to remain steadfast and encourage our family and children to instead do God's work and find ways to turn them for useful solutions that extend God's kingdom.

Psalms 52: 8-9

But I am like an olive tree flourishing in the house of God;  
I trust in God's unfailing love for ever and ever.

For what you have done I will always praise you in the presence of your faithful people.  
And I will hope in your name, for your name is good.

Prayer 3 – Jesus, you died on the cross so our sins could be forgiven. Lord we trust in you that you are the truth, the light and the way. We trust in you always without hesitation or doubt. We pray for our children to not be fearful of the developments in the world and to instead turn them for good for God's Kingdom.

#### 4. Living an Authentic Life

At the summit one of the biggest themes was around authenticity. The race to find solutions that let us trust new technologies. We agreed that the winning solution will be the one that can authenticate AI results, that can keep “bad bots” accountable and cut out scams and misinformation.

But the Bible teaches us the basics of authenticity without having to go to a summit to talk about it.

Luke 6:42

How can you say to your brother, ‘Brother, let me take the speck out of your eye,’ when you yourself fail to see the plank in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother’s eye.

This is the ultimate calling for us to look at our own faults and how we perceive the world as a result of our own biases and trauma, before we judge others. To seek to understand others fully before we expect them to understand us.

If all AI developers were true followers of Christ then the issue of authenticity wouldn’t be an issue as they’d know that to make it authentic it just needs to be developed to do good and to be truthful. Designed to extend God’s kingdom, not just for self gratification.

The likely impacts of emerging technologies on humanity and our planet did come up at the summit. But the biggest point missed is that God is the ultimate judge and we have a choice to use technology for the benefit of others or for selfish desires.

We don’t need technology to solve for authenticity, we have Christ at our side.

We are reminded of this in 2 Corinthians 8: 8-9

I am not commanding you, but I want to test the sincerity of your love by comparing it with the earnestness of others. For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich.

Prayer 4 – Lord we pray that we continue growing in our authenticity in our relationships with each other and with You. That we stop and reflect in situations where judgements arise. That we may stop and instead try to understand each other.

#### 5. There is Only One God

When the panellists made flippant statements about man becoming gods when robots and AI properly morph, I felt sad.

We will never become gods as there’s only one God, our God in heaven!

And He is so good and we see his mercies and miracles each day.

For example – JP to discuss 6 weeks. While I was a bit nervous, I did leave it to God knowing that he’s had my back through each challenge and we will do it again and again. He directed me on what to say on a Sunday straight after MAGH.

Jeremiah 32: 26-27

Then the word of the Lord came to Jeremiah: “I am the Lord, the God of all mankind. Is anything too hard for me?”

Mark 10: 24-27

The disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God."

The disciples were even more amazed, and said to each other, "Who then can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God."

Isaiah 40: 28

The Lord is the everlasting God,  
the Creator of the ends of the earth.  
He will not grow tired or weary,  
and his understanding no one can fathom.

Prayer 5 – we pray for our families, our youth and ourselves that we may truly and intimately know You, God. That we all sing your praises for the mercies and miracles God brings each day knowing that there is only one God.

In this time of Easter we thank you God that you sent your son who made the ultimate sacrifice so we could be saved. God you are so good. Thank you Lord, thank you Holy Spirit, thank you Jesus.

Would anyone like to share?