

# Special Sermon Up From The Ashes

## THE IMPACT OF THE PANDEMIC

#### **Jobs**

A month after the lockdown, 121 million Indians were out of work, according to the Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy (CMIE), an independent think tank.

Since then, the Indian economy has clawed back tens of millions of jobs, mainly in the informal and rural economies. (The bulk of India's 400-odd million jobs are in the informal economy.)

The CMIE, which conducts one of the world's largest continuous surveys to track household incomes, expenses and assets, reckons that 70 million such jobs lost at the peak of the lockdown in April have returned.

Some 19 million salaried, formal economy jobs have been lost after the lockdown, estimates the Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy (CMIE).

A separate report by the International Labour Organisation (ILO) and the Asian Development Bank (ADB) estimates that more than 4 million Indians below the age of 30 have lost their jobs due to the pandemic. Those aged 15-24 are the hardest hit.

Source: https://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-india-53938621

Several other areas impacted: Family, Health, Education, Society, etc.

### **ASHES**

Something burned down to ruins.

# Isa 61:3

To console those who mourn in Zion, To give them beauty for ashes, The oil of joy for mourning, The garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; That they may be called trees of righteousness, The planting of the LORD, that He may be glorified."

## #1, HAVE FAITH THAT GOD CAN AND WILL TURN THINGS AROUND

Mark 11:22

So Jesus answered and said to them, "Have faith in God."

2 Corinthians 5:7

We walk by faith and not by sight



# #2, DECLARE YOUR FAITH

Speak to your life situations

Mar 11:23 For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be removed and be cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says.

Mar 11:24 Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them.

Stay in praise

## **#3, DO YOUR PART**

Jas 2:17 Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

Jas 2:26 For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.

# **#4, BE PATIENT**

Psa 40:1 I waited patiently for the LORD; And He inclined to me, And heard my cry.

Psa 40:2 He also brought me up out of a horrible pit, Out of the miry clay, And set my feet upon a rock, And established my steps.

Psa 40:3 He has put a new song in my mouth—Praise to our God; Many will see it and fear, And will trust in the LORD.

#### **David Recovered All**

1Sa 30:8 So David inquired of the LORD, saying, "Shall I pursue this troop? Shall I overtake them?" And He answered him, "Pursue, for you shall surely overtake them and without fail recover all."

### **Double Honor**

Isa 61:7 Instead of your shame you shall have double honor, And instead of confusion they shall rejoice in their portion. Therefore in their land they shall possess double; Everlasting joy shall be theirs.





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