

22Z08 August Student Update

Hello my friends. I hope everyone is doing well today.

First, order of business. Let's pray. **Father God, Thank You God for this time today. Thank you for each student, teacher, father, mother, brother and sister. Guide my words today so your message is heard despite my words. Help us Father to stay focused on you in the storms of life. When trials and trouble come. You know what we need Lord, we trust You Lord Jesus. And I pray all these things in your Name Lord Jesus, Amen.**

Okay. Returning Students. Joy has sent you an email with links for the new year forms and requirements. You must submit all of the listed requirements to the google drive before September 1. If you do not, then your slot will be given to another student.

Okay, what if you can't get all the requirements in by September ? I know there are a lot of circumstances that are beyond your control. So please listen carefully to what I'm going to say. Email me at admin@punla.org before September 1, telling why you are delayed in submitting. If you have a good reason, then I'll put LSR in your requirements, meaning Late Submission Request. You can check the status of your requests online and you can verify that your submissions have been correctly uploaded. Let me be very clear, you are responsible to check the online form to verify your submissions. Don't tell me, but I emailed you or I uploaded it. Check the form and if it's not there then, it's not there. Unless the internet breaks or google's system goes down, you will be responsible for this. No exceptions. I suggest not waiting until the last minute. Submit information as you have it, you do not have to wait until you have everything. So, Please get it done.

New students or applying students. Welcome to our family. New applications will be accepted starting September 1. Application period is one week. We prioritize applicants based on the order they are submitted, so get it done as early as possible. More than 90% of our accepted applicants last year were submitted in the first hour the application period began. The new application forms should be available already. Check with you sponsoring Church for details.

I want to remind you are required to follow these messages.

Our YouTube channel is [Punla Christian Ministries - YouTube](#). Signup on our YouTube channel to follow our channel and select the notification bell so you will be notified when new content is posted. Then watch the videos as they are posted. Wednesday I will post a Bible study specifically for you. The last Thursday of each month I will post an update like this one. The other posting on Monday and Friday are my public Bible studies.

If you are having trouble viewing the videos because of poor connections, you also can download podcasts or PDF versions of every message on our website [PUNLA Coffee Table – Jesus! Bible! Life! Let's talk about it!](http://www.punlacoffeetable.org) (www.punlacoffeetable.org)

I am not a social media person, but I am posting these video on other sites for your convenience,

Facebook: [Kip Wehrman | Facebook](#)

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If you are in our program or want to be in our program, you must sign up for the YouTube channel but it is very helpful to me if you sign up and follow us on as many of these platforms as you can.

Enough of business.

Last month I spoke to you about the Kingdom of God. Today I'm not going to flood you with Bible verses. Just you and me and Jesus. What is the most important thing to you? Your family, your school, your appearance, your friends, your... put whatever you want in that blank. Did is notice something. Every one of those statements started with Your. But I hate to break it to you, you are not the most important character in the story of your life. Jesus is. It's not just about you. Our Selfishness, our jealousy, our pride is in direct conflict with God and what God wants for us. We can't help ourselves, it is in our nature. But God loves each and every one of us. Why is that?

Well, it is not because we are lovable, in fact we are very unlovable. That is me and you, every one of us. But God still loves us. But why? God loved us, that is why He created us. Everyone of us was created by God for a specific, special purpose. We are special not because of us, but because God values us. It's not about what we do, it's about God's love for us.

God so loved the world, God loves everyone. Good or Bad, He loves us. How do we love God? Jesus said we should do what He has commanded us. We should love others the way He loves them.

We are followers of Jesus, when we love others in the way Jesus loves them. That is willing good for those who are bad to us. Giving our time, energy and treasures including money, to those who can never repay us. Service in the name of Jesus, is living like Jesus wants us to live. Not just on Sunday at church but in school, at home, at the store, on the bus. No matter what people do or say, we love them. Love them means we want good for them, we pray that God blesses them, we sacrifice what we want for them. That is how Jesus loves people.

Now what I'm telling you is hard. It's against our nature. We want to be first, We want to have the best, We think we deserve the best. God's way is different. God wants us to put others first. God wants us to think of others even if it is not the best for us. It's not easy but it is good. When you do this, we feel good. We can do things like, take a

little longer checking out at the store, because someone else is in a hurry. We feel good helping others. This is how God designed us. This is God's bigger and better plan for our life. This is really what the Church is meant to be about. A group of people who truly care about each other. People who want the best for each other. People willing to put everyone first ahead of them. JOY. I love this anacronym

J... Jesus first.

O... Others second.

Y... you last.

Joy, which will lead to true joy in your life.

One last thing. I've heard many say. I'd believe if I heard from God. Well if you want to hear from God, read the Bible. It's God's word to us.

But some of you will say. I'd believe if I actually heard an audible voice from God. Well, then read your Bible out loud.

You are exactly where you need to be to help others find Jesus. You are being equipped with exactly the skill and talents you will need to do the tasks Jesus needs you to do. You are beautifully and wonderfully made in the image of God for His purpose and glory.

Let's Pray. Father God, Thank You God for everything. Every experience, every person. I am thankful for everything. And help me not to worry but instead focus on you. Put you first in everything we do. I know you are with us when we face challenges and I will trust you, Lord.

I pray for each student, that they trust you, Lord. I pray they pray to you Lord to see you at work in our lives. Help us all to surrender to You and let you guide their paths and decisions. Help each of us to mold our hearts and desires to Yours Father. And I pray your will be done here on earth. I know you are at work in their lives. Help us to see you, Lord Jesus.

I pray this in your name, Lord Jesus Amen

Again, Students. I am so glad we have this time together. No matter what we face, I know our God is Bigger and Stronger than anything we will face in this life. So don't fear anything in this world. Our father God, Jesus is the king of this world and as such we should fear nothing. I Love you and I am proud of you. God's Blessings.

Until next time. I pray for Joy, Hope, Peace and Assurance from God for each of you. God bless.

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