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SPIRITUAL
EDIFICATION OF THE
YOUNG PEOPLE OF
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MAGAZINE SERVE AS
AN INSTRUMENT FOR
GOD TO GLORIFY
HIMSELF AND FOR
YOUNG LIVES TO BE
CHANGED
EVERYWHERE.**



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VERSE OF THE MONTH

Psalms 118:4-6

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THE STRENGTH OF YOUTH IN CHRIST JESUS

Dr. Rev. Jose Martinez Rincon - Bishop Region Este

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ASPIRE 2023 PICS

January 6-7, Stamford, CT Youth learned so much about doing what we're created to do !

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UNITED

Our very own Dir. of Christian Education Henry Lopez talks about the strength found in unity!

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Don't forget about Affiliations this year! Reminder that deadline is 4/16/2023

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THE FIRE APP

We're the 1st region in the world to have our own app. The fiRE app allows you to watch live/past events, register for events, shop, browse pics, chat & so much more!

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ESTE FIRESIDE SEASON 2

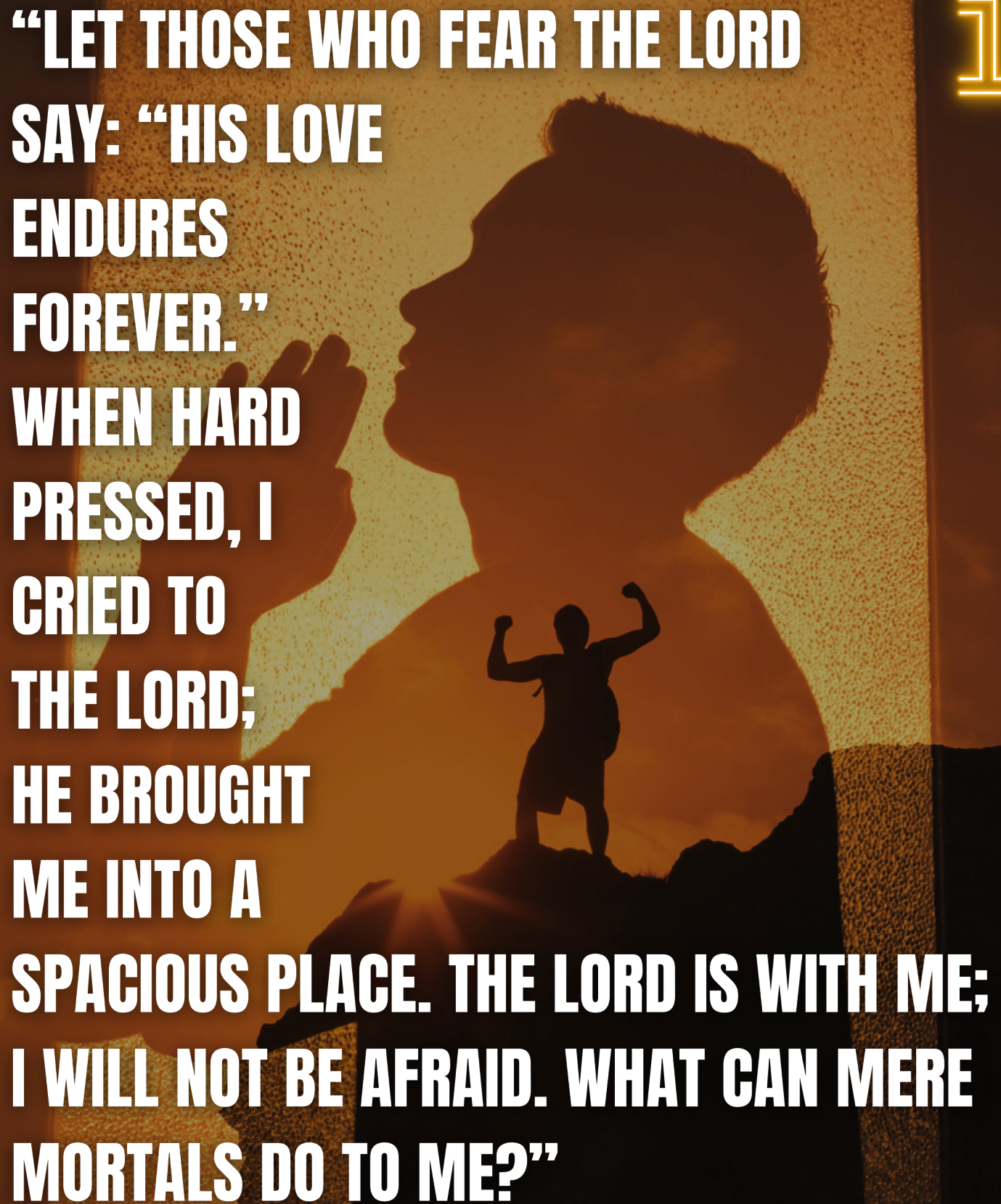
We're returning for a 2nd season of Este Fireside! Our first episode will be Feb 8th discussing Burnouts & How to Deal!

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Check out the list of upcoming events & Save the dates.

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I WILL NOT BE AFRAID. WHAT CAN MERE
MORTALS DO TO ME?”**

PSALMS 118:4-6

THE YOUTH'S STRENGTH IN JESUS CHRIST



A message from our regional bishop



DR. REV. JOSE MARTINEZ RINCON
REGIONAL BISHOP

Dear Youth of the Eastern Region, it is a great honor for me to be able to address you through this informative medium, to wish you a happy New Year 2023, in the "Year of the harvest", wishing the best of God for each of you, and putting grace, wisdom and abundant health in their lives.

I thank President Ester Almonte for the invitation to write in this distinguished means of communication.

When we look at the I John, chapter 2 verse 14, It says the following:

Os he escrito a vosotros, jóvenes, porque sois fuertes, y la palabra de Dios permanece en vosotros, y habéis vencido al maligno.



Youth, God says that you are strong and that you have defeated the evil one! Your strength and victory was declared by God since before the foundation of the world in Christ Jesus. If you are in Christ, you are strong and as long as you remain in Him, you will overcome all obstacles along the way. "Whoever claims to live in him must live as Jesus did." 1 John 2:6 Youth, you can say that you are in Christ and that you know Him, but just saying it doesn't necessarily mean you are actually in Him.

1 Juan 2:4 - "Whoever says, 'I know him,' but does not do what he commands is a liar, and the truth is not in that person."

1 Juan 2:6 - "Whoever claims to live in him must live as Jesus did."

What is the message that the Lord writes to the Youth?

1 John 2:15-17 says *"Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in them. 16 For everything in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—comes not from the Father but from the world. 17 The world and its desires pass away, but whoever does the will of God lives forever."*

Young people of AJEC, you are strong because you do not love the world or its vanities. You love God and if you sin in your imperfection, the Lord tells you: *"My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One."* (1 John 2:1)

If you are experiencing a moment of weakness, you are blessed, because you have been qualified to receive the strength of the Lord. The Apostle Paul expresses it in the second letter to the Corinthians, chapter 12 and verse 10: *"That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong."*

AJEC your strength is found only in Christ Jesus, by keep keeping his commandments; *"We know that we have come to know him if we keep his commands."* (1 John 2:3) So if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things have passed away; behold, they are all made new. Your identity and strength is in Christ Jesus - Amen!



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NOVEL

JAN. 6-7, 2023



United

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We are social beings by nature. When we experience loneliness we tend to get sick and more bitter turning into selfish people. Despite the fact that our society claims to be social and connected, we tend to be submerged in our world of solitude. When we do this, we say "I am too much for others! I don't need anyone to be happy!" By saying this we constantly make the same mistake.

In a village at the foot of a mountain, there lived a paralyzed man, who barely moved by crawling on the ground.



Written by Henry Lopez

In front of his house, lived another blind and stubborn man. They both had a fall out for some unknown reason. With every passing day they found an excuse to argue heatedly. And on more than one occasion they wished each other death.

One day, a forest fire began near their town and the fire started to devour the houses of the surrounding neighborhood. People started to flee from the town, but no one bothered to help neither the blind man nor the paralyzed man.

Those men screamed for help. The blind man span in circles in his yard trying to escape, but couldn't figure out the path he should take to escape. The paralytic, on the other hand, saw that there was still a space in the middle of the forest where he could flee, but it was rugged and he knew that he would not be able to crawl fast enough to save himself. It didn't take long for them to realize that the only way to save themselves was to join forces with each other. In his desperation, the paralytic offered to help the blind man to guide him on the road, in exchange for him carrying him on his back to escape. The blind man gladly accepted and they managed to save themselves from death. After this, those men understood that their



enmity was useless. They apologized and became the best of friends.

"Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited."

—**Romans 12:16**

Unity is the quality or state of not being multiple, but being one in common agreement. Unity is essential in order to have harmony and understanding within a group. Unity does not tear down one's uniqueness or individuality, but in fact brings them together around a common goal or belief.

Although this message talks about unity, we have to also focus on action.



UNITE

When we talk about being One, about being united for a cause, we come up with the image of people joining forces to face a conflict or simply to achieve a goal. The history of humanity is full of evidence of how a united group can achieve its objectives regardless of their nature. A good example of this is found in Genesis, chapter 11 where it tells the story of the Tower of Babel, a story that depicts a time when humanity spoke only one language. They intended to build a tower that would reach the heavens, and according to the word in **Gen 11:6-7** *"The Lord said, 'If as one people speaking the same language they have begun to do this, then nothing they plan to do will be impossible for them. Come, let us go down and confuse their language so they will not understand each other.'"*

Here our God himself recounts the power of unity that this generation had. Obviously, God is all powerful and can stop anything, however regardless of the intention of his actions, men and women who are united in one cause can exceed any limit. In this case, humanity had greedy and power hungry intentions by trying to be at God's level, however God defeats them by disuniting them and changing their language. By isolating them, these men lost the stamina and energy to pursue the idea of reaching God's level.

But it's no secret to anyone that in order to live in harmony with our fellow youth as the Bible says in **Romans 12:16**, we must allow the image of God that lives in us to unite with GOD, our creator. We should always strive to live together in the image of Him, recognizing the undeserved favor God has given us called **Grace**.

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AFFILIATION

TIME



Deadline
4/16

The image shows a tablet and a smartphone displaying the 'AJEC Region Este Affiliaciones 2023' form. The form includes the AJEC logo and the following text:

**AJEC Region Este
Affiliaciones 2023**

Cada líder debe llenar el formulario estadístico de la sociedad de jóvenes en su iglesia. || Each youth leader (or youth president) must fill out this form for the youth society at their church.

Información Personal
Personal Information

Cual es su nombre y apellido:

First Name Last Name

Numero de Telefono:

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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MARCH 25, 2022

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**THEME:
"RESTORED"
1 PETER 5:10**

CONVENTION 2023

JULY 14-15, 2023

CAMP 2023

NOVEMBER 24-26, 2023



