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## SIGNIFICANCE OF ORIGINS

**“L**ike father like son” is an adage that stays true today. There are genetic dispositions that are transferred from the parents to the children. On top of it, the culture in which a person was brought up plays into their likes and dislikes and, ultimately, their choices. The term “culture” is broad and will include the family, language, eating habits, friend circles, social life, education, etc., among others. The familial culture has a significant role in molding a person. The religious, philosophical, and moral beliefs that the parents espouse will be passed on to the children if the father and mother are diligent in their parenting. An honest evaluation of the origin can shed light on an individual’s habits, belief systems, worldview, relationships, and mental health.

The origins of a person from their familial background speak to how someone functions as an adult and how they choose to live. This means a person’s worldview is dependent on how they were raised. Children who are raised in godly families will tend to have a moral and religious construct that is Bible-based. But, this does not mean that all children will follow the belief systems of their parents. Nevertheless, there will be a rub-off on the children by their parents when they model godly and non-hypocritical lives before their progeny. The relationships a person chooses to have, the mental health of a person, choices when it comes to wealth and money, etc., are all influenced by the upbringing of that individual.

As a child matures into an adult over the years, they consider

their family of origin to be of greater significance than all others. The joys, pains, traumas, and triumphs of childhood have a real and lasting impact on the behavior, interactions with others, and personal beliefs. The family of origin can also be a source of encouragement and support. In some cases, the family of origin can cause lasting damage and pain; in such cases, committed unlearning of unhealthy habits can lead to learning healthier and compassionate ones. Rewiring an individual will involve exploring past relationships from childhood and disassociating from the caustic ones that create damage and choosing Biblically grounded friendships and belief systems.

### SUPREME COURT SAYS NO ONE CAN BE COMPELLED TO TAKE COVID JABS

The Supreme Court recently said no individual can be forced to get vaccinated against Covid-19 and asked the Centre to make public data on the immunisation’s adverse events. Bodily autonomy and integrity are protected under Article 21 of the Constitution, a bench of Justices L. Nageswara Rao and B.R Gavani said while suggesting

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## FAMILY

**Like branches on a tree,  
we all grow in different  
directions, but our roots  
keep us all together.**

## FROM THE editor



## GOD-MODEL OF A FAMILY'S DESIGN

**T**he creation we see around us is not from randomness but by the intelligent design of an Intelligent Creator. We are made in the image of God, which means we are born with feelings, affections, and choices. We are made by Him and for Him. But, since all men (and women) are of Adam and Eve, the affections also got corrupted due to the fallen nature of man. The natural propensity of man is towards sin and wickedness. The deceitfulness of sin is at the root of how people are oriented to “feel” about themselves. If “feelings” and desires are allowed to dictate our choices, then replacement of the God-model of family occurs.

When we choose to alter God's design for the family, it reflects the innate presupposition that God is not the Intelligent and Wise Creator of ALL creation. This, in turn, reflects the mind that has welcomed idols of either knowledge or images. Instead of glorifying God and being thankful to Him for who He is, the foolishness of hearts is revealed by the folly of their thoughts and deeds. When God detaches Himself from the wicked, the result is uncleanness and exchanging “God-model” for “lie-model” stemming from a debased mind.

When we are born again into the family of God, we become His image-bearers because of the indwelling seed (characteristic) of the Word. When our mind is renewed, transformation into the divine nature results through the working of the Holy Spirit. This transformation enables individuals to orient themselves to how God created them – male or female, and not gay or straight. In place of desires driving us, a child of God will permit the love of God to constrain them to give their bodies as instruments of righteousness – a right living that is according to God!

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## The Family as God Intended

**“Upholding the biblical definition of marriage is essential for the future of the new generation.”**

**T**he most fundamental question about anything that exists concerns its origin; whether it is a word, idea, practice, system, family, society or a nation, origin signifies its purpose and goal. Even though everything undergoes substantial changes over time and its current form may look very different from its beginning, its origin cannot be changed and denied. Therefore, its original purpose would also remain the same. The birth of individuals, institutions or nations is celebrated to honour their origin and commemorate their purpose. Furthermore, the question of origin becomes crucial, especially when its survival is threatened. Scientific curiosity about the universe’s origin has evoked serious, thorough, and expensive investigations about the beginning of the universe and its future. Similarly, social scientists, anthropologists, historians, and psychologists seriously consider the question of the origin and development of human society and engage in a profound analysis of the past. Many of the socio-political discourses that affect every individual today, from racism to ecological crisis, happen in a vacuum. They are firmly grounded in history.

Family is one of the oldest institutions in the world. It is essential to recapture the original meaning and purpose of the family as the wind of change has profoundly affected its purpose and function. For the past several centuries, the Judeo-Christian view of the family served as a dominant ethical standard of family life. However, the current trend of redefining many of the fundamental values that uphold the fabric of society influenced by the postmodern perspective of deconstructionism and relativity has adversely affected the institution of the family. Sadly, they are permeating into Asian Pentecostal communities worldwide. This paradigm shift involves perceiving family as a) a civil agreement rather than a religious sacrament. Consequently, if the contract ends, the individuals are free to enter a new contract. Similarly, friendship or partnership is also possible between two individuals without legally binding contracts. b) Separation of sexual identity from gender identity under the pretext of defining gender as a social construction that individuals can choose

depending on how they personally “feel” or “conceptualise” themselves. This gender fluidity also has affected the institution of family to a great extent.

The Genesis account presents two important factors that define the purpose and function of the family that are far superior to the current prepositions of individuality as well as relationships. Human beings are created as male and female in the image and likeness of God (Gen 1:27). It signifies two important realities: Physically, they are created as male and female. Morally and socially, they are created in the image and likeness of God with the capacity to love and be loved; cooperate with each other to accomplish greater purposes despite their differences. They jointly share the responsibility to have dominion over God’s creation; multiply and fill it (Gen 2:28). The story also reminds that God gave the man the first law before the woman joined him, which signifies their accountability and boundaries in the free garden. However, the current secular perception and definitions of family undermines these valuable prerogatives narrated in the Genesis account. For instance, same sex marriage defeats the purpose of procreation. Similarly, the complementary elements naturally ingrained in man and women essential for the stewardship of God’s creation cannot be possible with the post-modern concept of family. Therefore, upholding the biblical definition of marriage is essential for the future of the new generation.



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## THE ROLE OF FAMILY IN BIBLICAL PERSPECTIVE

**“ The purpose of a family is to worship and follow God and not to act against Him. The feeling of oneness must descend upon husband and wife and linger eternally on them till their death.”**

**G**od created everything in the beginning. He also created man and all the animals. But Adam did not get any help from the created animals. In this context, the first definition and meaning of the family in the Bible can be related to ‘help’ or ‘support.’ Thus, God knew that Adam needed a companion and so He created a woman from Adam, and they became one body. The Bible deals with this topic in Genesis Chapter 2 verses 20 onwards.

The concept of a family in the modern world is totally different from the family concept which was established in the garden of Eden. The Biblical teaching, man and woman becoming one flesh is discarded nowadays and is seldom practiced. The Biblical truth is being preached only during marriage ceremonies. The only principles being followed now are the verse of Genesis 2:24- “Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.”

As a matter of fact, we can never see such a ‘one flesh’ concept. One flesh, means ‘one objective, one faith, one attitude’ etc. This ‘oneness’ is totally absent from families. In fact, the family will have to become the purest form of love and acceptance.

But lots of changes vis-a-vis family have taken place since time immemorial. If God becomes the spiritual head of the family, then there is nothing to worry. At the same time, if

selfish attitudes exist within the family, there will be no place for love in the family, rather enmity between husband and wife will rule the roost. Family is institutionalized by God, and in that sense, the objective of a family is to give praises to God, and in any case, we should not exclude God’s principles from the running of a family.

In the modern world, ‘the pure love in families’ cannot be seen and noticed. Material things have influenced the lifestyle of people and this way of thinking makes people absurd and it forces people to think against God. Such thinking demands unnecessary freedom, which causes more complications in relationships. The purpose of a family is to worship and follow God and not to act against Him. The feeling of oneness must descend upon husband and wife and linger eternally on them till their death. God loves the family and so everyone in the family must love each other as Jesus loved us, because our life is short and we are not sure whether we would be able to survive the next moment. This is the case of everyone around us. So, start loving each other without conditions. Let us make our family a small heaven on earth.



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LENS IN THE LIGHT

## MARRIAGE AND FAMILY IN A COMMITMENT PHOBIC GENERATION!



**“In a relationship, we come face to face with our flaws, and our inner nakedness (bitterness, anger, brokenness, fragility) gets magnified. Being committed to anything means showing up when things are tough and finding reasons to stay when none can be found.”**

**M**arriage – two absolute strangers agreeing to live together for the rest of their life. It may sound silly and impractical to our generation, whose inclination is towards years of courtship and still doubtful if it's worth the ring or not! As believers, we have heard numerous sermons on the divinity of marriage and raising a family in Christian principles.

Practically, the cold feet cannot be denied when it comes to commitments. We often see spinsters running away from the “knot” question! So much fear and anxiety about committing to something so holy have been a very element of our society for ages? What has changed in past decades? Is it our inferiority complex, our preoccupation with careers and life goals, surplus choices without the effort of love! Or is it the silence of our churches about sexual education, pre and post-marital counselling, porn addiction and health in general?

In the book of Genesis, we see a young Adam in the prime of his life. He was hard-working and caring for everything God gave at his disposal, yet, God found something was not right. The

creator of this universe felt this man needed a suitable helper, a partner, a friend of his kind who shared his exact likeness to him. Indeed, God created animals to give him company, but none were compatible or could be compared to his partner. Even though we can own pets and love them, they can never fill the companionship of a human being and God.

Some may consider it a joke that Adam took Eve because she was the only choice available to him. We sometimes forget how God fashioned her to be his perfect partner, made from his very rib, his every bone and flesh. No one would be as perfect as Eve for Adam and vice versa. Today, with millions of choices around us from all backgrounds and cultures, all kinds of ribs and rib cages are for sale in the market. Much like a trade under the mask of finding the “perfect partner”. People come with all kinds of checklists, and an app's swipe left or convenient swipe feature determines the compatibility between the profiles. Please upgrade to premium for more plush ribs, and rib cages should be the tagline in many cases.

Alas! Unlike our forefathers, today's youngsters have seen more broken homes and hybrid family

structures. Our dinner table discussions are more about who is married, divorced, and remarrying. Ideally, our ideas and perspective about a Christian family were to be moulded by our parents, pastors, and elders. Sadly, our generation is unknowingly being exposed to obscenity & hook-up culture through ads, songs, and textbooks much contrasted to biblical values.

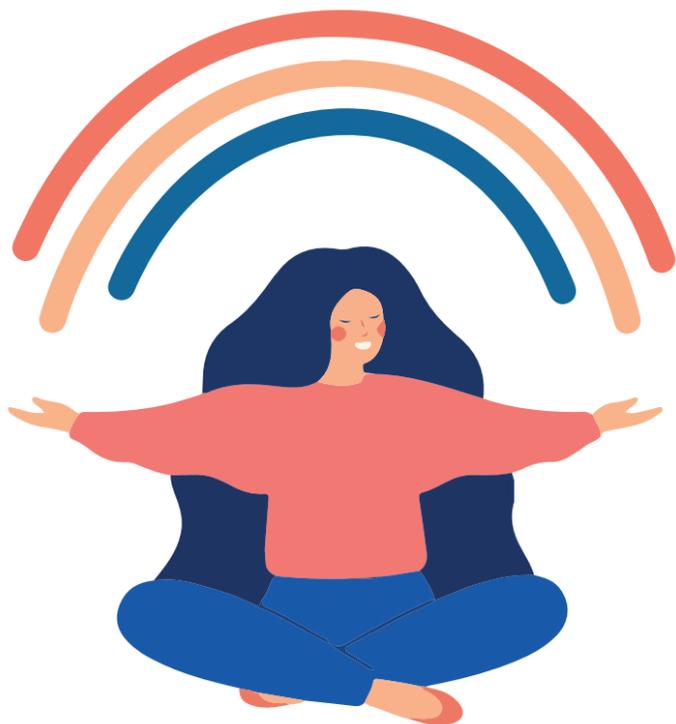
A generation trying to understand why Adam and Eve, Abraham & Sara were great Christian couples and perplexed why Sarah called her husband “Master”. Wondering what submission means in marriage and what love (agape) means when we see it all around is rampant use of this word yet lacking the depth and warmth it should ideally have. It only gives a young man or woman busy in their careers and goals jitters when they hear of a

marriage. We know Phobia arises from a traumatic experience, but there isn't a hurt Jesus cannot heal. The burden our coming generations might need to bear would be significant if we do not recover from our fears. Adam and Eve were naked and were not ashamed. In a relationship, we encounter our flaws, and our inner nakedness (bitterness, anger, brokenness, fragility) gets magnified. Being committed to anything means showing up when things are tough and finding reasons to stay when none can be found. Let's choose to be one flesh despite our weaknesses and sin. Let's decide to commit to the purposes of God! Our calling is to shine forth like stars in this dark generation. May we reflect on the Garden of Eden before sin.



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# WOMEN'S HEALTHCODE

**M**odern women have a lot of things to juggle and pay less attention to their health. This article is about boosting a woman's confidence both spiritually and physically. We serve a great God, and He has bestowed us with the wisdom to take care of one's inner person and physical body. This article will shed some light on two common women's health disorders and increase health awareness.

## POLYCYSTIC OVARIAN SYNDROME

It is the commonest endocrine disorder affecting women of reproductive age; PCOS is characterised by a variable presentation which includes increased male hormone, ovulatory dysfunction and polycystic ovarian structure. It affects 4%-20% of women of the reproductive age worldwide. (NLH,2020)

It is mainly diagnosed using the Rotterdam criteria, especially, 1. women of reproductive age going through periods of shorter, longer, irregular, or missing menstrual cycles for several months. 2. Hyper androgenic states include abnormal hair growth patterns on chins, chest area, abdomen or back. Symptoms such as excessive acne breakout, receding hairline, and weight gain. 3. Pelvic ultrasound may show multiple follicles or increased fluid in the ovaries. Fulfilment of two out of three criteria indicates the diagnosis of PCOS (Modern Fertility, 2022)

## MENOPAUSE

Menopause refers to the cessation of menstruation due to the loss of ovarian follicular activity and the production of estrogen and progesterone (female hormones). Perimenopause is associated with significant hormone fluctuations, but there is an overall decline in estrogen levels and a rise in FSH (follicle-stimulating hormone) over the menstrual transition. The average age of menopause is 51 years (Mayo clinic, 2021)

## SYMPTOMS OF MENOPAUSE

Symptoms vary from hot flashes, night sweats, vaginal dryness, urinary urgency, difficulty sleeping, emotional changes (irritability, mood swings, mild depression), dry skin, dry eyes, dry mouth, headaches, weight gain, joint and muscle aches, pains, irregular periods, skipping periods- heavy or lighter than usual.

## TREATMENT OF MENOPAUSE

There are various modalities for the treatment of menopause: lifestyle modification, natural therapies, non-hormonal therapy, and menopause hormone therapy. Lifestyle modifications include avoiding caffeine,

spicy foods, a relaxed environment, cool drinks, facial spray, and relaxation therapy. Natural therapies include black cohosh, red clover, ginseng, and evening primrose oil. Non-hormonal therapies include antidepressants, anticonvulsants, and menopause therapy mainly consists of combined oral contraceptives.

## SPIRITUAL CODE

In the Bible, we see many great women of God who have exemplified their lives to inspire us. Similarly, we can motivate others by living a virtuous life. Here are some tips to follow their pattern, mainly by Meditating on the inspired Word of God (Joshua 1:8, Psalms 1:1), Pray without ceasing (1 Thessalonians 5:17), Avoiding grumbling (Philippians 2:14), Having beautiful feet (Ephesians 6:15), Have good thoughts (Philippians 4:8), Good talks (Ephesians 4:29), and Be good listeners (James 1:19). May Almighty enable us to nurture our inner man and take care of your physical health to invigorate your lives for Jesus. God bless!

**“ The purpose of a family is to worship and follow God and not to act against Him. The feeling of oneness must descend upon husband and wife and linger eternally on them till their death.”**



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# A SALTY CHRISTIAN

**T**he sublime philosophy of ‘salt’ in Christianity sure marks neutrality even at extremities. The life’s intent of a well-balanced Christian is found in the dynamics of the salt catalyst, which is supposed to speed up the action to reach the equilibrium state of the environment it enters. An extra sweetness or an unflavored life is always balanced by adding the right proportion of salt to it. “Salt is good, but if it loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is neither fit for the soil nor for the manure pile, it is thrown out.” - Luke: 14. 34- 35. “Have salt among yourselves and be at peace with each other.” - Mark: 9. 50.

The acronym SALT stands for Sink, Absorb and Lift from Trials and Tribulations.

## 1. SINK

As the salt sinks in water, so does a true follower of Christ sink in God’s love. They dissolve completely in His hands and might turn invisible, but definitely will be well-seasoned and flavored. The absence of salt in the declaration of the Word of God ferments into sour teachings like the Pharisees and Sadducees. “How is it you don’t understand that I was not talking to you about bread? But be on your guard against the yeast of Pharisees and Sadducees. Then they understood that he was telling them to guard against the teaching of the

Pharisees and Sadducees.” - Matthew: 16. 11-12.

## 2. ABSORB

The salt absorbs water and gives away the salt into the water by exosmosis, which is a mixed metaphor and complex symbolism of divine intervention. In the tears of prayer, the liquid of problems is highly miscible and gets imbibed. It brings a thirst for the Lord. The salt is also a culinary masterpiece in any preservatives. It inhibits the growth of molds and bacteria, preserving them for a longer time, and so is a believer in this world. “You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.” - Matthew: 5. 13.

## 3. LIFT

The higher the concentration of salt, the denser the water becomes, helping anybody to float with ease. The salt itself sinks, but lifts and ensures others float over the problems. It also lifts the prayers and offerings to the Lord. Let the prayers be seasoned with the salt of tears and offerings with the salt of sweat. “Season all your grain offerings with the salt. Do not leave the salt of the covenant of your God out of your

grain offerings; add salt to all your offerings.” - Leviticus: 2. 13.

## 4. TRIALS and TRIBULATIONS

The wounds and pains caused by the trials and tribulations are treated and healed by the action of salt. It eases the stress and relieves the pain. “Everyone will be salted with fire.” - Mark: 9. 49.

On a small note, obey the SALT in our life. Quite often, many of us are blind to the ocean of invisible salt like Peter but tempted by the visible salt. The famous theologian and teacher, John Piper teaches the quality of salt as, “People don’t enjoy salt. They enjoy food that is salted. We are the salt of the earth. We do not exist for ourselves.” In essence, my brothers and sisters, we shall affix the salinity in us and capitalize the Salty Christian rather than being a Salted Christian.



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## SUPREME COURT SAYS NO ONE CAN BE COMPELLED TO TAKE COVID JABS

that there be no restrictions on unvaccinated people in public areas till covid numbers are low. The Court's ruling is indeed a shot in the arm of people who do not want to take Covid jabs because of the reasons that the vaccination has not brought efficacy in the people already vaccinated. It is pertinent to note different kinds of vaccines were developed in the past against deadly diseases like rabies, smallpox, malaria, measles, etc. These vaccines were certainly able to immunise people against deadly diseases. But quite paradoxically, the Covid-19 vaccine has miserably failed to inoculate people against the coronavirus. In order to prove its failure, I myself can vouch that my three elder sisters were infected with Coronavirus. Two died in 2021 and one sister in 2022 although they received two vaccines each, months before their death. So, this truth of efficacy along with reports on adverse events of vaccines from the public

and doctors on a publicly accessible system without compromising on the data of individuals must be made known.

Regarding the origin of coronavirus, a lot has been said. But one thing that should be born in mind is that the Coronavirus was born not out of a natural process but was created artificially. If it were born naturally, it would die a natural death. But what we see now is the coronavirus undergoes mutation without being perished and this vouches for the fact that it was created and an accusing finger points to China, where it was reportedly created in the Wuhan military lab as a biological weapon. Former US President Donald Trump had accused China of developing it in their military lab and the fact that China denied entry to an international research team to conduct tests in the Chinese lab was proof that China deliberately developed it.

Since Covid-19 cannot be prevented by the existing vaccines, the Court's comment that no one can be compelled to take Covid jabs is very apt and appropriate upholding justice for all. However, the Centre had earlier clarified that it has not made Covid-19 vaccines mandatory and has only said the vaccination should be 100 per cent. The Centre had earlier told the apex court that all documents related to Covid-19 vaccines and their compositions were available in the public domain and the vaccine had proven to be very effective and safe. The Centre further added that as of March 13 this year, a total of over 180 crore doses of Covid-19 vaccines had been administered in the country and 77314 adverse events, which come to 0.004 per cent were reported. Anyway, certain medical experts have already disproved the claims of the vaccine companies across the world that the Covid vaccines are

effective to prevent coronavirus. Not only is the vaccine ineffective, but it is not efficacious also as the vaccine companies recommend further booster doses to inoculate oneself from being contracted by the pandemic.



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## World News



### SHERLY SANDBERG OF FACEBOOK TO STEP DOWN

The Chief Operating Officer of Meta Platforms, which is the parent company of Facebook, announced that she is leaving the world's biggest social network. Sheryl Sandberg have been with Facebook for 14 years; and since 2008 she worked closely with the Chief Executive Officer Mark Zuckerberg. The Chief Growth Officer Javier Olivan will take over as the COO. Olivan has worked at Meta for more than 14 years and has led teams that handled Facebook, Instagram, WhatsApp, and Messenger. Sandberg's departure signals the end of an era for Meta which is now shifting focus toward hardware products. Sandberg was 23 years old when she was hired by Zuckerberg, and was the lead architect of its ad-based business model.



### THE FIRST WOMAN TO LEAD U.S. ARMED FORCES

Admiral Linda L. Fagan became the first female officer to lead a branch of the U.S. armed forces by becoming the commandant of the U.S Coast Guard. Fagan has been in the Coast Guard for more than four decades and on all seven continents. Fagan graduated from Coast Guard Academy in 1985, and is the 27th commandant of the service which dates back to 1915 when the Coast Guard was established. After the 9/11 terrorist attacks, the branch was moved under the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). Last year, Fagan became the first female four-star admiral in U.S. Coast Guard history.

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## Food crisis hits hard in East Africa

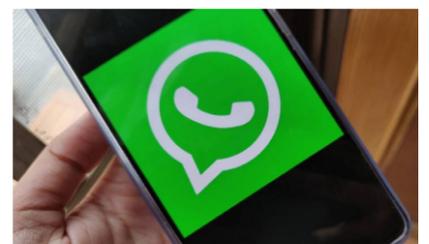
Before war broke out in Ukraine in February, a warning was issued the United Nations of 13 million people across parts of Kenya, Somalia, and Ethiopia could experience severe hunger. The reasons cited were drought, locusts, conflict, and the pandemic. With the war, global supply chains were disrupted and have sent the prices of food soaring, threatening the already vulnerable communities in East Africa. The World Vision's humanitarian emergency lead for East Africa, Joseph Kamara said the region is seeing an increase in food transportation costs and scarcity of wheat and fertilizers. World Vision is reported to be providing water and food as well as long-term remedies of natural rehabilitation of degraded land, irrigation options, and distributing drought-resistant crops.



## World News

### Wheat prices hit record high

India decided recently to severely restrict wheat exports amid a huge heatwave, and this has driven up global prices of wheat to record levels, drawing warnings of looming food shortages around the globe. The price of wheat futures rose by 5.9% in Chicago. In the European market, the price rose by 4.68%. The price of this staple food has risen more than 60% this year largely due to disruptions caused by the war in Ukraine. Russian and Ukraine together is known as the "bread basket of Europe" and have accounted for almost a third of the world's total wheat exports. India, the world's second-largest wheat producer after China, banned exports stating that the move was necessary to manage national food security amid the severe heatwave hitting the country. Temperatures have risen over 120 F, killing dozens of people in India and Pakistan since March. Global food prices have risen about 30% over the past year, according to the United Nations; and that along with rising fuel costs is driving up inflation around the world.



### Ukraine fighters surrendering in Mariupol

Moscow said nearly 700 more Ukrainian fighters had surrendered in Russian-held Mariupol bringing the total number to 959. Top commanders of Ukrainian fighters who made their last stand at the Azovstal steelworks are still inside the plant. Russian defense ministry posted videos of Ukrainian fighters receiving hospital treatment after surrendering at Azovstal. Mariupol is the biggest Ukrainian city Russia has captured so far. Meanwhile, the United States said it had resumed operations at its embassy in Kyiv. (Source: Reuters)

### Kim Jong Un blasts North Korea's poor response to COVID crisis

The North Korean leader criticized his country's response to a worsening outbreak of COVID this week. Kim Jong Un chastised government leaders for reacting inadequately to the burgeoning health crisis. Since last week, North Korea has recorded 1.72 million people with fever symptoms. Observers suspect that North Korea is grappling with a new and more serious outbreak now. There is a nationwide lockdown ordered and military is mobilized along with 3,000 military medical personal to help with the response. During a meeting of the ruling Workers' Party, Kim said that the non-positive attitude and slackness of state leading officials have increased the complexity and hardships faced by the country during its pandemic response. (Source: Business Insider)

### Whatsapp testing new feature

Whatsapp is testing a new feature which allows anyone to quietly leave groups. Since leaving a group with many who knows a person results in asking why they left, the upcoming feature could prevent awkward confrontations by letting anyone exit groups without posting a notification everybody in the group could see. When the feature becomes available, the app will notify the group admins that someone left.