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THE UNCOMPREHENDABLE PLANS OF GOD

The Lord of hosts has sworn, saying, "Surely, as I have thought, so it shall come to pass, And as I have purposed, so it shall stand"- Isaiah 14:24

The guy whom I met recently told me that he happened to get to know a girl and decided to stay in a good relationship with her as she is a spiritual girl. He liked her so much and wanted to marry her. As he continued talking with her, the first thing he lost was his peace. His relationship with God got affected because of the relationship he planned for himself.

Even in our lives, we have great plans for our future. We want to be like someone who is in a high status. We want to reach a good position in our jobs. We strive to get good grades in our studies. We wish to join a course of our own interest. We desire to get into a relationship with someone whom we like. But there may be times when things happen against our desire and will. If so, do not get discouraged.

You are the chosen child of God. And so whatever plans He has for you will come to pass in your life and whatever He has purposed in your life will prevail.

Jesus Christ will surely fulfill His plans and His purpose in your life and He will do this only in His time. What is the specialty of God's thoughts?

1. God's thoughts are higher than your thoughts.

"For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts." – Isaiah 55:9

From his teenage my elder brother had struggled with his studies and my parents thought that his life had hit the dead end. Everyone around him thought so. He himself thought that he will not have a better future. He scored less marks in most of the exams and so he got admission only in a Pharmacy college to pursue diploma in Pharmacy. Since he was not so good in remembering things, he faced problems in the college also. My parents didn't know what to do. So they decided to sell our house and planned to setup a Medical store for my brother with that money. They thought that he can live with the income that comes from the store.

Though my brother didn't like that idea, he had no other options to choose. After his studies he could not get a good job and worked as a pharmacist in several places for less salary. He himself got dejected so many times. Nothing happened in his life according to his plans. But when he cried to the Lord, He began to fulfil His own plans in my brother's life.

God's plan is always higher than all our plans and He gave a government job to my brother. Now he is working peacefully, earning good salary and also doing God's ministry during his leisure times.

My dear young friends, God's plans are always higher than your plans. So trust God with all your heart and He will fulfil His plans in your life.

2. God's plans and thoughts are for your good.

"For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope." – Jeremiah 29:11

I knew a young girl who was in love with a boy and wanted to marry him. God's plan regarding her life was different and He spoke to her through many ways and asked her to come out of the relationship she had planned for himself. Her love for that boy dominated God's voice. As God has loved her so much, He fought with her a lot and took her out of that relationship as she finally gave her life into God's hands.

Jesus Christ gave a good job to her and also gave her a good husband. Now, she is living a peaceful and happy marriage life.

God's thought regarding your life will bring peace and goodness into your life. It will give you a future and hope. So when your thoughts are not getting prospered, do not worry. Pray to God and surrender your life into His hands. He will do what is good for you.

My dear young friends, you might be worrying that nothing is happening in your life according to your will and desire. Do not lose heart. Jesus Christ loves you richly. He wants to do good to you. He wants you to have a peaceful future filled with joy and hope. So, He wants you to allow Him to fulfil His plans in your life. If you let God to fulfil His purpose and thoughts in your life, your life will be blessed. You will be a blessing. You will not lack anything. Trust Jesus. He will do only good to you.

More than what you thought about the well being of future; more than what your parents had thought about your future and more than what your loved ones had thought about your future; God has greater plans and thoughts about your well being.

He will work according to His plan in your life and His plan will give you peace, joy and happiness that you long for. Peter loves fishing and he might have had thoughts to catch more fish. But God's plan about his life was to catch more men. God's plan got fulfilled in the life of Peter an ordinary fisherman. He became God's disciple and God did great things through His life. He will do the same in your life. Through you God will do great things.

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GOD'S CLOCK IS NEVER TOO LATE NOR TOO EARLY BUT STRIKES ON TIME

"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." – Hebrews 11:1

We as a family were living in a 3BHK rental house and all of a sudden we started to have water scarcity in our house. The owners came and tried their level best to deepen the bore but their effort went in vain. Since we had no option, we started to buy water for money from outside source.

We prayed about the issue we faced and decided to shift to another house. So, we started to search for another house in the same area where we lived. We had only two months' time until the end of May. By the mid of April, I was invited to preach in a small church and after the service, the pastor of that church prayed for me. God spoke through him and assured me that He will provide a 3BHK house to rent.

Just before that day I had gone to check out a 3 bedroom house but didn't had any peace in my heart and hence had rejected the house. I searched in several websites and spoke to more than 3 brokers but I could not find a 3 BHK house.

Though there were so many 2BHK houses available for rent in our locality, I was afraid to choose that option as I had always wanted to stay in a house which is according to God's will. I started to struggle in my faith and came to the conclusion that I will not be able to find a 3BHK house and had decided to stay in the same house where water scarcity was a major problem.

Days ran fast and I lost all hope. I started to discuss with my house owner about the extension of the contract for another year. As the discussions were going on, I met a person who is a God given elder brother to me. It was on 21st May. He asked me to come with him the next day to look at a 3BHK house which is available for rent and is easily accessible from the main area.

The very next day, I went with him to see the house and as I entered the house, I felt peace in my heart and God confirmed to me that it is in this house we should stay. So we gave the advance next day itself and before the end of May, we vacated our old house and came to the 3BHK house that God promised to us.

Once I got the house, I thanked God with all of my heart but at the same time I felt so ashamed that I could not trust Him in this matter. I know I have failed to believe that God will give me a house for rent to live in as He has promised and asked God to forgive me.

Though God fulfilled His promise at the very end of May, He fulfilled His promise beautifully in His time.

Jesus Christ says in John 20:29, "...Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

My dear young friends, you might not have received what you have been praying for. You might not see any sign of miracle. I encourage you today to stay in faith. Do not lose your faith. Whatever Jesus Christ has promised will come to pass in your life. He will fulfill all the promises He has given you. All you have to do is, stay in faith. Though you do not see God's promised blessing, believe that God will do it for you. You will be blessed.

I have failed in the simple test of faith but I do not want you to fail. Remember faith is the assurance about what we do not see. You will not be put to shame if you have faith on Jesus Christ. Stay in faith. You will receive all the blessings God has promised you.

YOU WILL BE KNOWN TO MANY AS GOD'S CHILD

"You did not choose Me, but I chose you..." - John 15:16

God has chosen you for a mighty purpose. Even before you have been formed in your mother's womb, he knows you and has set you apart to be a blessing for others.

"When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord!" - Luke 5:8

When Jesus Christ entered into your life, you acknowledged that you are a sinner and realized that you are unworthy to stand before Him.

"...And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid. From now on you will catch men." - Luke 5:10

You were afraid because you didn't know what to do after you had received your salvation. Jesus Christ spoke to you about your calling and anointed you to fulfil His divine plan in your life.

"...they forsook all and followed Him." - Luke 5:11

You kept aside all your desires and began your journey with Lord Jesus.

"But Simon Peter answered Him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life." – John 6:68

When many people turned away from God, you stood still in your faith and you followed God diligently.

"Nevertheless, lest we offend them, go to the sea, cast in a hook, and take the fish that comes up first. And when you have opened its mouth, you will find a piece of money; take that and give it to them for Me and you." - Matthew 17:27 You did everything Jesus Christ asked you to do without any doubt. You started to know Him more and more and obeyed Him in all things.

"But I have prayed for you, that your faith should not fail; and when you have returned to Me, strengthen your brethren." - Luke 22:32

You went through a period of testing, where your faith was put to trial. Temptations surrounded you and slowly you began to move away from your faith.

"Peter said to Him, "Even if I have to die with You, I will not deny You!" - Matthew 26:35

You promised God that you will never backslide. Such was your confidence.

Then the servant girl who kept the door said to Peter, "You are not also one of this Man's disciples, are you?" He said, "I am not." – John 18:17

At first, you fell into sin by denying Jesus. You thought you will be able to stand with your strength but you failed.

Now Simon Peter stood and warmed himself. Therefore they said to him, "You are not also one of His disciples, are you?" He denied it and said, "I am not!" – John 18:25

Your own strength failed you and you denied Jesus again.

One of the servants of the high priest, a relative of him whose ear Peter cut off, said, "Did I not see you in the garden with Him?" Peter then denied again..." – John 18:27

You denied again and again. You went far away from your beloved Jesus.

"...Peter went out and wept bitterly." - Luke 22:62

Now you are weeping bitterly. You are hating yourself for what you have done.

"...Jesus said to him, "Feed My sheep." – John 21:17

Today, Jesus Christ is restoring your relationship with Him. He says to you, "Arise and stand up again for my glory." He will lift you up so that you will be a blessing to many of His sheep. Your faith will be restored back and you will strengthen many of your brethren.

Jesus Christ is promising you today, "And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." - Matthew 16:18, 19

You will be raised for God's glory. Jesus Christ will take you out of the pit you are living now and through you, He will do mighty things. He will wipe away all the guilty feelings that are oppressing you. You are His child and you will be known to many as His child. You will live for God's glory.

ARE YOU ENJOYING YOUR PRAYER TIME WITH GOD?

"Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me." – John 15:4

I like a beautiful quote which goes like this, "Get close to God first before getting close to anyone else. God without a man is still God but a man without God is nothing."

It was a night travel back home after I had visited my In-Laws. I got into the bus at 10:45 P.M. As I entered into the bus, I noticed that most of the people in the bus were watching a movie which was being played in the television set of that video coach bus.

There were two people sitting beside me who enjoyed the movie a lot. I saw their facial expressions. They were looking every scene with so much eagerness. Also they were telling the dialogues of every scene. I wondered how they could remember each and every dialogue of the movie. Then I understood that they might have seen the movie so many times before.

Even though they have seen the movie so many times before, they enjoyed it again to the core when it was played in the bus. Not only they watched the movie, they were into it with all their heart, mind and soul. They loved the movie so much.

If we analyse our spiritual lives, are we enjoying the moments of prayer? We pray for few days with all our heart and then we get bored to pray. It seems so tough for us to pray when someone asks us to do so. What is the reason for this?

We could not love our prayer times because we do not have an in-depth relationship with God. Prayer seems to be too hard for us because we really do not love God. We speak with our loved ones day and night without getting bored. But when it comes to God, we could not do that because we were not actually in an intimate relationship with God.

Bible says in James 4:8, "Draw near to God and He will draw near to you..."

If you want God to operate in your life, you have to draw near to Him. If you want to do something for God, you have to abide in Him.

Have an in-depth relationship with Jesus Christ. Love Him with all your heart, mind and soul. Abide in Him in all circumstances. Do not hurt Him. Love the moments that you spend in prayer. Enjoy the presence of God in your life.

Jesus Christ wants you to speak to Him in prayer with all your heart, mind and soul. He does not want you to come to Him in prayer as a custom or ritual.

Gordon B. Hinckley, one of the famous church leader said like this, "Let us never forget to pray. God lives. He is near. He is real. He is not only aware of us but cares for us. He is our Father. He is accessible to all who will seek Him."

My dear young friends, love God and also the moments that you spend in the presence of God. Do not give away your prayer time for any reasons. Abide in Jesus Christ. Draw close to Him in prayer. He will draw close to you and will heal all your pain. He wants you to be blessed. Pray well and receive God's abundant blessings.

GOD HEARS THE PRAYER OF THE RIGHTEOUS

"...the generation of the upright will be blessed." - Psalms 112:2

"But showing mercy to thousands, to those who love me, and keep my commandments." - Exodus 20:6

My mom's mother, who is my grandmother, is nearly 75 years old. My mother loves her a lot and takes good care of my grandma. It's natural that my mom loves her mom. From our childhood, we loved our grandma more than we loved our father's parents. We are so much attached to her and we speak a lot with her about different matters, issues and problems.

It was so surprised when I found out that my niece, who is 7 year old and who is my eldest brother's son, loves our grandma a lot more than we do. Whenever she needed water, he will run to the kitchen to fill her water bottle and will bring it back to her. Whenever my grandma says that she is going to die soon, he used to say that she will live for many more years.

My grandma used to visit my elder brother to stay with him for some days. During those times, he misses her so much and always wanted her to come back to their home soon. More than he loves his own grandma (my mom), he loves my grandmother.

My mother always says that it is the blessing of her grandfather that has made her mother to enjoy the love and warmth of her grandchildren and her great grandchildren. My great grandfather lived an upright life and he loved Jesus so much. Every day, in the early morning he used to go to the church nearby to pray.

When he returns back home, he pass by my grandma's house to bless her and says, "My dear daughter, you will not lack anything and you will have a blessed life". And he did this for several years. Jesus Christ had heard his prayers and blessings, and He is blessing my grandmother today.

My grandmother's life is full of miracles. She got married to a person from another religion and she started to worship idols. Within few years of her marriage, she gave birth to ten children and among them five died. This trauma made her so weak and everyone thought that she will not survive. During those times her father prayer a lot for her and because of his prayers God gave her strength and life.

When I was so young, my grandfather died. Few years later, my grandma's health condition became so bad and we all thought that she is going to die. With so much prayers and tears, my mother brought our grandma to our home to take care of her and till today she is looking after her with love and care.

The prayers of my great grandfather and my mother moved the heart of my grandma. It made her to give her life to Jesus and to take baptism. Now, whenever we face any problems or troubles, she used to call us and comfort us saying, "Jesus Christ will take care of everything and I am constantly praying for you". Indeed, she is a great support to our family.

God had heard the prayers of my great grandfather who led a righteous life before God and He is keeping my grandma alive and healthy even to this day.

My dear young friends, God hears the prayers of upright people. He loves those who fears Him and blesses their generations. Even today if you fear and love Jesus Christ, you will be blessed and your sons and daughters will also be blessed. One day you need to leave this earth but the Eternal God will take care of your sons, daughters and their generations. He will protect them and will bless them abundantly.

Surrender your life to Jesus Christ and dedicate yourself to live an upright holy life before Lord's sight. Jesus Christ will reward you eternally.

PRESSON FOR HE FAILS NOT!

"...great is your faith! Let it be to you as you desire..." - Matthew 15:28

In this passage we read about a gentile woman who came to Jesus with a prayerful desire to receive healing for her daughter. She pleaded to God for His mercy but Bible says in Matthew 15:23, "But He answered her not a word."

Though Jesus Christ didn't answer her prayer immediately, she didn't lose her faith. She persisted in following Jesus for that one blessing. Finally, Jesus spoke that word for which she longed for.

Jesus said, "Let it be to you as you desire." And immediately at that moment her daughter got healed.

Many times when our prayers were not answered by God, we lose our hope. The delay in your prayer getting answered might be a testing time of your faith. If you continue to have faith in Jesus Christ, He will definitely do a miracle to you. You will live in peace.

My elder brother knows a family who were affected by a generational curse. Many years before, few members in that family let one of their daughters to suffer alone in a lonely city just because she loved a guy whom they disliked. Her painful tears brought down curse upon them and their family and because of that every young person in that family suffered a lot.

The family came to know about Jesus Christ but they failed to accept Jesus Christ as their own Saviour. But a young boy in that family took hold of Jesus and began his journey of faith accepting Jesus Christ as his personal Saviour and Redeemer.

He had no job and his life was in a miserable state because of the generational curse. But yet he never got backslidden from his faith. Jesus Christ saw his faith and blessed him with a good job in Indian Bank. Now, he is working in the bank and leading a peaceful life.

My dear young friends, you might be facing a hardship now. You might not have understood the reason behind the troubles that you are facing. Do not get discouraged. Stay in faith. As you continue to seek the face of Jesus Christ, He will give you all that you desire.

Today, Jesus Christ might seem to be silent to your prayers. Soon, He will proclaim a word of blessing upon your life and that word will change your life upside down for good. All the promises He had given you and He is giving you will come to pass. All you have to do is to hold on to Him in all your difficult times.

You have kept Him alone as your hope and you believe that He will surely do good to you. Jesus Christ has seen your faith. You will surely receive the reward for the faith you are having upon Him. You will not be forsaken. Jesus Christ will honour you. Rejoice for He is going to put an end to all your sorrows. God bless you!

DOUBT OR TRUST? WHICH ONE WILL YOU CHOOSE?

"...O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" - Matthew 14:31

Once I was invited to preach in a church. I asked God what to speak and Holy Spirit gave me a promise verse. I sat down in God's presence to extract the important points from that verse. Somehow I could not get myself into the process of preparing a sermon. I found the verse very tough and was not able to prepare a sermon at all.

So I asked God to give me another verse but God insisted me to speak on the same verse. I prayed and wrote down the sermon. The more I thought about the sermon, the more I couldn't love it.

On the day of preaching, I told Jesus Christ that I dislike the sermon which I have prepared. I also added that if at least three persons come to me after the service and tell me that God has spoken to them through my sermon, then I will believe that I have done it according to God's will.

With lot of fear and doubt I stood before the congregation and preached God's word by the help of Holy Spirit. I felt God's presence strongly upon me and once I came down from the pulpit, 5 people came to me and told that the message was superb.

I was so happy to hear those words and as I was returning from the church in the car, I thanked God for what He had done on that day. As I started praising God, Jesus Christ spoke to me through Holy Spirit saying, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt Me?" When He asked me that question, I felt so sad to know that I had hurt God's heart on that day.

There were times in our lives when we had doubted God's mighty power and His promise. God tells us in Isaiah 55:11, "So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth It shall not return to Me void, But it shall accomplish what I please, And it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it."

Whatever God has promised you, He will fulfill it in your life. Do not hurt God's heart by doubting His promise or His leading. When He leads you in a way which you can't understand, just trust Him. He will do things for your own good and He will do only good things in your life.

My dear young friend, put your faith on Jesus Christ and trust Him always. He will lead you beside quiet waters and to green pastures. You will not lack anything. Jesus Christ loves you. He will give you all that you need and will bless you.

BEING MORE THAN A SUNDAY CHRISTIAN

"...For you tithe mint and rue and all manner of herbs, and pass by justice and the love of God. These you ought to have done, without leaving the others undone." – Luke 11:42

As I spoke with one of my colleagues, I came to know that he is so concerned about the lifestyle of the children of God. He said, "We think that we will go to heaven because we are giving tithe properly and attending church every Sunday. But that's not all. We also have to be filled with the love of God and do something for Him."

I understood the truth in his words. We feel happy when we give tithe to God and we feel relieved after attending Sunday services. Once we have completed these two things, we think we have fulfilled what Jesus Christ expects from us. But there is something more.

Jesus Christ tells in Luke 11:42 that it's necessary to give tithe but also we should not neglect justice and the love of God. If we fail to carry God's love and live righteously, we can't please God through our lives.

My dear young friend, Jesus Christ wants you to be a witness for His glory, His holiness, His love and His mightiness. So, you have to be filled with God's love at all times.

Many years ago, there was a group of young Christian boys who were studying in a college which is situated in the southern part of India. They had the habit of praying as a group during nights and the other students didn't like this as most of the students and staff members in that college were non-Christians. So they complained to the management about these guys.

In spite of repeated warnings, the young boys continued to pray daily. The complaint was brought before the chairman of that college and he decided to visit them during their time of prayer. Without informing them, a bunch of top authorities including the Chairman of that college went to their room while they were praying. In order to hide their identity, the Chairman asked the authorities to cut down the power supply in the entire hostel.

After the power was shut down, they slowly entered into the room without making any noise and sat down. The guys who were praying diligently were not aware of the presence of the higher officials in their room. They started to pray for the welfare of their college and for all those who work and study in their college.

As they were praying, the Chairman felt the love of God flowing through their words. Their earnest prayer moved the heart of the Chairman. He ordered the authorities to allot a big prayer hall so that the students can gather together and pray. He also made sure that a bus service had been provided for the students to go from college hostel to Churches on Sundays. Though those young guys have passed out of the College, even today prayers are held in that college.

My dear young friend, God wants you to be a vessel of blessing to many people around you. You have to be filled with God's love and live a righteous life for God to use you for His glory. Jesus Christ will give you His grace to live righteously before Him and in front of everyone. You will be a blessing.

GOD IS SO GOOD IN TURNING YOUR MOURNINGS INTO JOY

"...For I will turn their mourning to joy, Will comfort them, and make them rejoice rather than sorrow." – Jeremiah 31:13

Today you might be going through tough times with sorrows chocking your heart as there is no one to comfort you. You might feel like you will lose everything and will be put to shame. Do not get discouraged.

Jesus Christ is promising you today that He will turn your mourning to joy. He will comfort you and fill you with His joy. Your days of mourning will end. You will be filled with God's peace and joy.

In the year 2010, my mom was diagnosed with breast cancer. She is such a God given blessing to us. We have always treasured her advices and prayers a lot. But on those days, sorrow filled our hearts and we could not even smile at others. Though we trusted God and prayed a lot for her healing, sometimes we became humans and thought that she might die.

Our relatives and well-wishers could not comfort us. With a heavy heart we had accepted to go for surgery. Jesus Christ gave His grace to the doctors to perform the surgery. The surgery got over successfully and my mom was confronted with radiotherapy and chemotherapy treatment.

We know how sensitive she is to even bear a simple head ache. So we wondered how she is going to bear the pain of chemotherapy. My mom also pleaded with God to keep her alive so that she can see my marriage.

Jesus Christ promised her that He will be with her throughout the treatment. True to His word, He had never left us alone. He comforted us and also gave His strength to my mom to go through all kinds of treatments. After one year, when doctors did a check-up, they reported that my mom was completely fine.

We were so happy and rejoicing. We thanked God for He had turned all our sorrows into joy. My mom's health returned back to normal and soon I too got married. My mom was so happy to attend my marriage.

Years passed by and all of a sudden my mom became terribly ill. No doctor was able to diagnose the reason for her weakness. She became so weak that she couldn't even stand at all. As a family we beseeched God to give her life. But, as my mom had completed all her duties faithfully, she was ready to die because she knows for sure that she will go to Heaven.

With so much of grief in our heart, we admitted her in the hospital but her health condition didn't get any better. Fear started to grip us and our prayers became more intense.

Jesus Christ heard her prayers and healed her completely. Once she got recovered from her illness, she went for a complete check-up in the hospital where she had been treated previously for cancer. The doctors told us that she is completely fine and there are no signs of any disease in her body.

Jesus Christ has put an end to our mourning. Even today He is leading us with His peace and joy.

My dear young friends, Jesus Christ will do the same in your life. Though it looks like there is no future and hope for you and though there are no signs of help from anyone, do not fear. Jesus Christ will move Heaven and Earth to come to your help. He will be your comfort and here after you will rejoice. There will not be any more sorrows in your life. Your life will be filled with God's peace. God will take care of your family life and will protect everything that belongs to you. You will live happily.

SHOWERS OF ABUNDANT BLESSINGS

"...Go up, eat and drink; for there is the sound of abundance of rain." – 1 Kings 18:41

Ahab was the king of Israel and he did things against God's word. Then God spoke through His prophet Elijah and proclaimed a drought in that land. Severe famine struck that land. There was no dew and no rain in that land.

Nearly after 3 years came God's word to Elijah and He said, "...Go up, eat and drink; for there is the sound of abundance of rain."

For the past months, your life might have been full of famine. You might have longed for so many blessings but have received none. There is neither blessing dew nor blessing rain in your life. You are filled with sorrow as you are struggling hard. You might feel like your prayers are not heard by God.

Today Holy Spirit says to you, "My dear child, there is the sound of abundance of rain." Jesus Christ is going to give overflowing blessings in your life and the years of famine will come to an end. Your life will be filled with God's blessings.

God is not promising just rain. He is promising abundance of rain. Even in your life, He will not stop after blessing you but He will bless you abundantly so that it will overflow. Jesus Christ will give you His peace abundantly; His joy abundantly; His blessings abundantly and also His riches abundantly. You will be blessed in an abundant way.

I happened to hear the testimony of a middle aged guy who is a Human Resource Manager. He studied Arts course in an institution and then pursued MBA degree in a university. He had a great hope about his future. However, he couldn't get a job by the time he completed his studies. With sorrow in his heart, he left the college and went to his hometown.

He stayed there for months not knowing what to do. There was no sign of blessings in his life. His heart was filled with pain but yet he never failed to pray. He prayed earnestly to God to bless Him. One day, God answered his prayers and blessed him with a job. Slowly God promoted him to the level of HR Manager.

Recently, a leading NEWS organization selected him as one of the top most 40 HR managers in India. What a blessing! Once he was nothing and no one knew anything about him. Then, as he looked up to Jesus Christ in prayer, He blessed him abundantly in such a way that he became one of the top most professionals in his country.

My dear young friends, there will be abundance of blessing in your life. Our God is a God who turns deserts into pools of water. Springs of blessings will come forth into your life. You will see God's mighty hand doing great things in your life.

So do not worry. You will be blessed. There is the sound of abundance of rain and soon you will see rain. You will be blessed with abundant blessings.

GOD'S PROMISES NEVER FAIL

"Blessed is she who believed, for there will be a fulfilment of those things which were told her from the Lord." - Luke 1:45

The angel of God visited Mary and told her that she will get conceived and brings forth a Son and He will be great and will be called the Son of the Highest. Mary asked the angel, "How is this possible since I am a virgin."

The reply given by the angel of God is recorded in Luke 1:35. "And the angel answered and said to her, The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God."

During those days, many don't know much about the Holy Spirit and His power but yet Mary believed the words that came from the presence of God and submitted herself into the hands of God saying, "Let it be to me according to your word."

The word of God which was told to her was far beyond her understanding. She was an ordinary girl who could not foresee in what way the Child she was going to bear will make a change to the mankind. She knew very well that she has to face lot of problems when people around come to know that she got conceived before knowing her husband but yet she believed the word of God spoken to her.

The outcome was she became blessed and all that was spoken to her got fulfilled. Let's see another incident from the Bible in which a son of a nobleman got healed.

There was a nobleman whose son was sick. As he heard that Jesus Christ had come to Galilee, he went to Him and pleaded Him to come to his house to heal his son who is at the point of death.

"The nobleman said to Him, 'Sir, come down before my child dies!' Jesus said to him, 'Go your way; your son lives.' So the man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him, and he went his way" - John 4:49, 50.

Actually the nobleman requested Jesus to come to his home to heal his son. But Jesus Christ promised him that his son lives and told him to return back.

What Jesus did was far beyond the nobleman's expectation. He wanted God to come and heal but Jesus Christ just gave him a promise. If I was there in that situation, I would have insisted Jesus again and again to come to my home to heal my son.

What the nobleman did was shocking. He believed the promise of Jesus that was given to him and went his way. As he believed God's word, his son got healed.

You would have got a promise from Jesus Christ. It may be far from your understanding. The situation what you go through may look different from the promise that was given to you. All you have to do is, believe in God's promise. When you believe in His word and surrender your life to Him, you will see the fulfilment of His word in your life.

When my wife became pregnant, Jesus Christ promised us that she will have a normal delivery. I was very afraid because my wife cannot bear even a simple pain. During the first four months of her pregnancy, she did all the work in house and in her workplace. Daily she used to travel in bus for few kilometres and thereby never followed the diet given by the doctor. As days progressed she got pain whenever she went for walking and so she stopped that also. By the time she went to her native

place during the 8th month of her pregnancy, her sugar level went high and she gained weight above the normal level.

I started to panic as the situation turned different. But all we did was praying and claimed God's promise. We were weak in faith but yet we believed the promise given by God and we prayed declaring His promise. And by God's grace, my wife gave birth to a beautiful girl child through normal delivery.

My dear young friends, situations may appear different. You may not be able to understand the promise of God given to you. Sarah was barren when God promised Abraham that his generation will be of great number. It was far beyond his comprehension but yet Abraham believed and God fulfilled His promise in his life.

Similarly, Jesus Christ will fulfil all that He has promised you as long as you believe and surrender your life into His hands. You will be blessed as you believe His word.

YOU ARE HIGHLY FAVOURED BY THE LORD

"And having come in, the angel said to her, "Rejoice, highly favoured one, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women!" - Luke 1:28

God sent the angel Gabriel to a virgin called Mary and Gabriel greeted her with a wonderful promise. The angel addressed Mary as the one who is highly favoured and blessed among all women because the Lord was with her and she was chosen by God for a Holy purpose.

Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end." - Luke 1:30-33

Then Gabriel explained to Mary the miraculous things that are going to happen through her. It was told by God to her that Jesus Christ will enter into this world through her and He will be great and His kingdom will never end. What a wonderful promise she has got from God! After she had received God's promise, she would have imagined about the great things that are going to follow.

Actually, what happened next? When she was expecting something good, a worst thing happened. Joseph, to whom she has been engaged to, decided to put her away secretly because he could not understand how she got conceived. If Joseph himself was not able to understand Mary, who was pledged to be married to him, how much

more the other people would have disregarded her.

Everyone around her might have thought about her badly. She might have gone through pain and shame. As the time came for her to deliver the baby, it has happened that she needs to travel from Galilee to Judea with Joseph to register for the census. When they reached Bethlehem, they couldn't find any guest room in the Inn.

The women, who had been called by the angel of the Lord as highly favoured, gave birth to the promised child in cattle shed and laid him in a manger. Her situation and God's promise given to her didn't match at all. Both were in contrast to each other. Does it end that way? No. Like how it has been told to Mary by Gabriel, Jesus has been called as the Son of God and His kingdom continues to exist forever. Similarly, though many centuries have been passed, Mary is still considered blessed among all women.

In the same way, you might have thought that everything will be fine as God has promised good things. But things might be happening in contrast to God's promise and because of which you might be going through pain and shame.

Jesus Christ is promising you that it will not end how it goes now and your life will change for good. He is assuring you that all He has spoken regarding your life will be fulfilled in His time and you will not be put to shame.

Situations might seem different. People around you might speak different. You might even think that you will not see any goodness in your life. Yet, Holy Spirit says to you that God's promises will surely get fulfilled in your life.

One day, God promised my elder brother that He will lift his head up by giving him a government job. My brother waited for more than five years but nothing changed. People around him started to behave differently. He lost all his hope. But one day, as God promised, he got a government job. God has blessed him abundantly and he is living happily now.

My dear young friends, you will surely see God's goodness. You are highly favoured. The Lord is with you and so you will be blessed among all others. God bless you!

THE GOD WHO NEVER GIVES HIS GLORY TO OTHERS

The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken." - Isaiah 40:5

A person whom I came to know many years before called me and asked me to pray for him. I realized that the problem he is going through is very serious as he had called me nearly after two years.

He got married three years before and few months after his marriage, he applied for divorce and got separated from his wife. He knew what he was doing is against God's will but yet he got separated from his wife. After a year or so, He came to know about a non-Christian girl and fell in love with her.

They got engaged and within a short period time they entered into the marriage life. All the family members of his wife were non-Christians and she performs the major role in most of the temple festivals in her place. Everything went well in their life till she got some serious issues during the later stages of her pregnancy.

She developed delivery complications and the doctors advised for caesarean. The family members agreed as both mother and child were in dangerous condition. But before the doctors could take the girl child out, she drank the fluid in her mother's womb. So once the caesarean got over, the child went into a fatal state and was kept in children ICU.

The doctors broke down the news that the chance of survival for the child is very less. At that moment when everyone gave up hope, his father-in-law told him, "If Jesus Christ is a loving God let Him save the child's life." It is at this time that he called me to pray for his child.

He was so upset when his father in law openly challenged the power of Jesus Christ. He told me that he had begged for God's forgiveness and had confessed his sins to Jesus Christ. Also he wanted God to save his child so that God's name will not be put to shame by his father-in-law.

He desperately wanted God's glory to be revealed. He had even called nearly hundreds of Christian believers and requested them to pray. I was so surprised to hear that and appealed him to give me updates about the child's status.

Miraculously within a week the child was completely restored back to health. Now, the baby and her mother are doing well by God's grace.

He sinned against God but when father-in-law challenged the power of God, he humbled himself at the feet of the God. Jesus Christ revealed His glory in his life and healed his child. As the glory of God got revealed, it was seen by all his wife's relatives and everyone was amazed.

My dear young people, do you have a troubled marriage life? Are you worried about your future? Are you depressed thinking about your family situation? Are you hope-less?

Don't perplex. Wipe away your tears. Pray to Jesus Christ. His glory will come upon your life and all flesh around you will see God's glory shining in your life. It will surely happen because the Bible verse says that the mouth of the Lord has spoken it. Your heads will be lifted high. In the coming days, you will see God's glory getting revealed in your life.

THE POWER OF GOD'S COMPASSION

"As a father pities his children, so the Lord pities those who fear Him." – Psalms 103:13

I was requested to preach God's word in an old age home. It was taken care of by the church pastor of that village. God told me what I have to speak and so with great peace and happiness I went there to preach. Before I reached, I was thinking that I will be speaking to a crowd of elderly people who will be around 50 years of age. I got surprised when I arrived as most of them were above 65 years of age. As I saw them, I sat down without knowing what to do. Most of them were weak but yet they sat in their chairs to listen to God's word.

It was my first time when I stood before a crowd of elderly people. So many thoughts flooded my mind and I felt very weak within myself as I didn't know how to speak and what to speak to them. Jesus Christ spoke to me through Holy Spirit saying, "These elderly people are My people. I love them a lot and I pity them. I have great compassion upon them."

As soon as God had finished speaking to me, a great compassion filled my heart which I was missing previously. As I stood up to preach, I told the elderly people what God spoke to me concerning them. Many of them cried as they heard and felt God's love upon their lives.

I was really thrilled to witness the love of Jesus Christ upon those elderly people. That's what God says in Isaiah 46:4, "Even to your old age, I am He and even to gray hairs I will carry you..."

Those old people might not have had their loved ones near to them. Their loved ones might have thrown them out of their family. But Jesus Christ has been with them. He had carried them thus far and He will carry them till the end.

My dear young people, you might feel like left alone. Your loved ones might have despised you or you might through the path of tears because of losing your close ones. Let not your heart be troubled. Jesus Christ has great compassion upon you.

The Bible describes in John 11 about a family who lived in Bethany. Jesus Christ loved everyone in that family. All of a sudden, one of them called Lazarus got sick and his two sisters called for Jesus. When Jesus came they ran to Him and cried because their brother had died.

Bible says in John 11:33 and 35, "Therefore, when Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her weeping, He groaned in the spirit and was troubled... Jesus wept."

When those whom He loved cried, Jesus also cried. He didn't stop there. He went to the tomb and by His power, He raised Lazarus from death. Joy filled that family once again.

My dear friend, Jesus Christ loves you and has compassion on you. Because of your situation, you may be shedding tears. Holy Spirit wants me to tell you that Jesus Christ is also crying with you. He will not stop till He restores all that you have lost. Jesus Christ will fill you with His joy.

Your loved ones might have failed to understand your agony. They might have failed to support you. Do not get discouraged. The Lord who has created you loves you and has compassion on you. He will never leave you. He will bless you abundantly and you will live happily.

IT'S A PRIVILEGE TO CARRY EVERYTHING TO GOD IN PRAYER

"Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God." – Philippians 4:6 (NKJV)

"Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done." - Philippians 4:6 (NLT)

Once I was dealing with a small personal problem. Though it was a simple one, it looked so big to me. It was eating up my mind and I couldn't make a firm decision about it. I couldn't find a solution for it and was thrown into confusion. That simple problem started to worry me so much.

As I was walking on the street with so many thoughts bombarding me, I saw a car parked on the left side. On its rear side it was written, "... Instead Pray." I have seen that car couple of times before but on that day those verses on that car became alive before me. Holy Spirit spoke to me clearly what I should do.

Many times we face problems which are so simple yet strong enough to complicate our lives. We think about it a lot but yet we fail to reach a decision. Even today you might be going through such a simple but critical situation. You might feel like things are getting out of your hand and you have no control over it. You might have tried so many things but nothing seems to work out for you.

Today Jesus Christ is telling you, "... Do not worry about anything. Instead Pray." Stop worrying about the problems you are confronting with but rather go to the presence of God and pour out your heart to Him. As those verses I saw on the car directed me to pray, God's peace filled my heart. Pour out your struggles to Him and He will fill you with His immeasurable peace.

There was a young Indian girl who got married and stayed abroad. Jesus Christ blessed her and she got pregnant. She planned to return back to her parents in India during her 7th month of pregnancy. As she came back to her parents, she developed some complications and the doctors told that she is in a dangerous condition.

Her family members didn't know what to do. As they struggled to take a decision, they decided to pray about it. As a family they prayed a lot and requested others also to pray.

Jesus Christ heard their prayers and miraculously healed that girl. Doctors expected a premature delivery but Jesus Christ gave her the strength she needed and led her peacefully till her normal expected date of delivery.

My dear young friends, Jesus Christ has heard your prayers. He has heard your supplications. He will answer it and fill you with His joy. Do not worry about anything. Take everything to God in prayer. Tell all your needs to Him. Your prayers will surely be answered by Jesus Christ. You will live in peace.

QUENCH NOT YOUR FAITH FOR THE GREAT I AM IS WITH YOU

"... Why are you fearful, O you of little faith ..." – Matthew 8:26

The disciples travelled along with Jesus in a boat. Jesus was asleep. Suddenly the wind started to blow strongly and became a tempest. The uproar of the sea tossed the boat up and down and started to fill the boat with sea water. The disciples got afraid and perplexed. They ran to Jesus and woke Him up saying, "Lord we are perishing." The above quoted verse was the reply given by Jesus to the frightened disciples. Then He arose and rebuked the winds and sea and a great calmness prevailed over the situation.

It's true that the disciples faced a great tempest and water filled the boat. There was no way of escape as the situation turned grave. They would have tried their best to control the boat with their own knowledge but nothing worked out.

The situation they faced made them to believe that their life is going to end as they didn't know what to do. All of a sudden they realized that Jesus was asleep and decided to wake Him up. They ran to Him and shouted, "Lord, save us. We are perishing."

The disciples failed to understand that though Jesus Christ seems to be sleeping, He is still looking after them and He is all powerful to control their circumstances. That is the reason why Jesus told them that their faith is little.

Recently I went to my wife's parents place to bring her back to our home. She went there during the time of her pregnancy. As God blessed us with a beautiful daughter,

I decided to bring them back home. Since our house is nearly 400Kms from her parent's place, I preferred to bring them back by car.

Though I have never driven for such a long distance, I continued with my decision and reached her place in the evening. My idea was to start my return journey early in the next morning, so I went to bed early enough to have a good rest.

I couldn't sleep as fear gripped my heart. Questions like, "What if I don't drive properly and meet with an accident?", "What will happen if any one of us die?" and series of such questions flooded my mind. The fear that I will be killed in the accident chocked me and I couldn't sleep at all.

Early the next morning, I knelt down in prayer. The very first thing God asked me was, "Why are you fearful, O you of little faith?" Then Holy Spirit reminded me of all the good promises He had me regarding my life and my family life. He encouraged me that no harm will touch me.

God's peace filled my heart and I started to drive with so much of happiness. The entire journey of 400Kms was filled with God's peace and protection. Finally, we reached home safely by God's grace.

My dear young friends, the circumstances in your life would have blinded you to see the Lord being with you. It would have grabbed you with fear and would have quenched your faith. Today Jesus Christ is assuring you that He is with you even when you go through tough problems and the troubles you are facing now are just temporary.

You might be thinking that Jesus is asleep. He is not asleep. He is watching over your life. He knows your fears and the situations you through. He will arise in your life and will calm down all that troubles you. God's divine great peace will fill your life. You will not perish for God is with you.

YOUR PETITION WILL BE GIVEN TO YOU

"... Go in peace, and the God of Israel grant your petition which you have asked of Him." - 1 Samuel 1:17

The one thing that I hated to the core right from my school days is Mathematics. After I had finished my schooling, I did my diploma in a Government college. When I started my diploma course, I was told that I have to clear two Mathematics paper and the second one will be too tough to get passed. I believed what my seniors and lecturers told and got failed in Math II paper. Yet God miraculously helped me to succeed in the second attempt. Once my diploma course ended in a good note, God took me to a Government engineering college to do my Bachelor studies in engineering.

The same story continued. I failed in Mathematics in the first attempt and cleared it in the second attempt.

My parents had the hope that I will clear the entrance exam for my PG admission but alas I didn't make it. So my parents prayed and admitted me in a private engineering institution with fees of around 2 lakh rupees for the completion of my entire Master degree.

I know very well that my parents cannot afford it but with the money they got from selling our only house they were able to provide for my studies. Knowing the background of how I was able to get into a private institution enforced pressure on me right from day one of my college. I believed that if I work hard and get good percentage then I can make my parents happy.

On the very first day when I came to know that I have to clear an Advanced Mathematics paper for the completion of my degree, I lost all my hope. Mathematics itself is a big headache for me then how can I put up with Advanced Mathematics?

Days passed by so quickly and I ended up in the examination period. I thought I will fail in the exam like how I got failed in my diploma and UG course. At the same time I also thought about the sacrifice of my parents. The fear for mathematics and the awareness of my family situation overwhelmed me and made me to lose my stability.

Out of fear I used to cry continuously day and night without any break. My mom started to worry that if I continue like this I will go mad and so she tried her level best to comfort me but nothing worked out. Just one day before my exam I went to a prayer centre near to my college. I poured out my heart to God as tears rolled down my cheeks. I pleaded with Him to help me pass in the Maths exam without making an arrear in that subject.

After my prayer, I came out and there I saw a board which was engraved with the verse from 1 Samuel 1:17, "... Go in peace, and the God of Israel grant your petition which you have asked of Him."

God spoke to me clearly through that verse and a divine peace filled my heart. As God had promised, He heard my prayers and helped me to pass in the Advanced Mathematics exam and also to successfully complete my PG degree with more than 75%.

Even today you might be worried about certain things in your life. It might be about your future or anything. Today God says to you to go forward in peace for He had heard your petitions and prayers and He will grant it.

My dear young friends, Hannah cried out to God for a child and God heard her prayers and blessed her. He gave her Samuel who became a great prophet of God. Jesus Christ heard my prayers and helped me to complete my PG degree in first class. He has heard your prayers and tears. He will do to you more than what He did in my life. Your petition will be granted by God and you will have a blessed peaceful future.

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GOD'S STYLE – LOGICAL OR SUPERNATURAL?

Therefore Sarah laughed within herself, saying, "After I have grown old, shall I have pleasure, my lord being old also?" – Genesis 18:12

God promised Abraham that soon he will have a child. When Sarah heard it, she immediately thought within herself, "Shall I have pleasure?"

Sarah had longed to have a child but yet she couldn't receive what she had desired for. Years passed and she became old. All of a sudden she received God's promise saying that she will give birth to a son. Yet, she doubted God's promise. The reason for Sarah's unbelief is given in the above verse. She says, "I have grown old and my lord (Abraham) being old also."

She knew very well that her husband is well advanced in age and her womb is dead. That made her to think, how God's promise can be fulfilled when her body which is the main source for child bearing has been worn out and has passed its stage of giving birth.

Today you might also be in the same position. God had given a promise to you but there is no sign for God's promise to get fulfilled as the situations you go through tell you another story. God would have promised you that you will have a beautiful marriage life but years have passed by without having a trace of getting married. He would have guaranteed you a child but yet you could get conceived even after many years. You are very discouraged because you didn't have pleasure in your life and the situations also seem different. You are filled with sorrow and grief as you look at your life's situations and your own strength.

Today Jesus Christ wants you to look at Him and not at the situations. It's true that Sarah was old. It's true that Abraham was well advanced in age. From human's perspective, it is impossible for them to get a child.

Bible says in Genesis 18:13, 14, "And the Lord said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh, saying, 'Shall I surely bear a child, since I am old?' Is anything too hard for the Lord? At the appointed time I will return to you, according to the time of life, and Sarah shall have a son."

My dear young friends, nothing is too hard for the Lord. He can make the old couples to bear a child. He can part a sea. He can destroy a huge wall in seconds. He can do anything. Nothing is too hard for the Lord. He will do a miracle in your life at His appointed time.

He will give you a child very soon at His time. He will give you the desires of your heart and make you prosperous. You will not be put to shame. Hold onto God's promise and look at Him alone. Do not look at your situations. Do not look at your

ability. God's power doesn't depend on your ability, capacity and your life's situation. He is all powerful to do anything in your life and He will do things that will be a blessing in your life. So do not get discouraged. You will definitely see God's promise getting fulfilled in your life.

THE LORD CARES FOR YOU

"Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you." - 1 Peter 5:7

There were times in my life when I had run to my friends to share my sorrows and pain. They couldn't understand nor were they able to care about the agony in my heart as the joy they enjoyed at that moment made them unable to realize my troubled spirit.

Today, you might be going through such moments where you feel that there is no one to care for you. Do not worry. Jesus Christ cares for you. No matter how heavy your sorrows and anxieties are, just cast them upon Him for He cares for you.

Bible doesn't say, "Cast your anxiety on Him." It says, "Cast ALL your anxiety on Him." You can cast any kind of anxiety on Jesus Christ for He cares for you. You might be anxious about your future marriage life. The fear about your studies, job and family life might trouble you. Your physical health might distress you. Do not get discouraged. You have an Everlasting God who cares for you. Cast all your anxiety on Him. He will give you peace for He cares for you.

Many years ago, a servant of God went to minister in a city. He had to preach continuously for two weeks. As he had continuous meetings, his health got affected and his body became very weak. On the last day of the meeting, his preaching was in the evening. After the morning service got over he thought that since it's the last day of the meeting, many people will come eagerly for God's word.

With this thought he went to the church to pray for the evening meeting. He would have prayed for five minutes and then without his knowledge he fell asleep. After some time he heard sounds of prayer and woke up from his sleep. Then he realized that he had slept for many hours. His heart became heavy and sorrowful as he couldn't pray well to receive God's word for the thirsty people.

Finally, as the time of preaching came, he decided that he will just pray for the people and conclude the meeting without preaching. So he started to pray. As he was praying, Holy Spirit came upon him mightily and he began to preach God's word with authority and power for nearly one and a half hour.

Many people got blessed through the word he shared. Once he got down from the pulpit, he ran to God's presence with tears and asked, "Lord, how is it possible that

you did mighty things through me today when I haven't prayed well." The Lord spoke to him and said, "My dear son, I know that you were tired and your body was very weak as you did My ministry continuously for two weeks. I know that you should take rest at least for few hours, so I gave you a deep and peaceful sleep." The words of Jesus Christ melted the heart of the servant of God and he wept with tears as he realized how much care Jesus Christ has upon His children.

My dear young friends, Jesus Christ noticed even the tiredness of His child and cared for him. Even today, He cares for you. He knows the storm that you are facing in life. The troubles you have at your workplace and in your marriage life have not gone unnoticed in His eyes. He notices your tiredness and weakness. No matter how big and how intense your problems are, cast them upon Jesus Christ for He cares for you.

There is no need for you to carry the burden. Leave them down in the presence of God. Jesus Christ cares for you and He will carry you.

HE IS GREATER THAN YOUR BIGGEST PROBLEMS

"Ah, Lord God! Behold, You have made the heavens and the earth by Your great power and outstretched arm. There is nothing too hard for You." - Jeremiah 32:17

Today you might be struggling hard to come out of the problem that has emerged before you as a big unmovable mountain. All you have to do is, run to God's presence with trust and faith as He is greater than all your problems.

In Luke 8, we read about a man named Jairus. He was a leader of the synagogue. His only daughter was dying and she was twelve years old. On seeing his daughter in death bed, he would have had several options. He could have run to a Physician to enquire about his daughter's condition. But what he did was so different. He left his only daughter who was dying and came to Jesus Christ, pleading Him to come to his house. Though his daughter's condition was severe, he believed that Jesus Christ is greater than her problem and that He can do everything. As he trusted Jesus Christ, his daughter came back to life. Peace and joy filled his family.

In the same chapter, we read about the healing of a woman who had blood flow for twelve long years. She had suffered for twelve long years. The Bible clearly says that she had spent all her livelihood to get a healing but no one was able to heal her. The problem she faced was too big for her to handle. She was facing that problem for more than a decade and had spent everything for it but yet she could not come out of it. She would have thought that there is no hope for her. One day she heard about Jesus and decided to run to Him for her healing. She came up behind Jesus Christ and touched the hem of His garment. At the very moment, she received her healing. The problem that she was facing for several years vanished in a moment. She saw Jesus Christ as the one Who is greater than her own problem.

The problem you are facing today might present itself as the toughest. You might be in the verge of facing death and might think that you are going to die. It might be a complication in your marriage; it might be an issue in your body; it might be a dispute in your workplace or it might be a sin that troubles you. Do not get discouraged.

All you have to do is, run to Jesus Christ. All these days you would have thought that your problems are so bigger that no one can deal with it. It's true that your problem is bigger. It's true that no human can help you. But you have a God who is greater than all your biggest problems. People around you might not be able to help you. Jesus Christ will help you for nothing is too hard for Him.

As you run to His presence with your problems, He will give you rest and peace. He will fight for you. With His outstretched mighty arm, He will demolish everything that troubles you and will give you a new life. "You will have a new beginning", says Jesus Christ.

Do not worry about your past happenings. Do not let the complication and duration of your sickness to discourage you. Do not lose hope seeing the situations around you. Just look unto Jesus Christ. Pour out your heart to Him. You will have a fresh beginning and a new life with God's blessings and peace.

Jesus Christ is greater than all your troubles and nothing is too hard for Him. Trust Him and you will be blessed.

THE LORD IS WITH YOU IN THE PATH OF SUFFERING

"I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you." – John 14:18

We feel alone and doubt God's presence in our life when we go through tough times. Take heart for Jesus Christ will not leave you as orphan. He will come to you to comfort you and bless you.

In John chapter 5, we read about a man who was lying by the side of Bethesda pool for thirty eight years. He was in a desperate need to get healed.

John 5:7 explains the plight of his condition, "The sick man answered, "Sir, I don't have anyone here to put me in the pool when the water is stirred up; while I am trying to get in, somebody else gets there first."

The sick man faced a tough situation for several years but he didn't have anybody to help him come out of the situation. He was left as an orphan by his household and his relatives. No one bothered about his healing. Everyone around him was busy looking after their own needs. He was in a pathetic state.

Though people had left him, Jesus didn't reject him and went in search of him. John 5:6 says, "When Jesus saw him lying there, and knew that he already had been in that condition a long time ..."

Jesus Christ, who knew the condition and feelings of that sick man, came to him and healed him. Jesus Christ who did a miracle in the sick man's life will do it today in your life.

The situation you are confronting with for many years might be a sin, family problem or financial difficulty. Whatever it might be, today Jesus Christ will enter into your life to set you free from the clutches of suffering. You might think that Jesus Christ doesn't care about your worries and struggles. You are wrong. Jesus Christ knows what you go through. He understands your situation. He is fully aware of your weakness. He knows what is troubling you for a long time. Today He wants to set you free.

Few years back, when my mother was diagnosed with cancer, she used to pray with tears in the nights telling God that she is all alone in the path of suffering. Everyone in our family felt the same but we could not share our worries with each other. My mother was the one who got affected so much. She feared to undergo various treatments and surgery. She feared that she will die without seeing my marriage.

One day Jesus Christ spoke to her directly saying, "My child, I am with you. I will never leave you and I will never forsake you. Nothing will harm you."

The words of Jesus Christ filled my mom's heart with so much comfort and joy. She put her trust in the Lord as she went through the surgery and various treatments. As God promised her, His mighty presence stayed with her at all times and today she is completely fine and doing well. God gave her His grace to see my marriage and also the daughter He gave to me.

My dear young friend, you will not die. Your own eyes will see God's mighty hands doing mighty things in your life. You will receive miracles. You will be comforted. Jesus Christ will never leave you as an orphan. As long as you live, Jesus Christ will be with you to bless you and carry you. So do not get discouraged. Jesus Christ will never leave you nor forsake you.

BE FILLED WITH GOD'S LOVE

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." - John 3:16

God gave His only Son for us because He loves us. He gave all that He had so that we might be blessed. God demonstrated His love for us by giving us His only begotten Son.

1 John 4:9 says, "In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him."

For our well-being, He gave up His only Son. He showed His love by giving the One whom He loved so much. We have to contemplate whether we are demonstrating God's love to others by giving what they need.

I know a young girl who earns 12,000 Rupees per month. Her family depends on what she earns. Out of her salary she used to give 10% as tithe. She will get only Rs. 5000 in hand after paying the rent for her hostel accommodation.

Recently she met a poor girl who was in a desperate need of money. She prayed for that girl and while praying she felt in her spirit that she should help the girl by giving 5000 rupees. She had only Rs. 5000 in her hand to earn her living for that entire month. Yet she gave the money to the girl without any hesitation. On that day, the poor girl would have seen God's love through her. She gave all that she had.

Few members of an organization gave some money to help poor people. So, I and my friend who always accompanies me whenever I go for outreach programs went to an old age home to provide for their needs. My friend earns nearly Rs.16000 and his family depends on what he earns as they have lost their father.

He saw those old people and told me that he wants to do something for them. I didn't give much thought to what he said. Two days after the visit, he called me and said that he wants to give Rs. 5000 as Christmas gift to that old age home. I was amazed because I know that he is in need of money especially during Christmas season. He visited the old age home again and gave the entire amount to them.

The act of these two people who willingly gave what they had to those in need astonished me. All I know is they carry God's love in their heart.

Bible has recorded about a widow who gave all that she had to the treasury. Jesus spoke about her in Mark 12:43, 44, "... Assuredly, I say to you that this poor widow has put in more than all those who have given to the treasury; for they all put in out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty put in all that she had, her whole livelihood."

Jesus said that she had put in more than all other people. Though she gave little money, she gave it all to God.

Those two young people gave all that they had because God's love filled their hearts. God has loved us and so He gave His only begotten Son for us. This day, dedicate yourself at God's feet to be filled with His love so that you can show His love to others. Give to poor people and demonstrate God's pure love through your deeds. May God bless you richly!

HE WILL CARRY YOU THROUGH

"And in the wilderness where you saw how the Lord your God carried you, as a man carries his son, in all the way that you went until you came to this place." – Deuteronomy 1:31

Recently I met an old lady whom I knew for quite some years. The first time I saw her was when I joined newly in my workplace. She was a constructional worker and she used to work in the floor adjacent to my room. I have not spoken with her much but yet we share smiles whenever we cross each other. For the past few years I could not see her so often.

After a long time I met her and she was so happy to see me. We spoke for few minutes and she shared her life story with me. She said, "I came to this city 23 years ago with two little children. I had no clue how I was going to raise up my children in the new city. In spite of my anxieties and fears I surrendered my future into God's hands. Though I had a very little income I trusted God for everything. God has blessed me so much. My two children have completed their studies successfully and are married now."

One of her children is working in the organization where I work. She stressed that only because of God's grace she was able to live in that city for 23years and could raise her children to a good level though she was an ordinary constructional worker. I have attended both of her children's marriage and I know how richly God has blessed her family.

My dear young friends, you might be anxious about your future. You might feel sad as there is no one around you to help you. As you struggle financially you might think that it is impossible to live in this world. Do not worry. Your Heavenly Father Jesus Christ will carry you as a father carries his son. He will carry you in His arms. You will not struggle anymore. You will be comforted and blessed. God will never leave you nor forsake you.

WHO CAN COMPETE WITH HIS LOVE?

"Can a woman forget her nursing child, and not have compassion on the son of her womb? Surely they may forget, yet I will not forget you." - Isaiah 49:15

Recently, I was arranging some things at home. My little daughter was sleeping at that time and my wife was doing some other work. As I was shifting things here and there, I pulled a chair in which I had kept my laptop. Actually the laptop was inside its bag but as I pulled the chair it fell down with force. I treasured that laptop so much because God enabled me to buy it for nearly 55,000 rupees.

As soon as it fell down the immediate thought within me was about the condition of the laptop. With a confused mind I looked at my wife and thought that she is going to scold me for my carelessness. But my wife pointed out towards my daughter and said in a low voice, "Be careful and do not make noise. She is sleeping."

I actually thought that she will be worried about what could have happen to the laptop but instead she was concerned about our little daughter's sleep. That's the love of a mother. Her daughter's sleep was more precious to her than a costly laptop.

There is a greater love than that of a mother. It is the love of God. God says that surely a woman may forget her child but yet He will not. Jesus Christ cares for you more than a mother. His love upon you is greater than anyone's love. Even today He loves you as you are with an unconditional love. He will never cast you away.

Several years ago, I went into depression as I was not able to face any pressures in life and was away from God. One day I became so dejected that I was not in my control. It was a Saturday and I have to write an important exam on Monday after noon. Throughout the whole day I couldn't study or do anything.

My health condition became worse and I was admitted in the hospital that evening. I could not stay in the hospital for a long time, so I forced myself to come out of the hospital and got discharged in the midnight. The impact of depression continued to hold me the next day also.

I could not do anything. So I called a servant of God who is a prophet. As I was heartbroken, I asked him to pray for my exams. He started praying and God spoke to me in an amazing way. Jesus Christ said, "My dear son, sleep well."

How do you feel when God says to you to sleep well when you have a tough exam to face? Jesus Christ knows that I need sleep in order to be peaceful in my mind.

On that day my mother knew what I was going through and how I was suffering but yet she didn't know what I needed. At that time I was not in a close relationship with Jesus Christ. Yet He loved me more than my mother and asked me to sleep well. Also He gave me a pleasant sleep without any worries. His peace filled my heart as I slept. He led me to write the exam well and got passed in that exam. Even today when I think about that day, tears flow through my eyes as I feel God's love which is greater than a mother's love. Jesus Christ loves you so much.

My dear young friends, you might be going through the toughest path in your life. Your loved ones might not able to understand your exact situation. But Jesus Christ, who loves you more than your mother and loved ones, understands your situation and problem. He loves you a lot. He will grant you His grace. He will give you what you need. He will take care of you.

GOD IS THE OPENER OF YOUR JOY

Therefore Sarah laughed within herself, saying, 'After I have grown old, shall I have pleasure, my lord being old also?' – Genesis 18:12

The situation that you are going through would have made you to think, "Will I have joy and pleasure in my life?" Today Jesus Christ is promising you that you will have pleasure and joy.

The Lord promised Abraham saying, "... Look now toward heaven, and count the stars if you are able to number them." And He said to him, "So shall your descendants be." - Genesis 15:5

Abraham and his wife received God's promise with so much expectations and joy. Years passed by but there was no sign of fulfilment of God's promise.

Sarah got frustrated and she said, "... See now, the Lord has restrained me from bearing children ..." – Genesis 16:2

She was so frustrated that she decided to have a child through her servant Hagar. When Hagar got conceived, she despised Sarah. Sarah trusted Hagar but yet Hagar looked down upon her. Sarah started to treat Hagar harshly because of humiliation and frustration. Sarah lost the peace in her relationship with the Lord, Abraham and her maid Hagar. Such was her frustration and years rolled by.

Again God's promise came to Abraham, "... Sarah your wife shall have a son ..." – Genesis 18:10

Sarah heard God's promise from her tent and she laughed within herself saying, "... Shall I have pleasure?" She knew her situation very well as she saw the strength of her husband and her own age. She failed to see God's strength and the power of His promises. So she strongly believed that she will not have the pleasure of carrying her own child. Such was her belief as she had lost all hope.

Today you might be also in the same position where you have lost all hope about your future. You might be thinking within yourself, "Will I have the pleasure of having a child?", "Will I have the pleasure of seeing goodness in my business?", "Will I have the pleasure of scoring good marks in my studies?", "Will I have the pleasure of having a good marriage life?", "Will I have the pleasure of getting promotion in my job?" and on and on. You might be tired and frustrated with the questions that keep on nagging you. Do not get discouraged.

Bible says in Genesis 21:1, 2 "And the Lord visited Sarah as He had said, and the Lord did for Sarah as He had spoken. For Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the set time of which God had spoken to him."

The Lord granted joy and pleasure in the life of Sarah. Today Jesus Christ says to you that you will have joy and pleasure overflowing all through your life. Jesus Christ will change your situation. He will bless you abundantly in the coming days. His promises will surely get fulfilled in your life. You will live with God's peace and joy. You will have what your heart longs for and your heart will be filled with God's happiness. Jesus Christ will do a miracle in your life.

SEEK THE RICHNESS OF GOD'S GRACE

"... My grace is sufficient for you ..." – 2 Corinthians 12:9

I went to a fruit store nearby my place to buy some fruits. I took the basket and started to fill it with the fruits I wanted. As my basket became almost full, I went and stood in the queue to pay the bill. While I was standing, I noticed a little girl standing behind me with a basket. I looked into her basket. She had only one apple, one orange and one more fruit. There was a huge difference between my basket and hers. My basket was full but she had very little in her basket. Her mother was standing behind her and when I saw that little girl's face it was glowing with joy.

From her joy I could understand that eating fruits is a big thing for her as her parents are financially poor. Suddenly I was confronted with a question, "Why am I standing with a basket full of fruits and the little girl with almost an empty basket?"

Am I a holy person that God has blessed me so much? Am I an obedient son to God that He was so pleased with me and has blessed me? Am I worthy enough to be blessed by God? Am I a prayerful guy? The answer to all these questions was NO. Then why am I so much blessed than some people whom I see around?

Holy Spirit simply reminded me that I am blessed because of God's grace. Neither I am worthy nor do I have any good quality to be blessed. But yet God is blessing me because of His grace and mercies.

Holy Spirit wants you know that you are blessed because of His grace. Thank God for His grace. God wants you to be grateful for the blessings He is showering upon your life. If you seek for His grace in your life, you will be blessed more. Bible says that God's mercies are new every morning.

You might be longing for a blessing. Seek God's grace. God has promised that His grace is sufficient for you.

My dear young friends, God's grace is sufficient enough to take away your illness and weakness. His grace is sufficient enough to give you the blessings you are longing for. His grace will protect you and bless you. Seek God's grace. You will be blessed richly.

CALL UPON THE LORD AND HE WILL DELIVER YOU

"He shall call upon Me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him and honour him." – Psalms 91:15

Today God is promising you that if you look unto Him, He will be with you during the times of trouble. He will provide for you and will give you comfort. Not only that, He will also deliver and honour you.

Many praised David for his brave act of killing Goliath. The women sang, "Saul killed thousands but David ten thousands." When Saul heard what they said it displeased him.

1 Samuel 18:9 says, "So Saul eyed David from that day forward." From that day onwards Saul tried to kill David. In Psalms 18:6 David says, "In my distress I called upon the Lord, and cried out to my God; He heard my voice from His temple, and my cry came before Him, even to His ears."

When David faced troubles in his life because of Saul, he cried out to God. God heard his prayers and delivered him from the hands of Saul. 1 Samuel 23:14 says, "... Saul sought him every day, but God did not deliver him into his hands."

Though Saul was against David, God was with him to deliver him and He raised him as a king and honoured him. God will do the same to you. People might come against you. Evil things might come against you. Do not fear. As you look unto God, He will be with you. He will deliver you from the hands of wicked ones and will raise you.

Recently I heard about an incident that happened in the life of a young boy. This young boy was born to God fearing parents. He was a rebellious guy who did things according to his own desire. His parents couldn't do anything as he was so disobedient. As he had talent for singing, he got into contact with musicians and singers of the secular movie world. It delighted him so much to tell others that he knows the cine musicians and singers. His mother advised him to come out of those relationships but he continued to work for them.

He started to develop some discomfort in his throat and soon he lost his sweet voice and became bedridden. All those who used to stick around him left him alone. Doctors couldn't help him as the problem in his throat reached its final stage. His life started to tick away. His parents ran to him and started to pray for him earnestly. As his health condition got worsened, he desired to see all his close blood relations for the last time. From different places his relatives came and he saw them with tears.

One particular night as he was contemplating about the wrong things he had done in his life, Jesus appeared by his bedside. He asked Jesus why He hasn't healed him though his parents had prayed for him earnestly.

Jesus Christ replied, "I came only because of the tears of your mother." As he felt bad about his life, he immediately prayed to Jesus for His forgiveness and pleaded with Him to heal him. Jesus forgave all his sins and healed him completely within few days. He received life one more time. Now, he is living in Bahrain with his wife and children.

The mother of that young guy prayed to Jesus. Jesus heard her prayers and He came down to heal that young guy. When he prayed, Jesus forgave all his sins and blessed him.

My dear young friends do not get discouraged about anything. You might be going through hard times. You might be facing darkness in your life. Do not worry. Just pray to Jesus Christ. He longs to hear from you. When you pray, Jesus Christ will answer your prayers and He will come to you and will deliver you. God will honour you.

GOD'S PRESENCE SHALL GO WITH YOU

"And He said, 'My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest."" – Exodus 33:14

The Israelites made an idol for themselves when Moses who has gone up to the Mountain to hear God's voice didn't turn. They turned aside from God and worshipped the idol their hands had created. When God saw that, He became angry and told Moses that His angel will go before them and not His presence. Nevertheless, Moses pleaded with God to forgive the Israelites and God promised him that His presence shall go with them.

Even today you have lost His precious presence because of the wrong you had done against Him. You are desperately crying out to God's for forgiveness. To you Jesus Christ is saying, "My dear child, you have found grace in my sight. I will go with you wherever you go and I will give you rest."

Deuteronomy 31:8 says, "And the Lord, He is the One who goes before you. He will be with you; He will not leave you nor forsake you; do not fear nor be dismayed."

God will be with you and He will go before you. He will not leave you nor forsake you. Do not worry about anything. Do not be anxious about your future. Do not let the past sinful incidents to pull you down. God will make everything new.

You might fear that you will give in to sin and return to your old behaviour when temptation overpowers you. Do not fear. God will go before you and He will make all

the crooked paths straight. As He goes before you, He will fight for you and will protect you. You will not fail again. You will not fall into sin again.

All you have to do is humble yourself in the presence of God. When you humble yourself before Him, He will give you His grace in abundant measure. You will be blessed.

Once I was feeling sad about a particular thing and I was desperately seeking God's reply. Fear gripped my heart as I faced a problem which had disturbed me a lot. One day as I was praying in a prayer centre with tears, God spoke to me through this verse. He promised me that He will go before me and will give me rest.

At that very instant, Jesus Christ filled me with His peace and He took care of everything. He gave me His grace and granted His blessings. He gave me His strength to overcome all the problems.

My dear young friends, God will pour out His grace upon you and will strengthen you. You will be filled with His peace. No harm can destroy your life's blessings. God will be your refuge and He will protect you. His presence will lead you. He will carry you to the Promised Land.

TAKE HEART! YOUR TIME HAS COME

"Then out of them shall proceed thanksgiving and the voice of those who make merry; I will multiply them, and they shall not diminish; I will also glorify them, and they shall not be small (despised)." – Jeremiah 30:19

Someone might have called you an outcast. No one might have needed you neither desired to stay with you. You might have been addicted to so many sinful things. You might think that you have nothing good in you to think about or rejoice at the end of the year. You believe that the coming days will also bring you no good. Do not get discouraged.

Jesus Christ promises you that in the coming days you will have so much goodness and your heart will be filled with thanksgiving and your voice will be filled with gladness. You will not diminish and you will not be despised.

God will grant blessings and goodness to you. People around you will be surprised when they see how God has blessed you from nothing to everything. You will testify God's glory. Many would have thought that there can be no goodness in your life and that your life is a mess. "You will be raised in front of them for My glory", says Jesus Christ to you.

Bible says in 1 Samuel 2:8, "He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the beggar from the ash heap, to set them among princes and make them inherit the throne of glory..."

I would like to share with you the testimony of a researcher. He is a strong believer and He did everything according to God's will. He worked in a reputed institution in India and his institution had a research lab. His projects were done in that lab and he had so many experimental setups in his lab. But one day his lab got burnt because of an accident and all he could collect from the remains was a heap of ash. All the research he had done for years became ashes and he was broken down seeing them.

Yet he continued to have his faith on God and clanged on to Him. God promised him that He will raise him. God blessed him according to His promise and empowered him with His strength. He enabled him to setup the lab once again. God looked upon him with favour and he got so many grants for his projects from government organizations and became an excellent researcher. Now he is heading a big organization.

My dear young friends, your hopes might have also got burnt in the past days. All that you see in your life might be ash heaps. Do not worry. Jesus Christ will raise you from the dust and ash heaps. He will set you among the princes. You will also inherit the throne of glory. You will be richly blessed.

Your loved ones might have despised you with their words. They might have played with your feelings. Jesus Christ will never despise you and your desires. Get strengthened in God. You will not diminish. Jesus Christ loves you so much. You will have blessed days ahead.

YOU ARE GOD'S SPECIAL (OPENHEARTED LETTER TO JESUS)

"What is man that You are mindful of him, and the son of man that You visit him?" – Psalm 8:4

Lovely Lord, when I see the little daughter you gave us, the only question that is getting raised in my mind is, "Who am I that You are mindful of me?". There are so many who have no food, shelter, job, studies and good life. You have given me all these but what have I done for You?

I have done my best to put Your Name to shame in so many ways but yet Your grace has lifted me whenever I have done something wrong.

I did so many things against You. Actually You are the One who should have left me when I committed those sins. I could not understand why so many humans hated me and left me all alone. When they did that, I had no qualities to present before them and to defend I am good. If I could not do that with ordinary men how could I ever defend myself in front of You, who is so holy. Though You are the only One I have

had in my life, I thought you will be the next to leave me.

To my surprise, You have never had left me. You have stood by my side and through Your amazing grace You have loved and lifted me. There were times I had prayed to You to punish and kill me but You had behaved like You have never heard those prayers. I was looking at my past but You have been looking at my future for which You have so many plans.

You were my only comfort on those days. All I pleaded to you was death but You carried me softly in Your gentle arms. Slowly You healed all my wounds. So many times I thought about my mistakes and felt ashamed but not even once You spoke to me about my past wrong doings. You have forgiven me through Your blood and have made me to stand for Your glory. You are my comfort and joy.

One fine day, I came to the conclusion that I should not ask You for any more blessings because I felt I was not worthy to ask You anything. When my parents started to find a bride for me, I gave everything into your hands and waited for Your will.

Though I had no expectations, waiting for two years seems to be a longer period. You gave Your strength to withstand all kinds of temptations. Though at times I hurried to take wrong decisions, You stopped me and put me in the right path.

By giving me a wonderful wife at Your own time, You proved that You are the only One who knows what is best for me and at what time I should get it. Many closed ones came to our wedding and left but You never left us alone. You took the role of the Father and to this day You are doing everything for us.

When troubles and problems came, You were our shelter. When pains and sorrows filled us, You were our joy. You were leading and protecting us in Your path with peace and joy.

Many people think that we are the best couple and so only we are having a good marriage life. They might not know that we are having a peaceful marriage life because we have with us the best God who is the best Father and Shepherd.

I never pleaded much to You for a child. But my wife cried to You and urged for a baby. You know the thoughts that I had in my mind at that time. One day my wife told me that she is pregnant. I could not believe that at all. Your love and grace have been far much beyond my understanding.

As days progressed many loved ones who prayed for us told that God will give us a son. You know that my desire for several years was to have a girl baby. Once I had a faith that You will give me a girl baby but later I felt that I was not worthy to have one and so I forgot that desire.

As I heard the news that You had given a child to us, I waited outside the labour ward anxiously. I remember the moment in which my wife's mother came out carrying a baby in her hands and said to me, "It's a girl".

You have filled my heart with so much joy and happiness. You know that words can never describe my happiness that I had on that moment not just because the baby and my wife were fine but because of Your unending love that You have upon me.

Lord, am I worthy to have such a blessing in my life? What will I do in return for all the things that You have done so far until today? Who am I that You are mindful of me?

As I placed all this questions to you, You gave me just one reply. You said, "My Child, I love you so much".

Thank You so much Jesus for Your love, grace, protection and blessings. I have only one desire: Use my life for Your glory. Let Your light shine through my life. May I carry Your comfort to those who are desperately in need of You.

Though I struggle to live a holy life, You know that I love you so much Jesus. From the day I was born to this day You are my comfort, joy and everything. Thanks a lot Jesus for everything and I Love you lots.

Today you might feel that you are not worthy to be God's son and not worthy to have any blessing. God says to you that you are so special to Him and He loves you a lot. Get encouraged my dear young friend. God will bless you according to the desires of your heart.

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