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#### NOBODY CAN MESS UP WITH YOU

1 PETER 2:9 "But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people....."

In a foreign country, a girl heard the above verse from the preacher who was preaching the message on a service. She was touched when she heard that, she was God's own daughter and she belongs to Jesus. She surrendered her life completely to Jesus and began to walk so closely with Him.

One day as she was walking on a lonely path after her college, a criminal who was observing her for so many days caught hold of her and laid a knife on her neck with the desire of having physical relation with her. As she understood his thought, she smirked at him and said "No one can touch me, I belong to JESUS".

As she repeatedly said this, he became frozen in the same position without being able to move his hand or any part of his body. Soon the people who were walking nearby informed the police. The police came and arrested him and also took the girl along with them for filing the case.

Since the police came only after few minutes of getting the complaint, they were surprised to find the girl without any harm being done to her. During their enquiry they asked the criminal, "What made you not to misbehave with the girl even though you had all the intentions to do so?" He replied that as soon as the girl said that no one can touch her because she belongs to JESUS, a divine power captured me and bound me in a frozen state without being able to touch her".

The girl was overwhelmed with jubilance as she told the police that it was the power of Jesus that has protected her. My dear young people surrender your life to Jesus and get transformed as His own chosen people. Then nobody one can touch you or your life as you belong to JESUS.

"Do not strive in your own strength; cast yourself at the feet of the Lord Jesus, and wait upon Him in the sure confidence that He is with you, and works in you. Strive in prayer; let faith fill your heart-so will you be strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might." - Andrew Murray

# SORROW MAY LAST FOR THE NIGHT BUT JOY COMES IN THE MORNING

JEREMIAH 31:13 "... I will turn their mourning and gladness; I will give them comfort and joy instead of sorrow"

Once in a small town of Nain, there lived a beautiful young girl who had been engaged to a handsome guy. The girl wanting to explore the true meaning of love, care, and affection, started to live everyday with dreams in her eyes about her future. She waited eagerly to spend the rest of her life with her love and counted the number of days for her marriage. At last the most awaiting day came, which she will never forget in her life. She got married to the guy whom she started to love so much. Her marriage life was great. Everything she wished and desired for has been satisfied by her husband. Nothing she lacked. She lived a very peaceful, joyful life with him, which everyone would envy to have. Such a blessed life she had. Her dreams and hopes became very true and real when she held the first boy baby in her hands. Her life was more than she dreamt of and asked for. She thought that there will be no more tears and sufferings. That her life will be very smooth, pleasant and will go in the way she has desired. She thought that there will be no need for her to worry about anything and her future is firm and secured.

But from nowhere came the shock of her life. Her husband passed away all of a sudden, leaving her and their only child all alone to suffer. She felt like all her dreams have been shattered. She couldn't find any reason for her survival. The days which were once sweet to her became bitter and sorrowful. The death of her beloved, took all her joy, happiness and cheer along with it just leaving her with emptiness, loneliness and hopelessness, sucking the entire life out of her. When she was about to end her life thinking that there is no meaning for her to still go on, she heard the cry of her child. That broke her heart and the moment she saw her child's face, she got reminded of her good old days which she had spent with her husband. So she decided to live for her only child and started to relive her memories, patiently watching and enjoying the different stages of the life which her child went through. Her heart leapt with joy and pride when she saw her kid standing in front of her as a young fine gentleman.

All of a sudden when everything was going well and fine, she got the greatest blow in her life which left her paralyzed. Her only son for whom she had held her breadth thus far has died. Nobody was able to comfort her because greater was her grief. She couldn't understand why all this has to happen to her. She was crying her life out when the crowd from the town carried the dead body of her son. Till now she was just living for the sake of her son. Through her tears, she saw his happiness. But the very hope for her living has been shattered in front of her eyes. She thought that there is no use for her to press on, to hope that things will reverse and her life will become alright once again like it used to be. She was broken hearted and thought that her life has come to an end. It is then something happened which changed the entire meaning of her life. It is at this time, Jesus of Nazareth met her. That made the difference in her monotonous, painful life. When Jesus saw her, He was moved with compassion and His heart went out for her. He said "Don't cry". He touched the coffin and brought the young man back to life and gave him to his mother.

When Jesus says "Don't cry", He is not simply saying in order to comfort us like others do but rather He walks right into the situation which makes us to cry, which pains our heart and will change it upside down just for us to be happy. People may just give empty promises telling "Don't cry, I am with you" but God alone experiences what we go through by walking along with us. The world can only feel pity on our situations but it is God who will change the entire scenario which is troubling us, in favor for us. Similarly my friend you may be going through a hopeless situation thinking that there is no reason for you to press on in life, do not lose heart. There is a God for you. He is Jesus Christ. He will interfere with your hopeless situations. He will walk right into the situation and will turn your sorrow into gladness. You will surely live.

### THE GOD WHO RETALIATES

#### PSALM 46:10 "Be still, and know that I am GOD;"

This time I would like to share with you my precious readers a true story that took place a while ago. Once there lived a pious person by name Ethan and he had a very good reputation in his community. He was claimed to be a God fearing person by everyone who knew him. He actively participated in all the spiritual activities of his church. One day, Ethan heard the news that one of the most powerful evangelists is visiting the plains nearby his place. Ethan desired to bring the evangelist to his place to make him pray for his people and to receive his blessings. So, Ethan made enormous efforts in bringing the speaker to his place. When the evangelist came to the village, Ethan requested him to stay in his newly bought house.

Though the house was newly bought it had horrible cracks on the walls making it seem worthless and quite dangerous to live in, because the walls were in the verge of falling apart. So he requested the evangelist to pray for his house which has been ruined badly without any cause. That night when the evangelist prayed for that house, GOD revealed to him the reason behind the mishap. This is the background story of the house: "The house was originally owned by a Christian family with a man, his wife and their little baby. In an unfortunate road accident the lady lost her husband. The man had borrowed some money from Ethan for which he was paying him interest every month. Now after the demise of her husband, the lady was abandoned and didn't have any resources to payback Ethan. So, Ethan suggested the lady to hand over the house and that he'd pay her some money after settling their debt. The truth was that Ethan had a strong liking for that house from the day it was newly built since it was spacious and gorgeous.

The lady cried to Ethan that it was their only shelter and they don't have any other place to rest their heads if he takes away their house. She pleaded with him to have mercy on them since they are in a hopeless situation and have no one to help. But Ethan had no mercy on them. He seized the house and gave them only a very little amount of money in return, which was an injustice done against the poor helpless lady and her baby.

When she was dragged to the streets along with her baby, she looked back at the house with tears rolling down her cheeks and cried to the Lord saying "Isn't there anyone to do justice? Not even a single soul to stand for my cause? Lord will you not hear me." The voice of that helpless widow reached the realms of heaven and Lord's wrath came down upon that house." The Lord then instructed the evangelist to tell Ethan that he has to pay back that widow ten fold and to treat her justly.

So, are you in a hopeless situation as that of the poor widow? Do you think your cry for help is unheard? Are you thinking that your thoughts are unvoiced? And that God is stone-hearted and He is not listening to your prayers??? Are you weary searching for explanations to all the mishaps in your life?

Let me tell you wonderful people, that God is so concerned about you. He loves you so much that He is very much sensitive to your voice. He hears each and every word from your mouth; even the unspoken thoughts He knows. The scripture tells us that those who hope in the lord will renew their strength like Eagles. The Lord tells us today in Jeremiah 29:12-13 "When you call upon me and pray to me, I will hear you. And when you seek me with all your heart, you will find me." So be still and allow Him to act on your behalf.

#### YOU ARE NOT FORGOTTEN

1 CHRONICLES 28:20 "Do not be afraid or discouraged, for the Lord God, my God, is with you. He will not fail you or forsake you."

Few years back on a particular day in the month of March, my mom called and informed me that she has breast cancer. Being at my work place, I was totally broken down at the news because I couldn't be with her at times like this.

In the following days, the doctors decided to do surgery in order to remove the breast infected with cancer. I, my father and my brothers were all present on the day of surgery. At the Hospital, my mom was lying down in bed with the surgery apparel. She smiled at all of us and spoke to us very casually as if nothing has happened.

The time came, around 10 a.m. they took her into the Operation Theatre for surgery. My father was so tensed throughout the whole time; he was pacing in front of the Operation room. Me and my brothers sat down and were praying throughout the whole time. With so much fear and anxiety we were waiting not knowing whether my mom will be fine or not.

Four hours passed and the surgery was not yet still completed. After two hours or so they brought my mom back to the ward. I looked at her frail face; she went in with a smile, now when she came back she looked all the more fragile and feeble. She was lying there with a tube connected to little white box being inserted into her right chest. Blood was dripping continuously into that box. The nurse told us that my mom was given anaesthesia, and that she would regain her consciousness only after some time.

My Dad and my brothers decided to go out to get something to eat. I stayed back in the hospital room with my mother. As I sat down looking at the blood dripping into the box, I prayed that she would just be fine. After sometime, when my mom barely opened her eyes, she managed to call me near her. I went close to her with so much of fear thinking what she would ask. She looked at me and asked, "Son, did you eat anything?" and she went back to unconscious state. Later after sometime, she again woke up, and asked us, "My dear children, did you eat anything?"

Lying there in the hospital bed, with her blood constantly dripping from the tube, she was so concerned about her children's well-being than her own health.

Lord has promised in Isaiah 49:15, "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."

If my mother lying down in such a weak state was thinking about her children's well-being than her own pain, can you imagine how much more the Lord loves you? Similarly, Jesus Christ also demonstrated His love for you on the cross. Even though He went through so much shame, pain and agony, He thought about your own well-being when He was shedding His blood on the cross. Even today He is thinking about you always just because He loves you so much. Even if the love of our dear ones fails, His love will always be there for us."My dear child, I love you so much and I will not forget you", says the Lord.

#### **HOLD ON! HELP IS ON THE WAY**

GENESIS 28:15 "I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go.... I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you."

Once there was a father, who loves sailing. He lived with his son Jeremy in a small cottage close to the sea. One day as he decides to go for sailing he asked his son, "Son, would you like to accompany me this time?" Jeremy agreed and was so excited to go for sailing especially with his father.

The next day they set out to sail across the sea. Jeremy had always wanted to go for sailing with his father, and so he enjoyed every moment of his time with his father. Suddenly there came a terrible storm and the boat got tossed in the waters. A huge wave hit the boat and made Jeremy's father to lose control of the boat. Jeremy started to help his father to keep the boat upright, but all the efforts became futile as the boat was already filled with water and has started to sink.

The storm was too strong that the boat got destroyed. Jeremy and his father were thrown into the ranging sea and each of them got hold of a wooden plank to keep them floating in the sea. The father looked up and saw that the nearest coast was little far off. So he turned to Jeremy and said, "Son, hold on tight, I will swim to the nearest coast and get help. Till then, please do not leave the piece of wood. Surely I will not leave you alone and I will come back to you."

The father after swimming a short distance, turned back and shouted, "Son, surely I will come back to you." Jeremy looked at his father and waved his hands. When he swam a little more towards the coast, he turned again and shouted, "Son, do not be scared. I will surely come back to you"

Finally, when the father has reached the coast, he informed the Coast guards about what had happened. They said that the sun has gone down now, and that they could start the search only in the next morning.

Early, the next day, the Coast guards and the father set out to sail into the sea in search of Jeremy. Behold, there was little Jeremy still holding on to the piece of wood. The Coast guards helped him to get into the boat, and asked him, "How did you know that help would come, son?" His reply startled them for he said, "My Father assured me he would return. I believed in him and that made me to press on throughout the whole night in this cold ruthless sea".

In John 14:18, "I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you" says the Lord. My dear young friends, you may be going through the path of loneliness. You may feel as if you are all alone in this world. You may be filled with sorrow and grief. Today God says to you, My dear child, I will not leave you comfortless and I will come to you. God is there for you, my friend. He will come to you and bless you. Do not be discouraged, for God loves you a lot. Surely God will come to you and bless you. Keep up your trust on Jesus for He will not fail you nor forsake you.

If little Jeremy can have such an unshakable faith on his earthly father, then why not we in our Father above??

# WHY ARE YOU REMEMBERING WHAT GOD HAS FORGOTTEN?

ISAIAH 43:25 "I, I am the One who erases all your sins, for my sake; I will not remember your sins"

Many a times in our life, we feel so bad about our past sins even though we have already confessed them to God and have left those sins. But devil brings guilty feelings to destroy the peace in us which was given by God when He has washed us with His blood. Devil tries to pull us down by constantly reminding us about our past sins. By bringing those guilty feelings he will never allow us to grow in Christ. You may also be wondering whether God has really forgiven all your sins. My dear young people, God says to you to-day "Your sins are not written down in my book"

Kathryn Kuhlman, one of the servants of Powerful God did God's ministry with a mighty gift that so many people got blessed through her ministry. But one day she fell in love with a person who was already married. And by disobeying God's will, she married him. After marriage she lost all her inner peace which was provided by God.

Nearly two years have gone by and God intervened in her life. He spoke to her saying she should return back to Him. She obeyed God's voice, left her husband and came back to God. God started to use her more mightily than before. Many wonders and healings began to happen through her ministry and people were greatly blessed. But yet often, devil kindled some guilty feelings inside her heart about her past life. She was worried a lot about this.

One day, God asked, "My dear daughter, do you really think that I have forgiven your sins?" She replied, "Yes, Lord". God continued speaking, "My dear daughter, not only I have forgiven your sins. But also I have forgotten your sins. In my book of remembrance it is not written that you have done such a sin against me. Then why are you remembering the things which I have forgotten?" After hearing this from God, a divine peace filled her heart and she pursued God's ministry with a clear mind and a peaceful heart.

My dear young people, don't think about your past. God has not only forgiven your sins, He has also forgotten it. Jesus Christ has washed all your sins with His blood. Your sins are not written in the book of remembrance. So wipe away your tears and be filled with God's peace. God will bless you and will use you mightily for His glory. Remember, It is not written.... in His book.

# ARE YOU IN THE PLACE WHERE GOD WANTS YOU TO BE?

PSALMS 128:1 "Blessed are all who fear the Lord, who walk in obedience to him"

When you are in the place where God wants you to be, you will get wonderful blessings. Let us see some of the bounties that you will get when you are in the place where God wants you to be.

#### 1. YOU WILL GET GOD'S ABUNDANT BLESSINGS

"Now the LORD had said to Abram, Get you out of your country, and from your kindred, and from your father's house, to a land that I will show you. And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, and you shall be a blessing. And I will bless them that bless you, and curse him that curseth you and in you shall all families of the earth be blessed. So Abram departed, as the LORD had spoken to him....." - Genesis 12:1-4

Abraham received God's blessing only when he left the place which God wanted him to leave and also only when he went to the place where God wanted him to go. It is very important that you have to be in the centre of God's will if you want to receive God's blessing abundantly.

#### 2. YOU WILL GET TO MEET GOD

"Then said Jesus to them, Be not afraid: go tell my brethren that they go into Galilee and there shall they see me." - Matthew 28:10

"Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, into a mountain where Jesus had appointed them. And when they saw Him...." - Matthew 28:16,17

The disciples saw Jesus because they were in the place where God wanted them to be. If the disciples on that particular day had gone to Gethsemane or to the Mount of Transfiguration they would have never had the opportunity to see Jesus. If you want to see God or to meet Him, then for sure you have to be in the place where God wants you to be. Obeying God is more important than anything.

#### 3. YOU WILL GET GOD'S PROPHECIES FULFILLED

"Being warned by God in a dream Joseph came and dwelt in a city called Nazareth...that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophets, He shall be called a Nazarene." - Matthew 2:22,23

There was a young guy to whom God promised so many blessings through His mighty prophets. That particular guy thought that he can live according to his own ways to get the prophecy fulfilled. But God wanted him to be holy and to walk in His path. As he continued to live a life far away from God, he lost all the God's promises. Even today he is struggling hard to come up in life but all his efforts are going in vain. If you want God's prophecies to be fulfilled in your life, you have to be in God's will.

#### 4. YOU WILL GET GOD'S PROTECTION

"But he (Necho) sent ambassadors to him (Josiah), saying, what have I to do with you, you king of Judah? I come not against you this day, but against the house wherewith I have war: for God commanded me to make haste: for bear you from meddling with God, who is with me, that he may not destroy you." - II Chronicles 35:21

Josiah was the king of Judah who loved God with all his heart. On a fateful day, he left the place where God wanted him to be and face the king Necho who was operating according to God's will. Josiah never understood that God's protection will be on his life only when he resides in God's place. So Josiah went against the will of God and got killed. Many a times sin enters into our life easily because we leave God's presence and get into the danger zone of the enemy.

If you want God's protection to be upon your life, you have to be in the place where God wants you to be.

If you are in the place where God wants you to be: You will receive God's abundant blessings; You will see and meet God; God's prophecy will be fulfilled in your life; God's protection will be upon you all through your life; If you are in God's will; No disease will overpower you; No sins will overpower you; No problems will overpower you; No man will overpower you; No demonic spirit will overpower you.

#### THE POWER OF FAITH

MATTHEW 17:20 "... Truly I tell you, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, nothing will be impossible for you"

Being a young girl, she always dreamt about a beautiful family life. Time passed, this young girl grew up and became a fine, beautiful lady. Her parents decided to give her hand in marriage. Proposals came and finally she got married. Her dream and thoughts about marriage were no longer just castles in the air. Yes, she would live and find out!!

But life didn't take a very favorable path in her marriage. Her marriage failed. She got married once again. This time too destiny took a wrong turn. She got married again and again. After her fifth marriage, she no longer had faith in marriage life. She just didn't believe in the concept of having a husband or in marriage anymore.

One day, as she was on her way to the well to fill a jar of water. Jesus met her and said to her, "Give me a drink of water." The woman answered, "You are a Jew, and I am a Samaritan, so how can you ask me for a drink?"

Jesus answered, "If only you knew what God gives and who it is that is asking you for a drink, you would ask him, and he would give you life giving water."

"Sir," the woman said, "You haven't got a bucket, and the well is deep, where would you get that life giving water? It was our ancestor Jacob who gave us this well; he and his sons and his flocks all drank from it. You don't claim to be greater than Jacob, do you?"

Jesus answered, "Whoever drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water that I give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I give him will become in him a spring which will provide him with life-giving water and gives him eternal life."

"Sir," the woman said, "Give me that water! Then I will never be thirsty again, nor will I have to come here to draw water." "Go and call your husband," Jesus told her, "And come back."

"I haven't got a husband," she answered. Jesus replied, "You are right when you say you haven't got a husband. You have been married to five men, and the man you live with now is not really your husband. You have told me the truth." (John 4)

If we continue reading John 4, we can understand that Jesus revealed Himself to her and made her a blessing for an entire town. Even though the lady was leading an immoral life, what made Jesus to reveal Himself to her and make her a blessing to many?

Later in the bible we see the woman saying, "I know that the Messiah will come and when he comes, he will tell us everything." This little hope that she carried in her heart all through the years of her life saved her.

Even though she was leading an immoral life, she had the hope that one day Messiah will come. She believed that when He comes He will teach her about everything and will save her. Jesus saw that hope in her heart and revealed Himself to her, forgave all her sins and saved her. Not only that, Jesus turned her into a blessing for many people in that particular town.

Sometimes life takes an arduous path. When life gets so tough, the little spark of hope, that God will save or I know He will come one day, or He will save me from this someday, is all that you need. Jesus is watching over you in every single step of your life. He knew your heart's desire and the hope that you have. Bible says in Proverbs 23:18 (Amplified Version) "For surely there is a latter end [a future and a reward], and your hope and expectation shall not be cut off"

My dear young friend, today you may be going through a tough path in your life. You may have only a little hope in your heart that Jesus will enter into your life and will save you. Do not worry, my dear friend. Surely your hope will not be cut off. You may live a sinful life right now, but don't get dejected. Jesus will save you from the clutches of sin and make you a blessing for His glory. Keep trusting in Jesus and you will be saved.

#### LOVE IS...

ISAIAH 54:10, "Though the mountains be shaken and the hills be removed, yet my unfailing love for you will not be shaken nor my covenant of peace be removed", says the Lord, who has compassion on you.

My Dear Child,

You have not come into this world by accident. I have created you in your mother's womb with a great purpose for you. You were fearfully and wonderfully made. It is I, who protected you when you were in your mother's womb. I clothed you with skin and flesh and have fenced you with bones. In my book all your days are written, which in continuance were fashioned when as yet there were none of them. I carefully placed you inside my hands. It is my hand which brought you into this world out of your mother's womb.

From then on, I carried you at all times. I always looked at you with so much affection and loved you all through the years. You were safe in my arms. When there was a path of thorns, I lifted you onto my shoulders. It is I who walked on the path of thorns, not you. Even when I was hurt, I was happy that, you my child were safe.

I loved to hear from you, your needs, desires and your feelings even though I know all about those before you speak them out. I provided you with all the good things from my storehouse in heaven. I loved you so much. Yet, if you still feel and say that you need more love, I am ready to give myself once again on the cross for you. That much I love you.

But yet, desiring the worldly love, you left me alone. My heart was broken. With tears overflowing and longing to have you back, I stretched out my arms and called you to return. My child, but you rejected my love. Today at this moment, I am hurt and crying badly not because you have rejected me, but you have lost the peace and the joy you had before. You are traveling on a dangerous path, lost in your desires without realizing that you are going to perish.

More than 2000 years before I came into this world and bore the pain of crucification, died and rose again for the condemned souls. Surely there can't be any greater love than giving the life for someone whom you cherish so much. I shed every drop of my blood, tread the path of affliction and gave my life entirely only for you, my dear child. That's my love for you. I love you really so much. Words can never describe my love that I have for you.

That is the reason why I decided to lay my life for you to save you. Though you have moved from me, don't feel guilty as my love for you have not reduced and never ever it will. Come back to my arms, my child. Even now if you still want me to prove my love for you, I am ready to come and die for you again. I can't bear seeing you suffer without me. Return to me now, my dear child before it gets too late. I love you so much. I am waiting for you with wide open arms. I am not far away from you. I am just a word of prayer away. Longing to have you back in my arms and to hear from you.

With love words can't express, Yours Ever Loving Dad, JESUS CHRIST.

#### WHAT TO DO WHEN I AM HURTING? – TRUST

#### LUKE 7:50, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

There was a woman who suffered terribly from severe bleeding for twelve years, even though she had been treated by many doctors. She had spent all her money, but instead of getting better she got worse all the time. On those days of desperation and agony, she heard about Jesus.

One day Jesus came to preach in her town but there was a huge crowd following Him to listen to His preaching and to receive miracles. She went and got mingled with the crowd that was following Him as she thought to herself that if I could just touch the hem of His clothes then I will be healed of my sickness.

She believed in her heart that if she could just reach Jesus, if she could be just a hand reach away from Him, if she could just touch the cloak of Jesus, she would be healed. So strong was her little faith that the moment she laid her hands on the hem of Jesus's cloak, she got healed completely

She touched the cloak and her bleeding stopped at once. (Mark 5:25-29)

She might have had a very difficult time in getting closer to Jesus by making her way through the crowd. She might have been pushed aside by the people. She might have fallen down and got hurt in her perusal but it's her small little faith which brought forth the healing in her.

Yes, sometimes we don't realize that just a little or an inch of faith is all it takes. There are many among us who have been suffering from long term illnesses. Some with cancer, some with heart diseases, some with never ending diseases, like having eyes that keep tearing for no reason, having dry cough irrespective of the climate and weather, having knee pain almost every day, not able to stand for a long time and so on and on.

Have you consulted with the doctor who gives life; the doctor who died for you; the doctor who still waits for you to come to Him and to call Him?

Jesus is not only waiting for the physically sick but also for all those who are spiritually down. There are those who can't have his or her full trust on the Lord, those who think that God doesn't really have a part in their life, and there are many others who have just walked away because they have experienced so many negative incidents in their life. Sometimes we feel if there is someone called God then He wouldn't have let this happened. But everything that happens in your life is a plan of God; A plan to bring you more nearer to Him.

My dear friend, you may be physically or spiritually sick today. You might have lost all the hopes on people and even on yourself. Turn to Him, for He is waiting with his hands stretched out for you.

All Jesus wants us to have is a little faith on Him, and to trust Him. If that woman can have the faith that Jesus was all it takes for her to get healed, why not you, and why not every one of us??

Turn to God; for He is your salvation, He knows what you're going through. He is always ready and willing to heal you, call to Him. Just a little faith is all it takes.

"Go forth today, by the help of God's Spirit, vowing and declaring that in life - come poverty, come wealth, in death - come pain or come what may, you are and ever must be the Lord's. For this is written on your heart—We love Him because He first loved us." - Charles Spurgeon

# YOU CAN TRIUMPH IN THE MIDST OF YOUR SORROW AND PAIN

ISAIAH 35:10 "... Everlasting joy upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness and sorrow and sighing shall flee away."

"My dear child, your sorrow and sighing will flee away and I will fill your life with everlasting joy. You will obtain joy and gladness" says Holy Spirit to you.

Whatever sorrows you have faced in 2013 will flee away. As Bible says in Isaiah 60:20, "Surely your days of sorrow will end."

You might have walked in the path of darkness; you might have crossed the previous year wish so much of tears and pain; you might have lost all the hope of receiving blessings in your life. Don't get discouraged, my dear friend. God will remove the sorrow and sighing from your life. As God promises in John 16:20, your sorrow will surely turn into joy. Jesus Christ will wipe away all your tears. Not only that, He will also fill you with an everlasting joy. If you mediate Isaiah 35:10 you can understand that God will not fill you with joy momentarily but He will fill you with an everlasting joy. The joy that Jesus is going to give you in this New Year will not be removed by anyone. No evil power or manly power can remove the joy that Jesus is going to place in your life.

Let me share with you an incident that happened in my life 13 years back. One day in the year 2001 when I was studying my diploma final year I got a severe stomach pain which I was not able to bear at all. When I was diagnosed, I was told that I am having big stones in both of my kidneys and as a result, the kidneys have been enlarged causing severe pain. The Doctor advised me to go for surgery. It was a very important year for my studies because my diploma grade is purely based on the percentage of marks I am going to acquire in my final year. Also I have to study well in my final year so that I can pass in the Government college entrance examination which was due on the next year. But because of the pain I was not able to concentrate on my studies at all. Sorrows and sighs filled my life. I began to hate my life to the core.

Days passed by very quickly and I found myself sitting in the New Year 2002 early morning service. I prayed with tears to God to give me a promise verse that will carry me through in the New Year. Jesus answered my prayer by giving a promise from Zechariah 9:12. It goes like this: "...Even today do I declare that I will render double to you." I was overjoyed when I heard from God that He will give me double blessing. I placed my faith on Jesus and trusted Him with all of my heart. As He promised, on May 15, 2002 after a thorough check up, the doctors declared that my kidney was crystal clean without having even a small kidney stone. They said it is amazing for us to believe that you have been cured of kidney stones which even surgery cannot remove completely. Not only that, on June 2002 God enabled me to clear that government college entrance examination and graciously He gave me a B.Tech admission in that government college.

My dear friends, God removed sorrow and sighing from my life and filled me with everlasting joy. Medical studies state that the person who got kidney stone once in life will have the highest possibility to get it again.

Doctors also thought that the same. But we serve a God who fills our life with everlasting joy. Now as I am writing this message today, ten years have been passed. But I never got any pain in my kidney till now in this ten years.

Our God Jesus Christ who removed sorrow and anguish from my life will do the same in your life too. You might have been struggling with sickness or sin. Don't worry my friend. Bible says in Isaiah 59:1 "Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither His ear heavy, that it cannot hear." Our God is the all powerful God. He is mighty enough to save you from the clutches of sin. Whatever be your sorrow, God will remove it and fill your life with His everlasting joy. Trust in Jesus Christ. You will receive miracle in your life. His peace will abide with you in this New Year. Have a Joyous new year, my friend.

"Your sun shall no more go down; neither shall your moon withdraw itself; for the Lord shall be your everlasting light, and the days of YOUR MOURNING SHALL BE ENDED." – Isaiah 60:20

#### DO YOU DARE TO CHANGE GOD'S WRATH?

There stood a Prophet of God in the heart of a town named Nineveh and shouted: "Yet forty days and Nineveh shall be overthrown."

What made him to cry against an entire city? Let's read Jonah 1:2

"Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city and cry against it; for their wickedness is come up before Me."

It is not the cry of a single prophet; it is the cry of God that came through a Prophet to that entire town.

God decide to show His fierce anger on the city of Nineveh because it was filled with wickedness. So He sent Jonah to Nineveh to proclaim the message that He, in His divine wisdom and wrath, is going to overthrow their entire city in forty days. He gave them only forty days to see their response to His warning.

But Bible says in Jonah 3:10 "And God saw their works that they turned from their evil way; and God repented of the evil, that He had said that He would do to them and He did it not."

It is true that God decided to destroy Nineveh but it is also true that God changed His anger and did not destroy the city.

Why God spared Nineveh when His wrath burned against them?

The wicked people of Nineveh repented from their evil ways and pleaded to God with little faith that God might change His mind. And indeed God's anger got cooled down. It took only few days for the people of Nineveh to change God's wrath.

Let's now turn our attention to another incident in which God's anger got revealed.

Genesis 3:16 To the woman He (God) said: "I will greatly multiply your sorrow and your conception; In pain you shall bring forth children...."

Eve did a wicked thing and that brought God's curse on the entire community of woman. But it is really sad to know that we perceive this as a normal issue in our lives. So many hundreds of years have passed by after that incident which happened at the Garden of Eden, but till now women are suffering due to the pain of the child birth.

"The pain of childbirth shock modern mother and having a baby has become a terrifying and shocking experience for mothers" says a recently concluded survey.

It took only few days for the wicked people of Nineveh to change God's wrath but it is taking several years for us to change God's wrath but still we have not succeeded in that

Bible tells us in Galatians 3:13 "Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, cursed is everyone that hangeth on a tree."

If at all today you believe Jesus Christ as your savior, why are you carrying God's wrath even in your life now. You should learn to overcome God's wrath. Jesus Christ bore all your curses on the cross but yet why are you still holding onto His wrath that came on the mankind several years ago.

Put your faith in God. Claim God's blessings of cross. I strongly believe that if we claim what Jesus Christ has done for us in the cross and plead to Him in faith, He will remove the curse and wrath that we are carrying for years together. And if we succeed in doing so, surely there won't be any pain during the child birth.

Nineveh people changed God's wrath in few days. Then why can't we do that in our life.

My dear women, do you dare to change God's wrath?

"Natural ability and educational advantages do not figure as factors in this matter of prayer; but a capacity for faith, the power of a thorough consecration, the ability of self-littleness, an absolute losing of one's self in God's glory and an ever present and insatiable yearning and seeking after all the fullness of God." - E.M. Bounds

#### WORRY IS A SIN

### PSALMS 55:22 "Cast your burden on the LORD, And He shall sustain you..."

My dear young friend,

Today you might be filled with sadness and pain in your heart. You might be disturbed because you don't know the way to come out of your sorrow. You might hate your life for all the disappointments it has brought unto you. Don't get discouraged.

Jesus says in Matthew 11:28 "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."

Do not hold onto your sorrows and pain. Cast all your burdens on Jesus and He will care for you. He will take away all your anguish and burdens. He will fill your life with His peace which brings rest and happiness.

A Professor began his class by holding up a glass with some water in it. He held it up for all to see & asked the students "How much do you think this glass weighs?" "50g.... 100g... 125g" the students answered. "I really don't know unless I weigh it," said the professor, "but, my question is: What would happen if I held it up like this for a few minutes?" "Nothing", the students said. "Ok, what would happen if I held it up like this for an hour?" the professor asked. "Your arm would begin to ache" said one of the students.

"You're right, now what would happen if I held it for a day?"

"Your arm could go numb, you might have severe muscle stress and paralysis and have to go to hospital for sure!" ventured another student and all the students laughed. "Very good, But during all this, did the weight of the glass change?" asked the professor.

"No", was the answer. "Then what caused the arm to ache and the muscle to get stressed?"

The students were puzzled. "What should I do now to come out of pain?" asked the professor again.

"Put the glass down!" said one of the students. "Exactly!" said the professor. Life's problems are similar like this. Hold it for a few minutes in your head, they seem OK.

Think of them for a long time, they begin to ache. Hold it even longer and they begin to paralyze you. You will not be able to do anything. But if you put away all your sorrows in the presence of Jesus, He will not let you go weary.

So my dear friend, cast all your burden and sorrow upon Jesus. He will sustain you. Surely Jesus will carry you in His hands. You will not be put to shame. Jesus Christ will surely fill you with joy and happiness. Your days of grief will come to an end. He will fill your life with everlasting joy.

#### THE SYMBOL OF BEING HIS OWN

HAGGAI 2:23 "In that day..... will I take you....and will make you as a signet: for I have chosen you, says the Lord of hosts."

This is what God is promising you today. There are three important things that Holy Spirit wants you to understand.

#### 1. God's love is upon you

In the 22<sup>nd</sup> verse, God says that He will overthrow the thrones of kingdoms and destroy the power of nations. But yet He chose to bless one particular person. Even if God decides to destroy kingdoms, He will not destroy you for He loves you a lot. That's what God is saying to you today: "For the mountains shall depart, and the hills be removed; but My kindness shall not depart from you, neither shall the covenant of My peace be removed." Listen carefully. Mountains may depart, kingdoms may perish and hills be removed but God's kindness and peace will not be taken away from your life. Why so? Holy Spirit says to you, "Fear not: for I have redeemed you, I have called you by your name; you are mine." (Isaiah 43:1). Remember my friend, you are His and His love is upon you. God loves you. So He will be patient with you and He will not let your foot to slip. Not only that, He will protect you from all kind of evils.

#### 2. God has chosen you

Why God loves you and why He protects you? Because He has chosen you. Why God has to choose you? He has chosen you because He wants you to be a Holy generation. God wants to do something through you and that's why He wants to segregate you from the world. He has chosen you for a purpose. In His time, His purpose will be fulfilled in your life.

#### 3. God will take you and will make you as a signet

Holy Spirit wants you to carefully understand this verse. It's not that you can become a signet by your own strength and might. God says clearly that He will take you. It's His grace that will make you as a signet. Do not worry about the present situation of your life. God does not want you to dwell in guilty feelings thinking about your weaknesses and sins. He just wants you to lean on Him fully so that He will take you and make you as a signet.

Let us just try to understand the specialty of that signet:

1. The signet dwells in the hands of the king. (i.e The signet belongs to the king and the king alone. You belong to Me alone says Holy Spirit) 2. The King uses the signet to seal the things. (i.e The decrees which are sealed only by the king's signet are valid. I will bless whom you bless and I will curse whom you curse says Holy Spirit) 3. The signet has to be with the King to receive its honour and respect. (i.e The signet which is in the hands of king alone will be respected. Without Me you can do nothing says Holy Spirit)

My dear friend, God promises you today that you will be a signet. No evil powers or manly powers can destroy the plans that God has for your life says Holy Spirit. But one thing you have to do to receive God's blessing in your life. Today, God tells you to do this: "Abide in Me". My dear friend, you have to learn to abide in God and you have to learn to be in the centre of God's will. If you abide in God, He will abide in you and you will be a signet in God's hands. Surrender your life to God and be blessed.

### COME NEAR TO GOD AND HE WILL COME NEAR TO YOU

ZECHARIAH 9:12 "Return to your fortress, you captives who have hope. Today I tell you that I will return to you double blessings."

My dear young friend, you might be in a confused state right now thinking about your backslidden spiritual life and you might have a doubt whether Jesus will come into your life again and will bless you. Let me encourage you my dear friend, Jesus Christ will surely come into your life again and He will bless you with His Glory. Do not be discouraged thinking about your past. You have Jesus Christ who loves you irrespective of your past, present and future.

Let's take the life of Peter as an example and split his life into four phases as follows:

#### **Phase 1: PETER WITHOUT JESUS**

Luke 5:5 Simon answered, "Master, we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything..."

You can clearly see in this phase that Peter was without Jesus. Since he doesn't have Jesus in his life, he didn't have blessings too. But what happened when Jesus entered into Peter's life.

#### Phase 2: JESUS ENTERED INTO PETER'S LIFE

Luke 5:6,7 "When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break. So they signalled their partners in the other boat to come and help them, and they came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink."

Peter's life was once void without any blessings. Then as Jesus entered into his life and as he began to do things according to the counsel of Jesus, he started to get overflowing blessings. As Peter received Jesus into his life, he received blessings too. Did Peter stand firmly in his relationship with Jesus?

#### Phase 3: PETER'S BACKSLIDING

John 21:3 "I'm going out to fish," Simon Peter told them, and they said, "We'll go with you." So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

Jesus Christ entered into Peter's life and transformed his life from catching fishes to catching people. But Peter went back to his previous life and in that process, he left Jesus. That night Peter would have felt guilty as he has gone back to his old life and has lost all the blessings. He might have doubted whether Jesus will accept him again. Did Jesus accept Peter?

#### Phase 4: JESUS ENTRY INTO PETER'S LIFE AGAIN

John 21:4,6 "Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus. He called out to them, "Friends, haven't you any fish?" "No," they answered. He said, "Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some." When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish."

My dear young friend, this is the amazing and loving character of Jesus Christ. Even though Peter went away from Him, Jesus entered into Peter's life again and restored the broken relationship. Not only that, Jesus again filled Peter's life with overflowing blessings. Jesus Christ is a loving God who will not cast anyone who comes to Him.

Even today my dear young friend, you might have left Jesus as Peter did. You might have lost all your spiritual and worldly blessings. You might have lost the peace of your life. Don't worry. Jesus Christ loves you and His hands are stretched forth towards you. He is waiting for you. If you go back to Him again, He is strong enough to restore the broken relationship and will fill you with His blessings which can neither be fathomed nor comprehended.

#### YOUR PROVIDER WILL NEVER FAIL YOU

GENESIS 22:14 "And Abraham called the name of the place, The Lord will provide; as it said to this day, 'In the Mount of the Lord it shall be provided'."

You might be going through financial struggle or you might be waiting for a blessing from the Hands of God for a long time. Your heart might have gone weary as you have been struggling with so many problems in your life. You might have been longing to live a stable life communing with God daily.

Today Jesus Christ is promising you that He will provide for you your needs and desires. You are children of the great mighty God. There is no need for you to go and stand in front of any human asking for help.

Your relatives might not have helped you. Your close friends might have left you in your troublesome moments. Your family people might be against you. Do not get discouraged. Jesus Christ will provide you what you need.

You might be longing for money. Jesus Christ will provide you a good income. You might be longing for peace. Jesus Christ will provide you peace. You might be longing for forgiveness. Jesus Christ will provide you forgiveness for all the wrongs you had committed. You might be longing for something in your life. Ask Jesus Christ today and He will give whatever you have requested Him.

Many years back, my elder brother had a dream. In that dream he and my father were walking along with me in a busy market place. My father was walking around looking for the best things to get for me. As my father was looking around I ran to a friend of my father and begged him to give me something. My father was there to provide for me yet I was running to his friend begging him to give me something. My brother looked at my father. My father's heart was grieved and his face was saddened with tears. Then Jesus Christ spoke to my brother saying when My people go to others and beg for help my heart is also grieving so much. Jesus Christ also promised that if my people look unto Me for anything, surely I will be their provider and they shall not lack anything.

Later after few months my brother's marriage got fixed and the bride's family offered more than one lakh rupees as dowry. But my brother refused to accept it and didn't demand any money or jewels. Even when I got married I demanded neither money nor any jewels from the bride's family. We decided to look to Jesus Christ alone for our needs and He blessed us in many folds. He honoured our decision of not to get any dowry and have blessed our marriage. Even today I and my brother live a life blessed by Jesus Christ without lacking anything.

My dear young friends take a decision today that you will never go to anyone except to Jesus Christ for help. If you look onto Jesus Christ for help, surely He will never put you to shame. Jesus Christ will provide your needs and you shall lack nothing in your lives.

Jesus Christ says in Matthew 7:11, "If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him."

As He promised, if you ask Him what you want, surely He will give you all your desires. Do not run to any human for help. Do not grieve God's heart by begging others to help you. Jesus Christ is your provider and He will provide for you when you ask Him.

Whatever might be your problem ask Jesus Christ to help you. He will grant you His joy and peace. His blessings will always rest upon your lives. God bless you.

#### ARE YOU IN HARMONY WITH YOUR PARENTS?

MATTHEW 15:4-6 "For God commanded saying, 'Honor your father and your mother', and 'He who curses father or mother, let him be put to death'. But you say, 'Whoever says to his father or mother, "Whatever profit you might have received from me is a gift to God" then he need not honor his father or mother.' Thus you have made the commandment of God of no effect by your tradition."

There lived a world renowned servant of God in the southern part of India. Many years back he got a physical problem. Doctors could not diagnose the reason and so he was not able to get healed.

During that time, he fasted and asked God the reason for his sickness. God answered him through His Holy Spirit and told him that his mother's bitterness was the reason for his disease. He could not understand what God was speaking to him as his mother was already dead.

Actually his mother was in death bed when he was doing God's ministry. As a mother she wanted her son to be with her during her last days. But he didn't bother about her desire and was doing God's ministry tirelessly. She died with bitterness upon him as he was away from her doing God's work when she faced death. Holy Spirit told him that it's her bitterness that has brought him the sickness.

Then the servant of God fasted for three days and pleaded to God for forgiveness. Jesus Christ took compassion on him, forgave him and restored his health back to him.

My dear young friends, you have to honor your parent's desire and wish. Even if you get married do not despise your parents or your spouse parents for it will grieve God's heart. Once you grieve God's Holy Spirit you might lose some of His blessings. Do not forget to honor your parents and your spouse parents.

You should never try to split the relationship of your spouse with his/her parents. Just imagine this illustration.

You have a seed and you know that if you nurture and take care of it properly it will grow as a huge tree and you can enjoy the shadow of it leisurely. So you labored day and night for the seed. You made sure that it was planted on the good soil; you nurtured it with water and manure. Then you fenced it and kept on watering it every day.

One fine day the seed has become a huge tree with so many branches and fruits. Now you are so proud about it and wanted to enjoy its fruits and to take rest in its shadow. But suddenly someone takes possession of your tree and says to you that the tree belongs to them and they alone have the privilege to rest in its shadow and enjoy its fruits. How do you feel then?

Will you not get hurt? Surely your heart will be shattered and you might even curse the person who does that. If you understand this illustration properly then you will realize that it's you who is doing this. Your spouse parents were the one who took care and raised your spouse inspite of all their struggles and pain. Because of their sweat and sacrifice your spouse was able to reach a good position in the society. Then when they thought of forgetting all their toils by taking rest on his/her earnings you interfere and throw them out of their son/daughter's house.

How would their heart feel about it? Do you think that you will live a blessed life when they grieve upon the injustice caused to them? Do you think that you will live a happy life when your spouse parents live a life filled with tears?

My dear young friends you might be married or might not be. But take a resolution to honor your parents as well as your spouse parents. Provide them what all they desire for once upon a time they have provided for you everything you have wanted and desired for. Keep them happy and spend time with them. Do not have any hatred upon them and do not let them go weary and tired. If you keep them happy, honor them and provide them whatever they need, surely Jesus Christ will bless you and reward you.

#### WAITING UPON GOD – THE BLESSING IN DISGUISE

Isaiah 49:23 "... I am the LORD, For they shall not be ashamed who wait for Me."

I know a sister who used to come to the church in which I was a member few years ago. She got married when she was so young and gave birth to two daughters. Few years after her second daughter's birth her husband left her and she lived as a widow. She had no one to help her and she struggled a lot to raise her two daughters.

Even though her life was full of sufferings, she had her trust in Jesus Christ and waited for a miracle to happen in her life. As her two daughters begun to grow she became so burdened in her heart as she has to safeguard and protect them till she finds a suitable life partner for them.

She used to stay in the church praying for everyone. Never ever she asked anyone to help her. Always she waited on the Lord for her needs. Through the grace of Jesus Christ her elder daughter managed to finish a Pharmacy course and her younger daughter completed a computer course.

Soon they came to the age of getting married and she begun to pray a lot for her daughters. She neither had regular income nor wealth. So everyone around her used to wonder how she is going to get her daughters married.

Again she clanged on to God and waited. Jesus Christ did a miracle in her life. A family approached her asking for her elder daughter and told her that they themselves will bear all the expenses for the marriage and that they don't need any dowry or jewels. Her heart was filled with great joy when she heard this.

When my elder brother got married, the reception took place in one of the biggest hotels in the city where we lived. In the same hotel where my brother's reception took place, her elder daughter's marriage was also held without the expense of single penny. In this way God raised her among the people around her.

Soon she looked for a life partner for her younger daughter and again God did a miracle in her life. Another family came and told her that they will spend half of the marriage expenses and will accept her daughter without any dowry.

With so much joy and happiness she saw her younger daughter getting married. Now they all are living happily praising God for His miracle. She had the life of a widow with no one to help her. But as she waited on the Lord, she was not ashamed. Jesus Christ blessed her abundantly and raised her.

My dear young friends, you might be waiting for so many years for God's promise to get fulfilled in your life and would have become tired and worn out. You might be waiting for the Lord to bless you but yet wouldn't have received your heart's desire.

Do not get discouraged for God is promising you this day that as you wait for Him, you will not be ashamed.

In the coming days, God will bless you granting the desires of your heart. You will surely get the blessing which Jesus Christ has promised and for which you have been waiting for a very long time

It might be your desire to have a blessing in your Spiritual life or it might be a promotion or it might be a child or it might be something related to your studies or it might be your dream to get admission in a reputed college or it might be something with regard to your family members. God's promise will surely be fulfilled in your life very soon.

Just put your trust on Jesus Christ and wait for Him. He will surely bless you from the store house of Heaven and will raise you. You shall never be ashamed.

#### THE GOD WHO IS MADLY IN LOVE WITH YOU

ISAIAH 49:15 "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."

You might be thinking that God has forgotten you and don't have any interest about your life. Do not get discouraged. But God is reminding you saying, "I have not forgotten you."

Jesus Christ has not forgotten you. He is mindful of you and He will bless you. God's love upon you is more than the love of your mother and father. He loves you more than anyone else.

You might be longing for love and running behind someone in search of true love. Jesus Christ is telling you today, "My dear child, come to Me. I will pour out my love upon you and I will comfort you."

Come to Jesus Christ and surely you will find true love that will never forsake and wound you.

In the year 2010, my mom got affected by breast cancer. It was in the month of March we got this bad news and we do not know what to do. We prayed and finally as led by God we went for surgery. Jesus Christ was with us when we went through that tough path and we were able to sense His presence around us. He comforted us and the surgery was done on the month of April. Doctors advised my mom to have good rest and so my mom stayed back in the hospital after the surgery to recover her health.

My birthday falls on May. Usually I prefer to stay with my parents on my birth day. During the surgery time my mom and dad were residing with my elder brother and I was away from them working in another city and was staying in a hostel. So as usual, for my birthday I decided to go my brother's home.

Since my birthday was few days after the surgery, the doctors strictly advised my mom to take rest in the city where the hospital was located and advised her not to make any journey for her good. So she stayed in the city which was nearly 170kms away from my brother's home in order to avoid hectic travels which her body could not bear.

I went to my brother's home exactly the day before my birthday. Since I know that my mom's body is very weak after the surgery, I told her not to come as the wounds from the removal of her breast were getting healed at that time. When I was at my brother's house I expected my mom's call but she didn't call me. In the evening when I called her I heard some noises in the background but since she didn't speak for a long time I could not ask her where she is and why there are noises. But to my surprise on that night she stood in front of me with a big smile on her face. She has travelled nearly 170kms inspite of her worst body condition just for the sake of making me happy.

She stayed with me on my birthday and cooked delicious foods which I like a lot and made me happy in all ways. I started my journey back to the hostel on the night of my birthday and the next morning my mom returned back to the city where she was getting treatment travelling another 170kms.

Because of the love she has upon me she travelled nearly 350kms in two days within one month of her surgery. All she had in her mind was the happiness of her son and not the weakness of her body.

My dear young friends, this incident happened exactly three years before. But I still remember the sacrifice my mom did for me on that day.

If a mom can love her son like this, how much more Jesus Christ will love us. He is our creator and we are His sons and daughters. You might be feeling bad because of your lost love.

Your parents might not have loved you; your relatives might have hated you; your friends might have ditched you and your lover or husband might not have loved you truly. You might be in a despair state rejected by the ones whom you loved so much.

Do not get dejected. Jesus Christ loves you as you are. He loves you more than the love of your parents and His love is unconditional than the love of the person whom you love so dearly. So throw all the worries that are troubling you on His feet. He will not leave you.

Jesus Christ is telling you today, "My dear child, I will accept you as you are. My hands are stretched open towards you. In my bosom you will find rest. No one can ever love you as I love you and even today I love you so much. I have seen your tears and I will comfort you. You are My child and no one can blame you. I will be with you and will carry you. You will surely find rest in Me. I will give you peace and joy that you desire in your life."

Jesus Christ loves you and He will be your comfort. God bless you.

#### ARE YOU LONGING FOR LOVE?

ISAIAH 49:15 "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."

Your parents might not have loved you as you had expected and desired. Because of that you might be going through depression and sorrow in your life. Jesus Christ says to you today, "I will be a Father to you and I will carry you. Your parents might have forgotten you but surely I will never forget you."

Recently I heard a testimony of an aged man. When he was a little kid his parents had some fight between them and got separated. Soon his father and mother married some other person. As his parents left him all alone his grandfather took him and began to raise him. His father had a large estate and so he grew in a well settled family but yet he longed for the love of his parents. When he was ten years old his dad came and took him under his care. But his dad's second wife didn't like him at all and so she tortured him daily.

When his grandfather heard this he couldn't bear it and so he took him along with him. When he was 20 years old someone told him about the place where his mother was living. He rushed to her to be in her presence for some days but she asked him not to return to her again at any time. He doesn't know what to do. In the mean time his grandfather sold the large estate to someone for a cheap price and then he became mentally affected and left home. So this guy was left as an orphan with no one for him.

Several thoughts flooded his mind but at that time he accepted Jesus Christ as his saviour and began to love God with all his heart. He surrendered everything at the feet of God and prayed for a miracle. Soon God opened the way and he got a job in a Christian organization which does God's work for full time. The man of God who was the head of the organization welcomed him and showed him the love of God. He found a girl for him and got him married.

For the past 23 years he has been working in the same organization and now he has a wonderful wife and also two loving children. In his testimony he told like this, "I have tasted the love of my mother for only 2 days and the love of my father remained only for 5 years. But the true love and affection which I got from my Saviour I can never forget in my life."

He longed for love and care when his parents abandoned him. But Jesus Christ showed him true love and has carried him in His hands thus far.

My dear young friends, your parents might have got divorced and have gone away in their own ways and you might be alone today. Do not feel abandoned and become depressed. Jesus Christ loves you. If you accept Him as your Father, He will guide you, carry you and protect you.

Your parents might not have loved you as you had thought of. So you might have gone behind the worldly love and would have ended up in a terrible state losing everything. Do not worry. Jesus Christ will give back to you all that you have lost. He will give you His love, His care and His affection. If you come to Him, He will bless you richly.

In your home, your parents might be fighting all the time and would not bother about you at all. Do not lose hope. If you seek Jesus Christ with all your heart, He will give you His peace that you are longing for.

My dear young friends, your sister might not love you truly; your brother might not love you truly; your friends might have betrayed you; your relatives might laugh at you; your life partner might not understand you; let not your heart suffer for Jesus Christ is there for you to love you and to carry you in His arms.

Come to Him all who are weary. He will give you His peace, His rest and His joy. His love will satisfy you and you will be blessed abundantly. God bless you.

#### BEHOLD, THE REWARDER OF YOUR LIFE!

### ISAIAH 62:11 "...Surely your salvation is coming; Behold His reward is with Him and His work before Him."

There lived a young guy who had been dedicated to God by his mother even when he was in her womb. He did well in his higher secondary studies. But as soon as he entered into college he got drifted away from God and lived a worldly life along with his friends. Finally he ended up as a failure in his studies. When he entered his last year of study his father and mother became very sick and he didn't know what to do. One day he felt so bad about his life that he decided to commit suicide. He thought there is no way to come out of sins, failures and poverty. So he decided to end his life on the railway tracks of an express train. As he was going towards the track he met his uncle who shared the love of Jesus Christ to him. He eagerly listened to the love of Christ and accepted Jesus Christ as his Saviour on that very same day.

Slowly he began to grow in Jesus Christ. As he started studying, he prayed and asked God to enable him to pass his exams with high second class and God said He will grant his prayer request. By the grace of God he got high second class degree and got a job in the State Bank of India. After he dedicated his life to Jesus Christ he strived hard in his work and wrote so many departmental exams. He cleared all the exams by God's grace and soon he was promoted as the manager of State Bank of India.

One day Jesus Christ spoke to him clearly and asked him to resign his job and to do His ministry for full time. He obeyed God's calling and became a full time servant of God. Jesus Christ filled him with His compassion and used him mightily. So many millions of people were blessed through him. Also Jesus Christ made him as the founder chancellor of a reputed Christian Engineering University in South India. He is none other than Uncle Dr. DGS Dhinakaran who was called 'The apostle of Love'. Even though he was passed away in the year 2008, Jesus Christ is blessing so many young people as they come to study in that university.

My dear young friends, even today you might be a failure in your studies or job or business or spiritual life. You might be facing problems in your family life. You might be thinking that ending your life will be far better than to face the problems and debt.

Jesus Christ is promising you today: "My dear Child, your salvation is surely coming. I will reward you and My work will be established in your life."

Dr. DGS Dhinakaran went through failures and he decided to end his life at the age of 20 because he thought that his life will end in failure. But God graciously lifted him to become the founder of Jesus Calls ministry, Bethesda and Karunya University. Even today, millions of people are getting blessed through the various facets of his ministry.

God can do the same to you. If you look unto Him, He will lift you high. Jesus Christ says to you: "I will change your failures into success. I will change your grief to joy. My plans are not your plans. My plans are far higher than your plans. Trust Me and give your heart to Me. You will be a blessing."

You might be a failure today. If you trust Jesus Christ, He will bless you and make you a blessing. Don't get discouraged. Jesus Christ will surely come into your life and will reward you with His blessings.

Your studies will be blessed by God. You will be promoted in your job. Your Spiritual life will be established through the anointing of Holy Spirit. Your family life will be blessed and your children will have better future. Jesus Christ will do it. He will never leave you. You will not be put to shame. You will live a blessed life and you will be a blessing. God bless you.

#### UNRAVEL THE HEALING POWER OF THE LORD

#### 2 KINGS 20:5 ".... I have heard your prayer and seen your tears; I will heal you"

Recently I read an article about Cancer. In that article it was written that according to the National Cancer Institute, nearly 22, 00,000 people have got affected by cancer in India. Also 80,000 people are getting affected by cancer every year and out of those nearly 25 percent of people have no provision for medication and so they are simply dying.

Even throughout the world many people are getting affected by cancer. There was a little kid who got affected by cancer. Her parents decided to go for surgery. After the doctors successfully operated on her she was taken back to home but the doctors recommended Chemotherapy for complete healing. Because of the treatment she became weak and her mom used to feed her. One day as her mom was feeding food; she got hiccups and soon died.

One of my relatives did surgery for breast cancer and one of her breasts was removed in the surgery. But within a year she died.

You might have money; you might have courage; you might have a person who loves you so much and you might have fame. But you have to understand that only one person can save you from the clutches of death caused by cancer.

You might have got affected by cancer and you might think that you will die. The Lord who has made the heavens and the earth is saying to you today:

#### "... I am the Lord who heals you." - Exodus 15:26

You might be battling with cancer for so many days. You might have gone through surgery. You might have done all the best things that you can do for yourself or it might be the thought about your loved ones who have got affected by cancer that is troubling you. Don't get discouraged.

You have a hope. You have a God who can set you free from the clutches of cancer. You have a God who can heal you. My dear young friends, Jesus Christ can heal your cancer disease and can deliver you from the darkness of death.

He says to you today: "I will heal you."

Three years back when my mom got affected by breast cancer, we were all filled with so much of sorrow and agony. We had no one among our relatives to help us. We thought that everyone has abandoned us. But Jesus Christ promised us that He will be with us throughout the treatment. There were times our faith was tested and we even had a fear that we will lose our mom.

She underwent surgery, radiation therapy and chemotherapy. She is the kind of woman who could not even bear the pain of headache but Jesus Christ helped her through His grace to bear all kinds of treatment.

Now, after 3 years, as she did her check-up, the doctors told that there are no more any signs of cancerous cells in her body. Not only that she is alive and living healthily though she had her operation 3 years back.

Even in many spiritual meetings that I have attended I have heard the testimonies of people who have got healed from cancer by Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ can do the same to you. If you look to Him with faith He will heal you. My mom is alive today because of the grace of Jesus Christ. We were so much broken in heart when she was undergoing the treatment for nearly for one year but today we are living as a family filled with perfect and divine peace of God.

I can still remember the day when my mom had her surgery. My dad was standing outside the operation theatre with tears continuously rolling on his cheeks. He cried like a child on that day but today Jesus Christ has filled my father's heart with joy and peace. We were in blues and went through heartache and agony when our mom was suffering from cancer. Relatives stood at distance but Jesus Christ stood with us and led us safely. Now we are happy in Christ.

My dear young friends, your family members might be going through the path of sorrow and pain because of cancer. Hold onto Jesus Christ. He will bring back the peace, the joy and the healing to your family. Your sorrow will turn into joy. You will surely receive God's healing.

Do not fear and tremble. Jesus Christ is with you to heal you and to carry you safely. Jesus Christ will protect you. God bless you.

#### DELIVERANCE FROM THE CLUTCHES OF GUILT

### JOHN 3:17 "For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him"

Few months back I read in the newspaper about a person who had committed murder. Actually he got married in the year 1999. After one year of his marriage he took his wife to a secluded place in his village and killed her. Then he threw her body into a deep well which was not in use. He returned back to the village and told everyone that his wife ran away with someone. Everyone in that village believed him. He married another girl and moved on in his life. But to everyone's surprise in the year 2010, he went to the heads of that village and told them that it was him who murdered his wife.

No one knew that his wife was murdered because they believed that she ran away and didn't take any effort to discover her body. But yet after ten years he went and confessed that he murdered his wife. The heads of that village asked him the reason for his confession. He told them that he could not bear the guilt that was torturing him day and night for the past ten years.

Few days back I met a girl who had the same problem of guilt. She did some mistakes in her college days which tortured her so much. When I met her she was in a depressed state thinking about her past failures. She went to Spiritual counsellors for counselling but yet she could not come out of her guilt. I asked her whether she took her problems to Jesus Christ in prayer. As she said no, I encouraged her to pour out her feelings to God in prayer that night. That night she experienced the love and peace of Jesus Christ like never before as she spilled out all her weakness, mistakes and guilt feeling at His feet. The very next morning when she came to me, her face was bright and her heart was at peace. She told me that her guilt feelings were gone as God has forgiven her sins and filled her heart with His peace and Joy.

### Jesus Christ says in Matthew 11:28, "Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

You may be labouring hard because of your past mistakes and wrong deeds. You may be heavily burdened because of the guilt that torments you day and night. Do not give up. Jesus Christ is calling you today. Go to Him. The blood He has shed upon the cross is powerful enough to forgive all your sins and will remove the stain from your heart. His love will comfort and transform you from inside out.

In Luke 7:36 to 50, we read about a sinful woman whose sins were forgiven by Jesus Christ. She went to Jesus Christ in weeping and washed His feet with her tears. Her guilt and grief was so heavy that she could not even speak a word to Jesus Christ. She was so burdened at heart and all she could do is to let out her anguish through silent tears. Everyone around her saw only her sinful character and behaviour but Jesus Christ looked into her burdened heart. Then He said to her, "Your sins are forgiven. Your faith has saved you. Go in peace"

She went to Jesus Christ with a faith in her heart that He can forgive her sins, remove her guilt and give her the peace that she longs for. Jesus Christ saw her faith and forgave her. He took away all her guilt feelings and gave her His divine peace.

My dear young friends, you may be going through the path of affliction because of your guilt. Go to Jesus Christ in faith. He will help you. He will swipe away the guilt along with its past mistakes that is pressurizing you. He will forgive your sins and will give you His peace. You will live.

God bless you!

#### THE EXCEPTIONAL GIFT OF GOD

PROVERBS 18:22 "He who finds a wife finds a good thing, and obtains favour from the Lord."

One year before, exactly on this day I got married. My marriage was an arranged marriage which was actually arranged and approved by God. Then my parents took care of all the ceremonies. Today when I look back, I feel so grateful to Jesus Christ, for the way He has led us in the past one year of my marriage life.

During the time I got married, the marriage life of many people with whom I was very close was moving towards divorce. They said that they had no peace at all in their marriage life. Hearing their life stories, I became disturbed in my thoughts and my mind was filled with great fear. But when I prayed and surrendered my marriage life into God's hands, He gave me peace and protected us.

Today we are celebrating our first anniversary not because that I and my wife are good but because God is good in our life. I didn't held the hands of my wife and lead my family life but through His Golden Hands of Grace, Jesus Christ took hold of us and walked with us. Because of that we are able to celebrate our first anniversary today with great peace and joy.

From the age of 17, I used to tell God about the expectations I have for my future wife. I desired that my life partner should have a loving character and exactly God gave me a wife who is so kind and has a compassionate heart.

She never stood as a disturbance for my worldly life as well as my Spiritual life. She wakes up early in the morning at 4.30 and prays for me when I will be sleeping. Her prayers are a great support for my life. She helps me a lot to find Biblical verses whenever I used to prepare myself to deliver God's word in different places because she has memorized many Bible verses which I have never did.

Most of the times, I see many married couples who stay close to my work place having their morning breakfast in the canteen. At times they even go to Restaurants and have lunch together. But I thank God for my wife who not only prays for me every morning but also prepares food for me as soon as she finishes her daily prayers.

In this past one year, not even a single day I had my food outside because of the reason that she failed to cook. She is an excellent cook and many people who work with me like her cooking.

I won't say that we never had any misunderstandings. We are human beings and we also had some misunderstandings at the beginning. It took few months for my wife to understand me fully and at times we behaved so childishly in certain matters.

Every time we had a problem and went to God in prayer, God pointed out our mistakes and taught us the way we should behave and talk. When we surrendered ourselves to follow what God said regarding our marriage life we found peace and His divine joy residing in our hearts.

I am a person with a different character. I used to stay alone and won't mingle with someone so easily. I love being alone and expect that certain things should be done only in certain ways. So many girls who have gone through my life as sisters and friends used to tell me that it is hard to live with me and to get adapted with my character.

So when I got a wife who is so different compared to me, I feared. But God stood between us and made us to accept each other as we are. To be frank I was afraid about many things but God didn't allow my fears to come to pass in my life.

I thank God whole heartedly for protecting our family life and for carrying us safely in His arms. Also, I strongly believe that He will lead us till our lives on this Earth will come to an end.

Even today you may fear about certain things. As you see the circumstances and the troubles that have surrounded you, you may think that your life is going to perish soon. Today, Holy Spirit is telling you that whatever you fear will not happen in your life for you are protected under the wings of the Almighty God. He will never leave you nor forsake you. Stay in faith. You will receive God's miracle in an unexpected way. God bless you!

"The joyless Christian reveals himself by having negative thoughts and talk about others, in a lack of concern for others welfare, and a failure to intercede on others behalf. Joyless believers are self-centered, selfish, proud, and often vengeful and their self-centeredness inevitably manifests itself in prayerlessness." - John MacArthur

# THE TWO CONTROVERSIES: WILL OF GOD AND WORDS OF PEOPLE

ROMANS 12:2 "And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is good and acceptable and perfect will of God."

When I did my tenth standard Schooling, the elderly people around me urged me to score more than 400 marks. By God's grace I got 428 and was so happy at that time. But my happiness didn't last longer because I was told that if I want to have a better future then I should score good marks in the Higher Secondary Exams. But when I joined Diploma, everybody whom I knew blamed my family telling that they had made a wrong decision and I won't be having a future at all. But God enabled me to complete my diploma in first class.

Then they advised me that if I want to be happy all throughout my life then I must get a seat in a government college to pursue my degree. God enabled me to do my Bachelor degree in a government engineering college and I was filled with great joy. But people around me never allowed me to enjoy the life God gave me for they told me that I have to get through placement interviews. Whenever I was filled with happiness and peace thinking that I have achieved something people around me always placed another task before me. This made me feel tired and weary.

Different people came into my life at different times but they all did the same by setting a huge task before me all the time. Later I understood that if I give heed to whatever they say and try to achieve the task set by them then I will not be able to rest in peace.

Even a year back many people were constantly asking my family members the reason for the delay in my marriage. Actually we were waiting for God's will but we faced lot of difficulties and hurts because of the words of others. They said that only if I get married my life will be a complete in terms of worldly blessing. One fine day God revealed His will and I also got married. I thought that now these people will leave me in peace.

But soon after my marriage, whenever I and my wife speak with our relatives or some known persons, the first question they ask is whether my wife is pregnant or not. Now they started to tell that my life will be meaningful only if I get a child. Actually I have stopped bothering about their words but my wife was light hearted and she felt bad whenever someone repeatedly asked her this question.

Sometimes she won't share with me about this but I was able to understand her feeling. After my teen years, usually I won't feel bad because of the words of others. But last week I was so disturbed and worried. I desperately wanted to do something about the situation of my life but I know only God can do that. I had no peace at all and I felt that I was in a helpless state.

As I went through struggles in my mind, Jesus Christ spoke to me through Holy Spirit saying, "My dear son, you can never fulfil my will if you give importance to what others say about your life and what others think about you. I know what you need and especially I know when to give this blessing you are longing for. When I give it in My time it will be a great blessing for you which you can't understand now. So My son, do not worry about what others say but submit yourself and let My will be done in your life and then you will be richly blessed."

My dear young friends, we thrive hard to be a successful person in the sight of the world but on that way we miss God and His ways. We stand vulnerable as we tend to lean completely on the scale by which this world measures our success. Sometimes we are so much grieved and pained even after receiving God's abundant blessings just because someone around us have said that we are lacking something in our lives. Finally we end up losing our peace and we feel tired about our lives.

Today Jesus Christ is looking into your heart. You are tired. You have lost all your peace because of the words of your relatives, parents, spouse and friends. The words they have spoken have made you to feel like a handicap. You think you are of no use and your life was gone. You would have even lost the habit of doing God's will and so guilt has occupied your heart and mind. Do not worry for anything and do not lose hope.

Submit yourselves to the hands of Jesus Christ. Do not be conformed to the patterns of this world. Jesus Christ loves you so much and if you let Him to do His will in your life, you will be richly blessed.

Jesus Christ says to you, "My dear child, you are so precious to Me. In My sight you are a victorious person because you are saved and protected through My blood. Even now, you have not gone so far where My hands could not reach you. I will fill you with My peace and I will lavish My grace upon you. My grace is sufficient for you and it will help you to overcome the temptations of this world. You will be a testimony for My glory. I will renew your mind and Spirit. I will exalt you at the right time and will bless you abundantly. You shall lack nothing"

"If two angels were to receive at the same moment a commission from God, one to go down and rule earth's grandest empire, the other to go and sweep the streets of its meanest village, it would be a matter of entire indifference to each which service fell to his lot, the post of ruler or the post of scavenger; for the joy of the angels lies only in obedience to God's will." - E.M. Bounds

# WHO CAN CONDEMN YOU WHEN CHRIST IS THERE FOR YOU?

#### ISAIAH 50:9 "It is the Sovereign Lord who helps me. Who will condemn me?"

Few days back when I was waiting at the bus stop for my college bus, it started to rain suddenly. So, I ran into a closeby shed. Soon I saw the bus coming and I started running towards the bus stop to get into the bus quickly without getting wet in the rain. As the bus rolled towards the stop, the driver applied the brakes fully to bring the bus to a halt. All the rain water that has been gathered on top of the bus rushed through an outlet and was poured out on me as I was standing close to the entrance of the bus. Though the driver warned me to move away, it was too late and I could do nothing.

I got completely drenched with rain water when I entered into the bus. There were two ladies sitting in the front seats. Initially they showed sympathy towards me but later one of them commented that if she would have been in my place, she would have acted wisely and wouldn't have got wet. Later they even passed on this news to the third lady who got into the bus after few stops.

Neither their reactions nor their words brought any comfort to me nor did it change the situation of my life.

Many a times when we fail miserably in our worldly and Spiritual life, some people will look at us with sympathy; some will condemn us for our mistakes; some will boast about their own strength and will make fun of us; some will even see to it that others know about our mistakes. But in no way their words and deeds will help us.

Everyone around you might have made fun of your failures. They might have criticized you for your faults. They might have despised you and have even failed to comfort you or lift you. Because of their behaviour, today you might be broken in your heart, living in rejection and pain. Do not get discouraged.

Psalmist says in Psalms 116:6-9, "The Lord preserves the simple; I was brought low and He saved me. Return to your rest, O my soul, for the Lord has dealt bountifully with you. For you have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, and my feet from falling. I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living."

People may look down on you but Jesus Christ will preserve and protect you. You would have been brought low by your own loved ones but Jesus Christ will save you. He will deal with the situation of your life and will deliver you from all evil. So don't give up for you have a God who loves you more than anyone else in this world.

In John 8:3-11 we read about an incident in which a woman caught in adultery was brought by the Pharisees and the Scribes to Jesus Christ. They caught her red handed in the very act of adultery. They condemned her and wanted her to be stoned to death. It's true that she had committed a mistake. But Jesus looked at them and said that the one who has no sin in his life can throw the first stone at her. Till that moment, everyone around her behaved as if they are so holy. But after they heard what Jesus said no one came forward to throw a stone at her as their lives too were filled with sin. So they all went away but there stood Jesus Christ, the One who has never sinned.

He had all the rights to stone her to death but He said to her that He will not condemn her. This is the love of Jesus Christ upon everyone.

My dear young friends, people around you might throw stones of accusation, stones of advice, and stones of wrong words at you to put your soul to death. There might be times when you would have gone to the extent of hating yourself and would have felt like throwing a stone at yourself.

Do not hate yourself and do not think about what others have done to you. Today, run to the presence of Jesus Christ and surrender all the situations of your life to Him. He will confront your enemies and will give you victory. Also He is the only one who will never ever condemn you. He will give you His grace to live a successful life.

Remember, only Jesus Christ can help you and He alone can change the situations of your life for good. Trust in Jesus Christ. He will raise you. God bless you!

#### THE TOMB BREAKER

EZEKIEL 37:12,14 "Thus says the Lord God:"Behold, O My people, I will open your graves and cause you to come up from your graves... I will put My Spirit in you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land..."

You might be suffering today because of the grave of sorrow, trouble, disease or sin. You might feel like you have lost everything in your life and might have even given up on your future. You might say to yourself that everything is over in your life and there is no way to come up.

Today Jesus Christ is saying to you: "My dear child, I will break open your grave and will lift you up from it. I will also pour My Spirit in you and you will live."

This is not the end of your life. You might be thinking that the sorrows and the troubles you are facing are crushing you. But Jesus Christ is saying to you, "I will help you to overpower all the pain and the hardships that are troubling your life"

Your spiritual life might have come to an end because of the sins you have committed in your life. Once you had the desire to do something for the Glory of God but to-day you are standing empty-handed having lost all your Spiritual gifts and fruits. Today Jesus Christ is promising you that He will pour out His Spirit upon you and your Spiritual life will have a new beginning.

"It's not over at all", says Jesus Christ to you, who is reading this message. It's not over. Jesus Christ is a mighty God who can do wonders in your life in just a moment. He will not let you to go down. He will rise you up from your dead situation and He will make you stand for His Glory because He is your Father and you are His child. So do not lose hope and don't ever think that your life has come to its end.

Several years ago a young guy of 17 years old got infected with Tuberculosis which took him to the verge of death. On one particular night he started to vomit blood. His family doctor found tiny pieces of internal organs in the blood. So he told his family that it will be a fatal night for them as their son is going to die. In addition to the shocking news, he also added that he will meet them the next morning with the death certificate of their son. The news grieved the father so much and he went back to home not being able to bear the agony of his son. But his mother was a God fearing woman and so she knelt besides his bed and pleaded to God for his life. She went on praying with tears.

As she was praying, he saw a vision. In that vision the room was filled with a bright light and he saw a coffin on one side. Seeing this, he got scared and turned to the other side where he saw a huge Bible. Then Jesus Christ asked him to choose any one of those two. With tears rolling down on his face, the young guy chose the Bible. Then God said that he will live as he had chosen the Bible. The very next morning when the doctor came with the death certificate he was so amazed when he saw that young guy sitting in the bed and eating food with complete healing.

Everyone around him thought that he will die but Jesus Christ came and lifted him up from the grave. Not only that but also He poured out His Spirit upon the young guy and raised him as a servant of God. He is none other than the famous evangelist 'Lester Sumrall'. Millions of people had been blessed through him.

Jesus Christ picked him up from the grave, drenched him with His Spirit, made him to live and also placed him on His own promised land.

My dear young friends, today Jesus Christ will do the same for you. Your sorrow will be turned into joy. Your troubles will vanish. You will experience a complete healing in your body and mind. Your sins will be forgiven. You will be cleansed by the blood of Jesus Christ. God's Spirit will break down all the yoke that is upon your life. Jesus Christ will make you live. You will be blessed. God be with you and bless you!

#### THE GOD WHO IS IMMUNE TO CHANGES

MALACHI 3:6 "For I am the Lord, I do not change; therefore you are not consumed..."

We as a family left our native place when I was 8 years old. We lived in our own house in a street where there were only few houses. When I was a kid we used to travel in 'Cycle Rickshaw' and it used to be a great joy for me on those days. When I went recently to my native place to meet one of my close relatives, I searched for a Cycle Rickshaw but I couldn't find even one as Cycle Rickshaw stands were turned into Auto and Taxi stands.

After much struggle I found an old man with his cycle rickshaw. So, I went to my relative's house in a cycle rickshaw and as I entered the street in which we lived so many years ago I could not recognize that street at all. It was packed with many houses and it looked like a small street. Then I understood that as years have progressed, the world around us also has changed. Cycle Rickshaw was once the popular way of rental transport. Now, it was replaced by Autos and by Call Taxis. So many things that we saw some years ago were not the same today. The world we are living in is changing rapidly.

Recently I heard the news that the digital age has brought the 160 years of telegram history in India to its finale. I remember my childhood days, when the postman used to deliver a small chit to our family. It will be carrying a simple sentence stating that someone has expired. I don't even know the meaning of the word 'expired' on those days. But seeing that simple sentence my mom and dad will quickly make us get ready and soon we will be on a journey going somewhere. On those times, I loved journeys and so I loved telegram even when it carried a bad news. Now they say that the telegram history had come to an end.

The advancement in technology has brought an end to the history of a technology which was popular once. At times when we want to communicate something to our relatives, we need to book a trunk call first and have to wait for someone to connect the call. Only then we will be able to speak to them. Even after all this waiting, we can't speak for a long time because the call costs were too high. Now landlines were replaced by mobiles; letters were replaced by emails and simple talks were replaced by short messages. Nowadays, every facility is just one touch away from us. When I saw all these things I understood that the technology we know is also changing rapidly.

One side the technology is changing and on the other side the world itself is changing. It hasn't stopped there; people around us are also changing. I know a girl who told a guy that he was her world and life but within years she went away from him leaving him to suffer all alone. Her love upon him changed once she found someone better than him.

Everything and everyone around us are changing. How can we move on in this changing world with changing technologies and changing people? My dear young friends, everything around you might be changing. Even the love of the ones who are close to you might become cold. Do not get discouraged. Amidst all these changes we have the One who is unchanging. Things and people around you might change but you have a God who is unchanging. He says that He will not change.

### Bible tells us in Hebrews 13:8, "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever."

Jesus Christ will never change. His faithfulness upon your life will deteriorate. His grace upon you will never come to an end. The promises that He has given you will never pass away. His love upon you will never vary. His relationship with you will never reverse back. He is the same yesterday and today. He will be the same forever. If you need peace, comfort and blessings in this changing world, you have to cling onto the unchanging God. To cope up with the changes around you, cling onto Jesus Christ who is the unchanging God. If you cling onto Jesus Christ no change will affect you. Jesus Christ is calling you today.

"He who calls you is faithful, who also will do it." – 1 Thessalonians 5:24

Come to Jesus Christ and surrender your life to Him. You will be blessed.

#### FORGIVENESS – CAN IT BE EARNED BY OUR EFFORTS?

### JOHN 14:6 "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me"

Many days ago I heard the news that Pope Francis is granting plenary and partial indulgence through twitter. The plenary and partial indulgence is related to confessions. I was so shocked when I heard this news. As I wanted to know about this method of confessing sins, I searched in the internet more about this and ended up in a web page called e -confessional where you can confess sins and receive forgiveness online.

In my whole life, this is the first time I am hearing something called e-confessional. This is how it works: You need to login on the website and they will give you a list of sins. Once you chose the sin, the web will lead you to the next page where you will be asked to rate the severity of the crime you have committed. The level starts from E which is minor to A which is very severe. Once you chose the level, the web will lead you to the 'Confirmation of the sins selected' page and ask you to proceed to the confessional option. When the Confessional option is pressed, you will be asked to recite the prayer displayed on that page and once you have said the prayers, you are declared free from your sins and guilt saying your sins are absolved because of your confessions.

I couldn't believe it at all. I never knew that a lie can spread this far. How fast the devil is spreading lies among the people and how easily people are getting deceived! My dear young friends do not give your mind and heart to the lies of the devil. There is only one way for you to be forgiven. Bible tells us clearly about this way.

"...the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin." -1 John 1:7 "In Him (Jesus Christ) we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace." - Ephesians 1:7

Confessing your sins to your pastor or any other servants of God can never help you in any way. Your redemption will never come through your pastor or any other holy people. Also you have to know that a confessional web page which was written using html or any other code can never ever forgive your sins or save you.

You have to confess your sins to God. Your redemption will come through the blood of Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ alone can forgive you. No other human can forgive you. Even in my life when I did sins and suffered because of guilty feeling, I ran to so many servants of God. They counselled and comforted me but none of them was able to take away my guilt and forgive me. Then I ran to Jesus Christ in prayer. He accepted me as I was and forgave all my sins and shortcomings. Not only that, He also removed my guilt and filled me with His Holy Spirit.

Today, you might be suffering because of the guilt of your past sins. There is no need for you to run to any counsellors or any other servants of God. All you have to do is, confess your sins to Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ will never cast you away. He will forgive you and remove the guilt. Jesus Christ will fill your heart with His everlasting joy and peace.

#### SET LOOSE THE CHAINS OF YOUR LIFE

ISAIAH 10:27 "It shall come to pass in that day that his burden will be taken away from your shoulder, and his yoke from your neck, and the yoke will be destroyed because of the anointing oil."

In the place where I work, we have a spiritual assembly session every day morning. It will be conducted in a big auditorium and each will be allotted a bay. The bay allotted for me was on the back end of the auditorium. Because of this, I always have the struggle in viewing the person who stands on the stage to preach.

So I used to watch the activities on the stage through a LCD screen which was kept close to my bay. Several days I continued to watch like this and soon it became a habit to me. After some days I even forgot to look onto the stage. I got addicted to watch the proceedings through the display screen itself.

In this year, I was allotted a bay which was very close to the stage. Sitting at the front end it was now very easy for me to look into the stage directly. As days passed by I realized that I was doing something differently. Everyone who sat with me was looking onto the stage directly but I was the only one who was looking at the LCD kept at the end of the bay.

I found out about this strange behaviour of mine and told myself not to look at the LCD but to view the stage directly but I was not able to do it. Whenever I tried looking onto the stage directly, I failed within a few minutes. Then I understood that I have been addicted to the habit of looking through the LCD screen in the past several years. It took me some days to change that behaviour and to come back to the normal way of viewing the stage directly.

Many a times in our life we also do some wrongs casually and slowly it becomes a habit. After some days without our knowledge we get addicted to that wrong habit. You may be having a yoke upon your life. It can be smoking, drinking, adultery or any other kind of bad habits.

Today Jesus Christ wants to pour out His anointing to remove the yoke that was upon your life. You will never be able to break the yoke with your strength.

Our Heavenly Father says in Zechariah 4:6, "...Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit..."

You cannot come out of your burden through your own might or strength. Only when God's Spirit comes upon you, you will be redeemed from the bondage and yoke.

My mom was a prayer warrior and she always prays with tears for everyone. When I was a teenager, I had seen my family facing several problems and whenever we faced a problem my mom used to go to the prayer room, praying for long hours. When she comes out of the room she will be still sad thinking about the same burden or problem for which she had prayed for.

Without her knowledge, somehow she will be thinking about the problem and it became a yoke in her life. She couldn't stop thinking about the problem or the trouble which she had surrendered unto the Hands of Jesus. One day as she was praying, God anointed her with His Spirit and from that day onwards her faith got increased. Now, as I see her, she is not under that yoke anymore for she had learnt how to let go of her problems and not to feel bad about them once surrendered to God.

My dear young friend, you might be under the yoke of sin or unbelief or disease or worldly problems. If you ask God to fill you with His Holy Spirit, He will pour out His Spirit upon you and deliver you from all the bondages and yoke. You will be set free by the anointing of God's Holy Spirit.

Get filled by the anointing of God's Holy Spirit and stay free. God bless you!

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