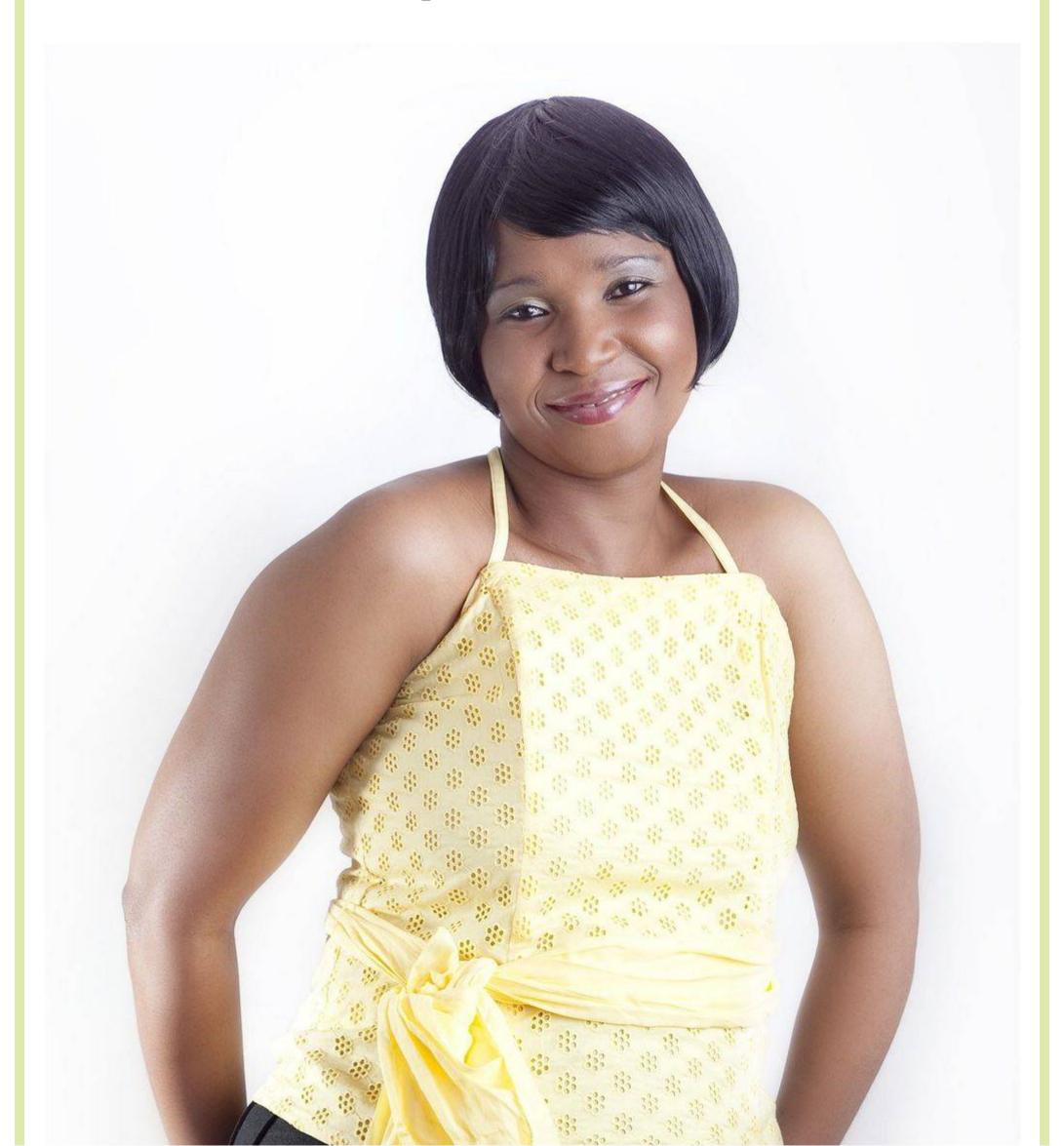
## JESUS LOVES YOU!

## HE CAN AND HE WILL!

(Special Edition)



You can not give what you do not have and, you can not use what you know not how to apply. Faith is in very one of us like a seed, faith is in you but it can only be activated and nurtured by the word of God, from the bible.

Faith is a representation of anything you wanted and it is a very sure spiritual force. Faith does not fail, the tiniest of faith will produce result. It is not an assumption, it is truth and it is true that faith will work every time and any time. You may be thinking how does she know, I know, I know faith works because it works for me. So what then is faith? Let's look at what faith is from this story in the book of Matthew 9vs 27-31 but before we read let me call your attention to one thing in this story, persistency.

Please, read with me....

27 When Jesus departed from there, two blind men followed Him, crying out and saying, "Son of David, have mercy on us!"
28 And when He had come into the house, the blind men came to Him. And Jesus said to them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?"
They said to Him, "Yes, Lord."
29 Then He touched their eyes, saying, "According to your faith let it be to you."
30 And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly warned them, saying, "See that no one knows it."31 But when they had departed, they spread the news about Him in all that country.

**TWO** blind men followed Jesus, who was just coming from jairus' house. He had just raised Jairus' daughter back to life. I have no idea from where these blind men started out following Jesus but they definitely followed Him a while, crying out for His mercy and yet He did not speak to them till He got to the house. Blind people are often led therefore these two would have been led by some friends or family members, to get to Jesus.

These blind men were crying out to Jesus for mercy and yet Jesus did not answer, stop or respond in anyway, interestingly the blind men also did not stop crying out to Him even though He did not answer them, they kept on crying out to Him because the bible says..... two blind men followed Him, crying out and saying, "Son of David, have mercy on us!" Crying and saying are present continuous words, so Jesus was aware of them, He could hear them but it seems He wanted to be sure of something about them. However, these men too knew that Jesus could hear them; so that was an assurance they held on to which brings me to my first point..... Jesus hears you every time you call. He may seem quiet but He hears you. Keep holding on.

When they eventually caught up with Jesus in the house, He asked a very important question that seemed ridiculous "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" How interesting! These men followed you Jesus, they waded through the crowd, made it past your disciples, ignored every look of obstruction to get to you, with all these in their minds.... The blind men could have answered him saying "why else did we follow you if we do not believe you can?" but instead they said to Him, "Yes, Lord."

Their answer proved that these two men did not mind that they had to catch up with Him even though He could have stopped and healed them on the way. Which brings me to my next

point ....Having a right attitude. Pride bears no good fruit, do not feel too big to wait when God seems to be taking His time to answer you. His time to come through for you is always the best time.

Jesus knows your heart and every heart for that matter. And because I know that Jesus is good I can tell you categorically why He did not stop to heal them on the way, it was to test their faith and their level of endurance. Amazingly, these men passed the test; they were persistent. Persistence is an attribute of knowing; knowing that they will get to see with their eyes as long they continue to reach to Jesus which brings me to another point .... You must not be discouraged. Do not give up on God. Keep your focus on Him.

He does not disappoint. Then the bible says.... He touched them saying, "According to your faith let it be to you." This I can break down into more simple sentences..... as you have believed, as you have thought, as you have conceived, as you have received, as you have known.... Let it be to you! Wow! Wow!! And wow!!! Jesus knew all along that they believed in Him. See, when you have faith in Him, it excites Him. He is always happy to see that someone believes Him.

Now, where is faith in all of these?---- I will show you in.....1. Their determination 2. Their endurance 3. Their conviction 4. Their persistency 5. Their knowing that Jesus will do it, not only that He can do it. They moved from Jesus CAN to Jesus WILL in their minds. The word Can means :to be able to; have the ability, power, or skill to; but the word Will means determined or sure to: i.e He would do it.

If I told you Jesus can heal me, what that means is this Jesus has the ability to heal me, He is capable. But if I told you Jesus will heal me, what that means is that I know He is sure to heal me. This is another way of putting it.... Jesus is able to heal me and I know He is going to heal me. These blind men knew that Jesus can heal them so they followed Him because they also knew He will heal them. That is their Faith! And the bible says, and their eyes were opened. Their faith worked.

What I want you to know is that before they set out following Jesus, these men have started seeing their eyes being opened in their hearts. They have received their miracle of healing before it even happened, that was why they could not be deterred. They refused to stop at nothing but the result. Why? Because they know that Jesus can and Jesus will. Many people believe that God can do anything but they do not believe that He will do something for them! Do not settle at that level, be like these two men who believed that Jesus can and that Jesus will! Your situation is not beyond Jesus, He does not lack the expertise, what He did when He was here on earth, He can still do today as He is seated on the right hand of the Father.

I want you to know that Jesus is very kind, He is very compassionate and loving. He does not see anyone as common, every one is special to Him, just as you are very special to Him, you mean so much to Him. Your life is important to Him as it is to you, He feels your pains. Jesus cares for you in more ways than you know. He was not just a prophet to the people of His time, He was a divine gift to humanity; A teacher of law in his days once said Him in the gospel of John 3vs 2...... "Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher come from God; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him." His person is divine. He is the answer to every oppression and depression. The blind men impressed Him because they would not give up

Him or give in to His silence. They kept crying out to Him, their being persistent announced their faith in Him.

Always know this Jesus loves you!

