

Rejoice, give thanks and pray to God while going

"In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world" John 16:33b

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A Word from us,

I was confronted with the question 'How do you change the broken and dysfunctional destiny of a family?' and it came out of my mouth 'I am trusting God; HE takes care of everything...' It is not only trusting God, but having FAITH that He is able to do the impossible which matters, but when the next question comes, then you are silent 'Has there been a history of various addictions in your family? How do you resist a family 'legacy' that has been one of abuse, difficulty, separation, segregation or strife?' – THAT reminded me of my history, and that of my family. The Spirit reminded me of Jesus words "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" Matthew 11:28 I want you to believe that God is able to touch a really good family and turn it into a really great family; THAT is a testimony to the things that God would have us live and experience together.

Yours in the Lord, Salman

> A Word according to the **Guidance of the Holy Spirit**

Are you trusting God?

It seems everything we do or say these days will be connected to the "main theme" of this time, that is the so-called 'Pandemic' but I am burdened to talk about trust. Without trusting the LORD, or having faith in Him, we won't be better than those around us, who do not believe in Jesus. At such times, trust built on absolute faith in our God and His ability to do '...more than we could imagine...' is essential for every believer in Jesus. The world, and its tools, including the 'Media' is trying to convince us that we should trust the Scientists, the Politicians, the Governments...and everything else, but NOT GOD! Most of the time we say 'We are only human' but we should not forget to add that we are CHOSEN humans, elected before the foundation of the world to be in Christ Jesus: "... He hath chosen us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love" **Ephesians 1:4**

We should remember that we are REDEEMED by the precious blood of Jesus and chosen to be HIS Witnesses in this world – that makes us MORE than human...doesn't it?

Of course, as we walk with the Lord, we can be full of questions; we can even have doubts; that is part of our journey on earth until the Lord decides to take us home, to Himself. Many believers have such questions like: Why does God allow suffering? Why do bad things happen to good families? Why does it seem to take so long for God to answer our prayers? And many other questions that even the world asks.

But we should understand that God longs to do a deeper work in us; in fact, He wants to take us beyond just a set of beliefs (traditions, doctrinal issues...etc.) and fill our hearts with a complete and total trust in Him. When we are tempted to doubt, I believe you will agree with me that we should say 'Help my unbelief, Lord. But until my belief becomes full, I choose to trust you' THIS should be foundational in our faith. It could happen that we may doubt certain things at times, but the Lord always takes care of that; He reveals the truth, shows the way, and confirms the truth in different ways. Through that our faith and trust in Him could be strengthened and we could witness to others about God's dealing in our life.

During our greatest doubt, or in the midst of our struggle, God puts something in our hearts and lets us know that He is good all the time and always trustworthy. We can trust His holiness, His grandeur, His majesty, Hs splendor, and His love.

The Psalmist wrote: "Now I know that the Lord saves His anointed; He will answer him from His holy heaven with the saving might of His right hand. Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the Lord our God. They collapse and fall, but we rise and stand upright" Psalm 20:6-8 What demonstration of trust and faith to hear the Psalmist declare "Now I know that the Lord saves His anointed; He will answer him from His holy heaven" – the Psalmist confirms without doubt that God is trustworthy and that He answers the prayers of His Saints. THIS should motivate and encourage you to walk in faith, trusting the One Who redeemed you and to trust that He is THERE for you, as He promised. In the Gospel according to Mark we read "And, behold, there cometh one of the rulers of the synagogue, Jairus by name; and when he saw Him, he fell at His feet. And besought Him greatly, saying 'My little daughter lieth at the point of death: I pray thee, come and lay thy hands on her, that she may be healed; and she shall live" Mark 5:22-23

I want you to understand, when this ruler, Jairus, ran to Jesus, he was affirming true faith; in essence he was saying 'Lord, all my daughter needs is you; You have all power and you can keep her from dying!' As a desperate father, Jairus did the ONLY right thing at that moment, which is: Going to Jesus; I believe Jairus should represent most of Christianity today. As believers, we know Christ is our only hope, and in our times of crisis we run to Him, fall at His feet, and seek His mercy and help. Interestingly, responding to the faith of Jairus, "...Jesus went with him" Mark 5:24

Even while Jairus' heart was filled with great hope, he also may have been struck by a terrible thought like "What if we're too late? It's wonderful to have Jesus around or near; but we also need time!". Having Jesus around you won't help, if you don't have time to come to Him, lay your burden at His feet and ask Him for help. We need Jesus and should use the time of His Presence by coming to Him...

Most likely the people looking on said among themselves 'Jesus is the great physician but he (Jairus) should better hurry — she may die at any moment!' – According to the Bible we know what really happened; the little girl died!

Jairus had not only hope in Jesus, but he also had faith, still as a desperate father he must have gone through terrible agony when he heard the news of his daughter's death; you might ask yourself why then did Jesus permit time to run out? I believe, because He wanted His followers to have faith in His timing and resurrection power — faith that goes beyond hopelessness, beyond even death. He wanted them to trust Him. We read in the Gospel according to Mark "While he yet spake, there came from the ruler of the synagogue's house certain which said 'Thy daughter is dead: why troublest thou the Master any further?" Mark 5:35 -- but Jesus spontaneous reaction was "...be not afraid; only believe" Mark 5:36.

We need to trust more in Jesus, because He never gives up on anyone not even the dead; Scripture says "And you hath He quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins "Ephesians 2:1

I want you to imagine the crowed, dear believer; the wailing and weeping, then here comes the Lord walking right into a terrible scene of confusion, doubt and fear; what happened next must confirm His Deity: He proclaimed words of life "Talitha cumi... "Mark 5:41 --- that was in Aramaic and the Bible tells is "...which is, being interpreted, Damsel/little girl, I say unto thee, arise" – I would call it 'The Command of Life' and in reality in is in the Imperative!

It must have been sensational at that moment to see Jesus talking to the dead girl and it must have been amazing, if not shocking to see her responding to His command. ONLY Jesus can do such an amazing thing, thus I want to ask you: Is there great commotion and upheaval in your life? Is there grieving, confusion or oppression? It could be because you do not believe that Jesus can resurrect what is dead; or because you don't have that muster-seed faith in Jesus to do amazing things...

I want to encourage you to believe that Jesus knows what He is doing and He is doing it in His time and

for a purpose. Yes, He has a life-giving plan for you, so don't give up on yourself when you are facing terrifying and terrible thing in your life; we all do. Believe me Jesus will work a miracle if you will ONLY trust in His Word.

Dear faithful, total trust in the Lord can change your life, the direction of your Journey-of-Faith and deepen your understanding of WHO Jesus really is. Over the years the Lord taught us, as a Ministry, but also as a family, the His ways are NOT our ways...!

Yes, it takes faith to believe that God is always at work on your behalf, especially because man-made religion and the doctrine of man tells you something different. Yet, the Word says that even the demons believe ("Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble" James 2:19) -- but their belief is mere mental agreement, not a genuine saving faith. Satan and his underlings are more aware of God's reality than most people, yet the demons are certainly not saved. The kind of faith that saves us is the kind that changes us from within through the power of the Holy Spirit. I urge you to resolve your issue of trust today: your faith may be shaken, but your Rock is still there; Jesus Christ IS the Rock! Say to your heavenly Father 'God, no matter what comes, I have determined that I will trust in YOU'. He'll surprise you, as He did to Jairus...and millions after Him – Jesus IS LORD...Amen.

Prayer Ideas

- **1.** Dear Father in heaven, though I may not value humility, wisdom, or life experience as I should, please instill them into my being. And until I learn them, please guard my steps and keep me from disaster; oh, please help me to fix my eyes on Jesus and follow in His footsteps. Amen.
- **2.** Lord Jesus, without your sacrifices and the forgiveness of our sin, we would be but miserable sinners waiting for hell to swallow us. Once I read what C.S. Lewis wrote: "Forgiveness is a lovely idea until you have to forgive someone" Nothing could be truer, still I want to cry to you, LORD, help us to continue forgiving others DAILY, at every moment we are wronged and to LOVE. Yes, it seems impossible to forgive, even those believers standing with us during the Service, but Lord we are nothing more than forgiven sinners...made royals by YOUR choice. HELP O, Lord, that the Power of Forgiveness and Love become stronger than grudges and hate. In your precious name Jesus, we pray. Amen.
- 3. Many believers think that life and living will be an 'easy ride' because the world is suggesting it to us every day; help your people O, Lord, to understand that we are living in a world that hated, persecuted and even crucified YOU. Open our eyes to identify with YOU and what you went through, than to identify with the world and its demonic ideas. Help, Lord Jesus that we could see things from your perspective and not the world's and recognize that we are HATED because of your name. We pray that every believer on this earth would behave and conduct themselves like royals, but never identifying themselves with the world. We claim a holy touch from your Eternal Spirit to open our eyes and help us to discern what is YOURS and what is NOT yours. In your holy name we rebuke every confusion, confusing spirit and all that which is from the enemy, in Jesus name. Amen
- **4.** Please pray with us 'Father, in these troubled times we are determined to keep ourselves anchored to you, O, Lord. YOU are the anchor of our souls. You are also the wind in our sails and the ruder that guides us as we navigate these incredibly stressful times. Lord, the secret to victory is NOT in how hard we strive to overcome, it is in keeping our focus on YOU, Lord Jesus. The One Who overcame for us." For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: **and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith" 1 John 5:4**
- **5.** We are forced to stand before authorities, to go to Courts and police, Lord Jesus, a thing we did NOT do in the past, so help us Lord and put an END...a VICTORIOUS End to all of this. Let JUSTICE prevail and stop the mouths of those who are accusing us falsely, STILL trying to steal our Mission House in Erbil, despite our Glorious Victory. We pray that YOU decree that ALL IS DONE and that we live in peace and serve you. May your Holy Spirit convict everyone involved in this matter with sin; may He pierce their hearts and show them how much evil they did us and how much we lost because of them. Deliver us from the evil one, Lord, and deliver us from evil people; we finish this praying by saying 'We are confident YOU are going to do this'. We want you to know, gracious Lord, that we believe you WILL do it. Amen.
- **6.** Lord you've prepared away for us to serve you, to reach out to people on the streets and to preach your word; please LORD prepare the place for this event, fill the place with Your Presence and fill our hearts with YOUR love. Make us aware that MANY in the world are without you, they are LOST and need a

Saviour; may we be emboldened by Your Spirit to speak the Word and share the Gospel with them. OPEN a radical way, Lord Jesus, so we could speak Words of Life, without any judgment in our hearts. We unit and claim many SOULS for the Kingdom of Light. We also want to ask you, Jesus, to touch all those involved in this Evangelizing Event in such a special way, that their hearts will be filled with fire to unit and PRAY as ONE to start a Movement of Light. We pray that the light will be so strong and could disperse and destroy all darkness, in a world getting darker every day.

7. We don't have days of our own to 'celebrate' but want to celebrate you, Saviour Jesus, thus we are asking in your holy name to prepare something SPECIAL for Christmas. WE are asking in advance because we want our hearts and the hearts of those supporting us, but also those whom we serve, to be prepared. We want to support those in Baghdad who are struggling to clean, prepare and open the Church before Christmas – JOIN US and pray for the Assyrian Evangelical Church in Baghdad.

Last year things did NOT go the way we wished, but this year Lord, we want to be READY, to see the joy of the children when receiving gifts IN YOUR NAME; we want the widows to rejoice because we have 'Special EXTRA Gift' for them despite all hardships and struggle to maintain our service. YOU, our God and Father, gave us Jesus, YOUR SON, as a gift and we believe it is possible for you to satisfy ALL our needs "For with God nothing shall be impossible" Luke 1:37

Finally, we encourage you in the name of Jesus to keep the Word, live the Calling and continue serving in a humble heart WITHOUT fear. Don't ever forget your joy in the Lord no matter what might happen---He will never fail you.

We also ask you, dear Saints, to forward our Messages to as many people as you can, whether believers or else with many thanks. We would love to visit you, if invited to your Church, Prayer Group or else and share our testimony with all the Saints or hear from you. Please let's know through an E-mail containing a phone number to send a message to you or even call you back. We will be waiting for your Feedback or commentaries too. What did the Message tell you and what did the Holy Spirit teach you through it? If you want us to pray for you, or for somebody else, please let us know and we will pass the name/s over to our 24/7 Prayer Team-Jesus Highland Prayer House-JHPH.

Have a \\\^I^/// Blessed Day

"...I will look unto the LORD; I will wait for the God of my salvation: my God will hear me" Micah 7:7

Built on the Rock: JESUS CHRIST THE LORD

"Choose this day whom you will serve, As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord" Joshua 24.15

"Withhold not good from them to whom it is due, when it is in the power of thine hand to do it" Proverbs 3:27

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