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Have Faith In God

By Pastor Marilyn Parsons

Through my mom I come to know Christ. Like other mothers, she always tells me “You can do it. You can do it,” for she trusts me. The following story of Niagara Falls Tightrope Walker conveys a message of how a mother demonstrates her trust in her son even though he is in danger, — and this is the sort of faith we need in the Lord.

Niagara Falls Tightrope Walker

The greatest 19th-century tightrope walker, Jean Francois Gravelet — alias Charles Blondin from France, made the earliest crossing of the Niagara Falls on a 76mm hemp rope on June 30, 1859, breaking Guinness World Records for crossing the highest dangerous place. The

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What Is Your Name?

By Pastor BB

The Birth of John the Baptist

⁵⁷When it was time for Elizabeth to have her baby, she gave birth to a son. ⁵⁸Her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown her great mercy, and they shared her joy. ⁵⁹On the eighth day they came to circumcise the child, and they were going to name him after his father Zechariah, ⁶⁰but his mother spoke up and said, “No! He is to be called John.” ⁶¹They said to her, “There is no one among your relatives who has that name.” ⁶²Then they made signs to his father to find out what he would like to name the child. ⁶³**He asked for a writing tablet, and to everyone’s astonishment he wrote, “His name is John.”** ⁶⁴Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue was loosed, and he began to speak, praising God.

Luke 1:57-64 (NIV)

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falls are 328m wide and 56m high lying on the border between Canada and the US. On his crossing, which he achieved using a long balancing pole, Blondin performed a daring backwards somersault. Thereafter, he made each crossing of the Falls in a different manner. He crossed blindfolded, rolling a wheelbarrow, and on stilts.

Many were standing on the bridge seeing with breath halted. Each time when he succeeded they were shouting to him, and each time when he was about to cross he would ask, "Do you think this time I can cross it again by ...?" They all shouted, "Yes."

Once Blondin asked them "Do you think I can walk on the tightrope with a person in a barrel?"

"Yes. You can do it," everyone said. So he pointed to a person saying "All right! You, get into the barrel." But the person said, "No. I'm not going to get into the barrel."

Then he asked another person, "How about you? You shouted I could do it." "No" he responded. He asked all others but all denied.

Since news camera crews were all set up ready to have a historical shot for their headline news or record-breaking books, sure enough someone showed up, but they wondered who so dared to do it.

Now who do you think was on the inside???

Yes, it was his mother, the only one who could trust him in such a hazard. This is the kind of faith we seek in God.



God Never Forsakes Us

Even when things are getting rough, like walking on a tightrope, we have God in heaven, Who loves us, watches over us, cares for us and strengthens us. **Heb 13:5 (NIV)** says, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you," and we are doing away with fear and anxiety in Jesus' name.

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Marvel at What God Has Done on Us

Let us say "No" to storms surrounding us, for we are not attached to sickness or poverty, we are loosed from the grip of the enemy and we are free from bondage by the grace of Christ Jesus Who died for us.

God wants to do new things in our life, and neither who we are nor where we are from is a matter with Him, for He would prepare us and use us, as long as we trust in Him and obey His commands. We should marvel at the things of God's doing in our life and give Him all glory, as shown in the above message that people were amazed at the newborn baby John, the name given by God for He remembered Zechariah and his barren wife.

We, like John circumcised on the eighth day, are also spiritually born again by the baptism of the Holy Spirit. God has a "name" for each of us as He said "He has plans for us, plans to prosper us not harm us, plans to give us hope and future." By God's supernatural ways, not our natural ways, He makes a difference in our life and He is gracious toward His faithful ones.

Now let us take up our cross and follow Him daily. Let us not be found dumb or hide under someone's shadows. Show ourselves up and work actively for we are the children of His Kingdom. Those who can sing, teach, pray or take a part in a ministry raise up, and we will marvel at God's goodness in each individual shining in His glory.

Jesus Anointed at Bethany

¹Six days before the Passover, Jesus arrived at Bethany, where Lazarus lived, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. Here had raised from the dead. ²Here a dinner was given in Jesus' honor. Martha served, while Lazarus was among those reclining at the table with Him. ³**Then Mary took about a pint of pure nard, an expensive perfume; she poured it on Jesus' feet and wiped His feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. John 12:1:3**

Fill the Church With Our "Fragrance"

With the fragrance of God's given gifts and tal-

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ents laid in us, we fill the House of God as did Mary, who knew all she had could not be compared with a ‘name’ the Lord was going to give her. Let us humble ourselves and allow Him to lead us. If we take a deeper step forward as she wiped Jesus’ feet with her hair, though some might criticize us as she was criticized, however she showed her humility before the Lord. If God raises us up to be able to sing, teach ..., we have to let go our oil, and all brethren will appreciate the fragrance filling the whole church.

More Newcomers to Come More Lost Souls Be Saved

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Let us take a look at another example: Virgin Mary, whom we see as a woman of faith and obedience to the way of God, answered to God’s angel, ‘May it be to me as You have said. (Luke 1: 38)’ So do not shrink back or hide in a cave as Prophet Elijah did when Jezebel, the wife of King Ahab who promoted Baal worship in Israel, was chasing after him.

We should be bold and vigilant against the darkness, which will become darker and darker, but light getting brighter and brighter overshines it. It is time for war, and our weapon is on our knees praying and standing strong in the faith through opposition and difficulty.

Over these past months we have seen terrorism, killing, suicide bombing, kidnappings, rapes and other terrible crimes on newspapers and TV news. Let us widespread the Gospel and lift up those who do not know Christ Jesus to God by prayers, and we will see great things from Him come to pass. Let God be glorified and let us reject the enemy to rob our joy and blessings the Lord has intended to us.

Right Thinking Brings Right Actions

Doubt leads to unbelief and unbelief leads to disobedience. Wavering between hope and fear is double-minded. There was a man believing in God’s healing. But he did not get cured because he really thought he did not have enough faith and that kept rolling over in his mind and ultimately he gave up the hope.

⁹Meanwhile a large crowd of Jews found out that Jesus was there and came, not only because of Him but also to see Lazarus, whom He had raised from the dead. ¹⁰So the chief priests made plans to kill Lazarus as well, ¹¹**for on account of Him many of the Jews were going over to Jesus and putting their faith in Him (12:9-11).**”

Because of our sweet contributions to the Lord, many lost souls will come to Him as Lazarus was restored to life, and His Name will spread.

Now let us start in a ministry to use our gifts and talents given by God and that will be a name for us. Amen!



One day he got courage and began to seek the face of God, who showed him two visions. One was several demons were shouting at him “You’re not healed because you don’t have faith... You don’t have enough faith, so God is not going to heal you.” The other one was he saw himself speaking the Word of God, “By the stripes of Jesus I’m healed, for I’m the child of God.” As he was speaking the Word, he saw the demons cower back covering their faces.

Right thinking brings right actions. He took hold of faith in God and soon got healed. God urges us in **2 Cor 10:5** **“We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.”**

Worry Not

Phi 4:6 said **“Do not be anxious about anything, but in every thing by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.”** **“Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you,”** showed in **1 Pet 5:7**. **Mat 6:25** reiterated **“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more important than food, and the body more important than clothes?”**



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We Are In the Christ

‘It is finished,’ said the Lord Jesus Christ before He gave up His last breath on the cross more than 2000 years ago. Ask ourselves **‘Where are we now???’** Rise -- brethren, for it is time to enjoy the very presence of God, Who is ushering us to the Inner Chamber. Only in the Most Holy Place do we experience the manifestation of His presence. With no entrance of the Most Holy Place we would never know Him and receive His anointing in our lives. With no anointing we would never reach out our eternal destiny.

Many Christians today focus their life on ‘crisis,’ rather than know their identity and destiny in ‘Christ,’ therefore no breakthrough occurs to their Christian walk. Take a look at a baseball player who makes his efforts to move from the first base to the second, the third until the touchdown of the home base – so do we Christians. **The Bible is full of revelations of Jesus Christ, and all are fulfilled, all are a done matter.**

Bring Many Sons to God

Before the resurrection there was only one Son of God, Jesus Christ. Now we are going to bring many sons into the Kingdom of God, by the incomparably great power of His resurrection, which raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly realms. Thanks be to God Who has given us a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ and made us a heir to His throne.

John 12:24 said most assuredly, **‘I tell you the truth unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds,’** so Jesus died to produce many sons of God. The ‘but’ in the passage is a key to decide if to carry out the dynamite power in our life, just as Jesus died for us to bring us to the Father God.

Our identity is to know who we are -- we are transformed from natural to supernatural realms. Our identity is a decisive matter for the Christ dwells in us, the same seed of God that is incorruptible that would produce many others of its kind and yield a rich harvest, and that is the pur-

pose and objective of God.

Adam and Christ:

Christ Jesus’ death produces many sons of God, and we are in the family from the same Father. We should have

the divine nature transfer (DNT) before the divine nature activation (DNA). 1 Cor 15:35-38 let us know who we are in Christ, and learn the difference between the first man Adam and the Christ.

— In Christ We are Imperishable

The first Adam is perishable, while Christ is not, as the Bible said ‘God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten son that whoever believes in Him would not perish.’ The mystery hidden from generation or from ages is unfolded to us.

— In Christ We are Spirit

Our position is not the man of the dust, but we are spirit with a soul living in the body. We are no longer Adam for he was of dust and earthly minded, and we are alive in Christ by the living Spirit in us.

— In Christ We are Redeemed

In Adam we were under the curse as Gen 3:19 said ‘By the sweat of your brow you will eat your food until you return to the ground, since from it you were taken; for dust you are and to dust you will return.’ But thanks be to God again for we are redeemed from the curse by the precious blood of Christ (Gal 3:14).

— In Christ We Have the Glory of God

There is no beginning and end – it is an eternal life to us by the glory of God. John 17:22-23 says ‘I have given them the glory that You gave me, that they may be one as we are one: I in them and You in me. May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that You sent me and have loved them even as You have loved me.’ In the Greek language known as ‘Doxa’ which means all that God has and all that God is are inside us. That is our identity. Amen!

Know Our



Identity



Pas. Nida Cabrera

¹The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it,
the world, and all who live in it;
²for He founded it upon the seas
and established it upon the waters.
³Who may ascend the hill of the Lord?
Who may stand in His holy place?
⁴He who has clean hands and a pure heart,
who does not lift up his soul to an idol
or swear by what is false.
⁵He will receive blessing from the Lord
and vindication from God His Savior.

⁶Such is the generation of those who seek Him, who
seek Your face, O God of Jacob.
⁷Lift up your heads, O you gates; be lifted up, you
ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.
⁸Who is this King of glory? The Lord strong and
mighty, the Lord mighty in battle.
⁹Lift up your heads, O you gates; lift them up, you
ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.
¹⁰Who is He, this King of glory?
The Lord Almighty – He is the King of glory.
Ps 24 (NIV)

The World Belongs to the Lord

As verses 1 and 2 declare the world is the Lord's, not Satan's. But why can the enemy conquer the earth, including our life, dreams, visions and family? For we give him a chance to come into our life, so we are suffering now, as we see crimes, drug additions and nations against nations shown on newspapers and TV news.

We are a Powerful Church

We are not companions of the world, for we are sons and daughters of God, Who loves us so much. We are very special to Him, for He likes to use ordinary people as His church to do His will, Christ Jesus as the Head and we as His body – all work together to become a powerful church of His. But the main problem of church today is laziness, lazy to pray and lazy to go and preach the Gospel.

God sees everything from the above what has happened to the earth. But "For He so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life," (Jn 3:16) vividly featured on Movie "the Passion of the Christ." That is the reason God gave us Jesus to redeem us from our sins.

After Jesus was crucified on the cross, three men went to the tomb and saw the rock rolled away, and the tomb was empty. It was all by the power of resurrection Jesus was raised from death and seated at the right hand of the Father God. The Spirit of the Lord is dwelling in our hearts and His power is moving mightily in our lives through His Spirit.

Salvation is Not for Us Alone

As the Lord appeared before His disciples, He said to them "go and preach the gospel to all nations." It is not an accident we are here, and yes, we have got

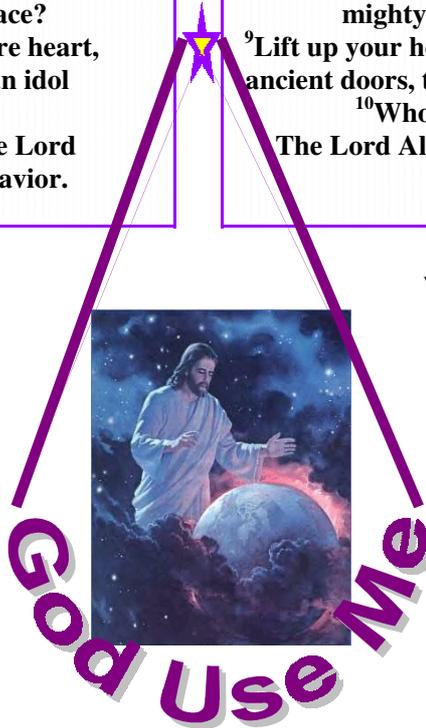
work to do according to His will and purpose. Because someone has told us about the Gospel, we have got saved. He knows without Him nothing can be done so the Holy Spirit residing in us empowers and strengthens us. Salvation is not for us only, but also for our whole family — our spouses, children and relatives.

Remember, we are still in the battle for Satan the enemy prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. If we allow him to come into our life or church, he will destroy us. Be careful how we walk -- we may step on a stone or fall into a hole to hurt or wound ourselves. Verses 3-5 tell us the Lord is our safeguard and we have to know Him personally and trust in Him fully, then we will be an effective witness to others.

Many Wait to Hear the Gospel

Before Jesus ascended to heaven the Lord gave us the power and authority to rule over the world. With the leading of the Holy Spirit we go and preach the gospel. There are people waiting for us to hear the Good News, forgiveness and deliverance from God. When God says "Go," we cannot ever say "No." Whether we like it or not, we go and He will go ahead prepare the way for us and never forsake or leave us unsafe until the end of the earth.

Tell our neighbors about the Gospel and spend time with them. We want Satan to return all things he has taken away from us. We must possess "this land" and the battle belongs to the Lord, Who will fight for us. Let us be "salt" in this world as the Lord said, allow the Holy Spirit to burn everything with the fire in our life, and get ready to tell Him we have done His will. Amen!





Personal Testimony: By Mitsuko Yamauchi

A Dream From God

Dream:

On Mar. 2nd, 2003 I had a dream in which I saw myself working with a senior woman of God at a place like a “hell” ---

In the dream there was a tree standing right in the center, and in the very beginning we were measuring a distance between the tree and the hell-like area. We found it two-meter far, and tried to remove it away by cutting.

But soon I saw a pit beneath my right hand, and looked into it ... Astonishingly I found many people lying in it there with the bodies swelled and pale. The longer I kept looking into it, the more people lying dead appeared before my eyes. They looked dead to me, but one of them suddenly opened his eyes, yet, with a dark, hopeless look. Though there were no chains binding around the hands, legs or bodies, they were all enveloped by darkness and despair, and unable to move a bid. I could not look into it any more for the scenario made me very sick and – I woke up.

Interpretation:

When my consciousness came back to life, I breathed a prayer to God for its interpretation. He simply responded it to me by saying, “It’s not the Second Death,” which still puzzled me. I described the dream to Pastor Amano and asked, “Why many people were motionlessly lying in the underground where a ray of light shone on them? He said, “They are alive for someone’s eyes were open, and they may be Christians,” which immediately reminded me of the scripture in Eze 37:10 (NIV) God revealed to me weeks ago. I started to learn what God said concerning lost souls, chosen by God before the foundation, who either do not know God or know who they are in the Lord.

The scripture said **‘So I prophesied as he commanded me, and breath entered them;**

they came to life and stood up on their feet – a vast army.’ So the dream revealed from God means He would come to revive His “sleeping” children, and enable them to realize who they are and where they are going in the Christ.

We are a Vast Army of God

We are God’s mighty army and must know who we are in Christ, then we will supernaturally know our destiny in Him. The Father God gave all authority and power in heaven and on earth to Christ Jesus, and He imparted that same authority and power to us. He also gave us the keys of the kingdom of heaven. Whatever we bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever we loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. We have this right in Him, and none is permitted to take it away from us.

We are God’s incomparable army. We can also invade the territory of the enemy and save the captive from the pit (darkness), rather than stay merely on the position of defense.

Fix Our Eyes unto the Lord

Our weakness is not disgrace. If we look at our weakness as a human being it will be miserable, instead we look unto the Lord, Who will fill our weakness with His strength, and Whose joy will overflow from our heart. Do not deceive by the enemy for he does not have the right to work in us, and stand steadfast in our Mighty Lord Jesus Christ.

We must taste and enjoy the Grace of God, and that is where we are from and who we are in the Lord Jesus Christ, for we are His legal sons and daughters and for the Holy Spirit Himself testifies that (Rom 8:16). Therefore we can go forward to our destiny! Amen!

Mitsuko Yamauchi — a bible teacher and evangelist from the Japanese Service of Riverside.

Personal Testimony:**By Abraham Kingsly****Jehovah Jireh
Mighty Provider God**

In June 2002 I arrived in Japan from Nigeria. Since I had no job at that moment, living expenses in Japan became my immediate concern. Thanks be to God, Who always comes to meet at the point of my needs.

There was a particular time I needed to pay for my rent, but I was unable to do it. The landlord allowed only three more days to delay the payment, and it was then Tuesday. I had tried all my human efforts to earn it in vain. The following evening I came to Power Prayer Meeting, but I could not concentrate on the service for I hardly imagined where a solution would come to me.

Glory be to God, Who makes everything perfect in His own timing by saying **“Come unto Me, you who labor and have a heavy load, I will give you rest.”**

After the service then Pastor Shayne Scot announced that all jobless brethren should stay. Though I told no one of my concern, God saw it and came to meet my needs through the church. Since then, God leads me from glory to glory and makes a way for me to where there seems no way. I soon received a part-time job, and until Nov. 2003 I started working as a full-time employee at another company. Thanks be to God again for His protection over my family back home. May His name be praised forever and ever. Amen!

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Women in general have a tendency to worry, but God wants us to worry about nothing even in the time of tribulation, struggle and difficulty. He clearly said in the previous verses and **Jn**

Alpha Course

A All are welcome: curious, interested, skeptic. No prior knowledge is required.

L Laughing and Learning go together. You can enjoy a relaxed atmosphere.

P Prayer to God for help.

H Help one another.

A Ask any question. We hope all come with your questions.

What is the Alpha Course?

The Alpha Course consists of a series of talks addressing key issues relating to the Christian faith. After each talk we divide into small groups to discuss the topic of that day, ask questions and express opinions. Alpha is a place where no question is too simple, and it also gives people a chance to get to know each other.

Who's it for?

Alpha is for everyone, especially:

- ◆ Who want to study the life of Christ.
- ◆ Who want to investigate Christianity.
- ◆ New Christians.
- ◆ Newcomers to the church.
- ◆ Who want to brush up on the basics.
- ◆ Who want to study for Evangelism.

Alpha runs in every type of church, including Anglican, Roman Catholic, Baptist, Presbyterian, Methodist, Salvation Army, Free Church, Pentecostal, Assemblies of God and House Churches. Amen! ©2004 Alpha Course



14:27 **“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.”** Have rest in Him and know He is guiding us, and always with us. Amen!

Schedule of Alpha Course

June 27	Who is the Holy Spirit?
July 4	What does the Holy Spirit do? Alpha mid-term celebration and presentation of testimonies.
11	How can I be filled with the Holy Spirit?
18 25	How can I resist evil?
Aug 1	Why and how should we tell others?
8	Does God heal today?
15 22	What about the church?
29	How can I make the most of the rest of my life?
Sep 5	Alpha final celebration and presentation of testimonies.
Sep/Oct	Continuation Studies/Follow-up

Worship Team

“The trumpeters and singers join in vision, as with one voice to give praise and thanks to the Lord, ...then the temple of the Lord is filled with clouds.”

Our Goals:

- 1 To create an atmosphere of worship unto God.
- 2 To usher people to the presence of the Lord.
- 3 To release the power of the Holy Spirit.
- 4 To minister through special music and song.



We Bring a Sacrifice of Praise

We bring a sacrifice of praise,
Into the house of the Lord.
We bring a sacrifice of praise,
Into the house of the Lord.
And we offer up to you,
Sacrifices of thanksgiving,
And we offer up to you,
Sacrifices of praise.

Prayer and Intercessory Ministry

A church in prayer experiences the power of God available to us, to reach the needs of people.

Power Hour - - - - - Wed. 9 pm — 10 pm
Intercessory Prayer - - - Fri. 10 pm — 12 pm

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Japanese Bible Study - - - - 1st and 3rd Sun.

Also Available:

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