

But I Prayed!!

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I know we have written on staying confident in our salvation and the hope we have through Jesus Christ and we still need to encourage each other to do just this. I also want to address the cry of our hearts that is on-going and I want to hold you all and hug you all until your pain and struggle passes, but I can't be everywhere – that's God's job. I know if I feel just a little bit for each one I know who is going through trying times, than I know that God's heart and compassion is poured out to all of you as well – even more so!

Facing big decisions, making choices when we are faced with the need to do so can be overwhelming – and I know we all pray! We pray for our mothers, fathers, sisters, brothers and friends to not be sick or to be healed or to get a job or to be protected or for an answer to a problem or for a heart to change – or for strength for this or that.

Then the reality of an evil, corrupted, sinful, demonic world we live in throws a clinchers in the mix and a loved one dies, a child is hit by a car, the car is repossessed, your grown daughter no longer likes men - your pastor had an affair, - but I prayed Lord!!!!

Yes, you prayed, I prayed, we prayed – we petitioned the Lord and asked for favor and for hearts to be changed and we believed! Yet still...the struggle is real and we are faced with being there for someone in need, or asking someone to be there for us when we are going through a difficult situation. However, the questions are still there... the hurt & pain are real.

But I thought that God would answer my prayer! If it doesn't happen the way you thought it should – here comes the question....

Do you trust God no matter what?

Hope is different than faith – hope is believing that something good can come from all of this bad – staying confident in the face of affliction Because you know:

Genesis 50:20²⁰ You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives

Jesus might wanna change your mind set in your prayer life or in your current situation, be available to hear Him regardless of how you think things should go.

The disciples thought Jesus was their Savior come back... then He died, rose again, and came back to life and ascended to heaven..... now what?? When you have nothing to lose, you will do so much more – you will reach so much further, you will do the desperate thing. **(Luke 18)** – the blind man was an outcast... but he cried out that much more desperately wanting to receive what he heard everyone else talking about.

I ask you today - How prepared is your heart? Peter thought he would follow Jesus through thick and thin and then he denied Him – not once, but three times – and in front of many people. James wasn't able to be there to see with his own eyes that Jesus had defeated eternal death and yet even in his doubt and unbelief – Jesus STILL CAME TO HIM.

Don't give up! Don't throw your hopes away because you are in pain and nothing is going right, don't stop praying and believing. Our hope is in Almighty God and speaking His name and declaring His word over your life changes atmospheres – Jesus SON OF DAVID HAVE MERCY ON ME! Did you wake up today??? Then there is mercy enough for you to make it through – God is not a man that He should lie or the son of man that He should repent - His mercies are new every morning – and that means today!

Keep on praying... keep on asking and seeking and knocking – and prepare a place for the King of Glory to come in and dwell in your midst... if things are not working.... Push it aside and be ready to say – I see that it's not my will – but Your will be done Father!

May you be blessed in all you do – may your prayers ascend to the throne room of Almighty God and I pray He supply all your needs – I speak healing to your body and mind – I speak restoration to your marriage – I speak pureness of mind to your thoughts – I speak to hard hearts to be softened once again and for dry bones to come alive! I speak to the next generation of children that they will walk in the fullness and love of Jesus Christ and win the lost more over. Greater is HE Who is IN YOU AND ME than he who is in and of this world!!! Hallelujah!

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