

A Gift of Faith Book

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Part 1

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Jesus knows where you are and what you are doing, right now! If you are on the highest mountain, or in the middle of an ocean, Jesus can see you and take care of you. Why not say a little prayer right now and talk to Him? Jesus is listening, and He will help you.



God always speaks the truth. We can trust what He says to be right. No matter what is happening around us, or what others are saying, we know that God's Word can be trusted. He never tells untruths. God loves us and we can depend on His Word.



If nothing was ever hard for you, and everything was always easy, you wouldn't get to know what it is like to have help from Heaven. The Lord is close to those whose hearts are sad. He heals those who are sick. He comforts those who are hurting. He helps those who are having difficulties.



You are special to Jesus, He will keep you close to Him and as you talk with Him and spend time hearing from Him. No matter what happens, He can help you, so that things won't be too difficult for you. Jesus is in charge of you, and He knows what is best.



When you pray and listen to Jesus He can direct you and tell you the best things to do—things that will help to keep you safe and protected. If you find yourself in a dangerous or difficult situation, call on Him first of all. Jesus will help you and send His angels to your side.



Did you get hurt? Jesus knows and will heal you when you pray. Are you sick and not feeling well? It's not so easy when you feel uncomfortable. Ask Jesus to help you to get healed, and to learn what you can while you are sick—making you a wiser, kinder, more loving and helpful person—someone who is a bit more like Him.



Are you sad because what you had hoped for didn't work out as you planned? Remember that Jesus is in charge of your life. He has good things planned for you because He loves you. You can trust that as you love and follow Him that things will work out for the best in the end—even things that seem to be hard right now.



Why do houses have walls? They can keep you warm or cool, and dry, safe and sheltered. Calling on Jesus to help you, is like putting a wall of protection and safekeeping around you. When you pray for His help and care, and you do what He says to do, He can surround you and keep you safe.



Change can sometimes make you feel uncertain, but think of it as jumping the waves at the beach. You see the wave coming and you wonder if it'll knock you over. Then just as it gets close you jump, and the wave lifts you high and then sets you gently down again.

"Hey!" You think, "That was easy!"

That's how change is with Jesus. He can help you make the jump, and land you safely back on your feet each time!



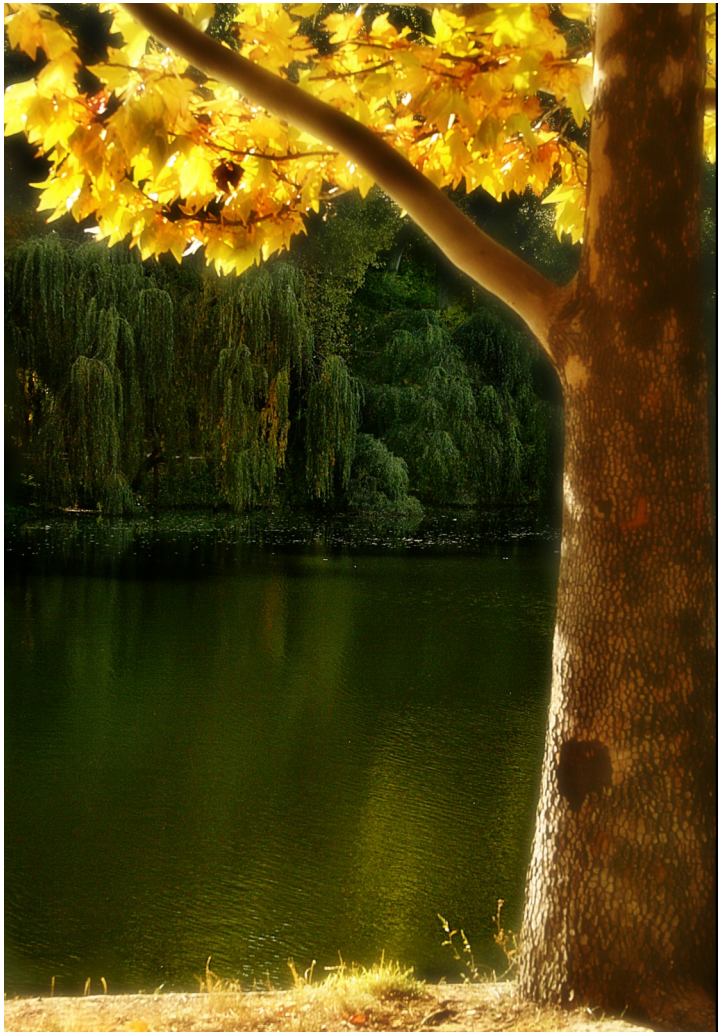
With God's Spirit in you and His arms upholding you, you can do anything! When something seems too hard for you, remember that nothing is too hard for Jesus. Bring Him all your worries and concerns, and He'll replace them with His comfort and encouragement. His loving care is always there for you!



Is your family moving to someplace new? Or are you facing some other big change? Whatever kind of change it is, you can face it bravely, knowing that Jesus will be right there with you and He will help you through it.



We're all as little children before God. We all need His loving care and helping hand. He's our Heavenly Father and will make everything work out well for us, as we call on Him to help us and we trust that He will do what is best. Jesus wants to give us all the help and comfort we need. Just ask Him for it!



Jesus is always there to comfort you. He knows exactly what you're going through and wants to help you. He'll wipe away the tears and bring the sunshine and laughter back into your life. Faith in God and in His love for you chases all the shadows away. The light of His love will help your heart and mind to overflow with sunshine and happiness!



Jesus is like our big Shepherd and we're all like His little sheep. He'll always protect and take care of us as we stay close to Him! There's nothing Jesus won't do that's good for us because He loves us. We love Him too and try to obey Him. Believe God's Word when He says He will answer prayer and give you what you need—He will always supply!



Sometimes the biggest test is waiting to see what the Lord will do. But if we've decided to trust Jesus in everything, He's bound to answer every need and solve every problem! Are you asking God for something and you haven't seen it answered yet? Keep claiming God's promises, as many as you need. The answers will soon blossom from these seeds of faith!



Praise is more powerful than electricity!
Praise can turn the light on in your heart and make your outlook on things even brighter than a flood light. Just try it in any situation that seems dark or gloomy and see how all the shadows vanish away! Praise makes everything better!



Have you ever seen people bungee jumping? Faith in God and His Word is like the rubber rope that holds the jumper secure. Things may sometimes seem a little scary or unsettling, but as you hold on to the Word of God you'll enjoy the most thrilling times of your life!



We have nothing to fear because we have King Jesus and His wonderful love! Jesus defeated the devil a long time ago when He came to Earth to bring us salvation, love, forgiveness and freedom. All we have to do is remember Jesus' victory, call out to Him, and think about Him to make the darkness of the Enemy and the bad feelings and fears flee. Jesus is the winner and we are on His team. He is stronger and more powerful than anything or anyone else on Earth!



When the future comes, Jesus will already be there. He has prepared the way for us, before we even get there, so we don't have anything to worry about! The future only comes one day at a time. Jesus gives us His love and the grace to live each day for Him. Each day brings His Kingdom of Heaven that much closer to earth.



Jesus healed many people when He was on Earth, and His power is still the same today. Ask Him for whatever healing you need, and expect Him to do it! He made you and He knows how to keep your body working well. He can create and recreate anything in your body that you need Him to. If you are unwell in any way just pray in faith and Jesus will begin to restore and to heal you.



Jesus is the Prince of Peace, and with Him in your heart you never need to worry or fear! Just take time with Jesus, resting in His presence and filling up on His Word and His thoughts, His love and all He wants to tell you. That is how He can give you His peace that passes all understanding, and make everything much easier to bear.



Some things seem easy to do at first, but then when you actually begin to work on them, you realise that they are harder to do than you expected. When that happens it's easy to get discouraged and to think that you'll never be able to do it. Things may take longer than you thought they would or should, but with Jesus helping you, eventually you will be able to say, "I did it!—With Jesus' help!"



There are so many things that we don't know, or we have forgotten. We can feel so incomplete at times. But with Jesus in our hearts and close to us, He can be for us all that we need, and help us to make it through our lives. He can tell us the answers to our problems. He can remind us of important things we need to remember. He can help us, through His Holy Spirit, to learn anything we need to, no matter how complicated it seems.



Jesus knows what you can and can't do. He doesn't expect you to do things all on your own without His help. If there is something that is too hard, but that you must do or would really like to do, ask Him and others for help, and then don't give up. All things are possible with God's help. When it's something that is good for you to do, He can help you see it through until it's completed.



Have you ever felt really alone and like you just wanted to cry? Jesus doesn't want you to feel that you are all by yourself. He said in the Bible that He would always be with you, and that He would also send His angels to be with you. They are with you in all that you do, are always watching over you, and are caring for you. You are never alone.

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