

A Gift of Faith Book

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Did you know that Jesus can see just through the darkness as clearly as you can see in the light? There is absolutely nothing that He can't see. Nothing is hidden from Him. He can see through any wall or door—and even into people's hearts and minds. He knows everyone's thoughts and feelings. He sees you clearly also, and knows all that you are feeling.



When we bonk ourselves or get hurt in some way it can be hard, especially when we don't understand why something happened. A good thing to remember is that God sees and knows about every single thing that comes into our lives, and in His love He will make things work out for the best in the end.



Even an accident can bring good things our way—eventually. One day you may be talking with someone and find that because you had a certain difficult experience, it helps you to understand what they are going through. Then you are able to encourage and help them, because it also happened to you. At that moment you will feel glad that you had that difficult time.



It's wonderful to find out that you can be a help to someone because of your experiences and the hard times you've been through. It makes your heart feel very happy. When you can help others find a solution, or help them to smile again because you understand what they are feeling, and have wise advice to offer, it makes you feel real good.



It's never pleasant when those around you are feeling worried, upset, tense or angry. It's easy to get swept away and mixed up in those feelings too, and to react in an unpleasant way. The Bible says that God is not the creator of confusion but of peace. If you pray for His peace to come to your spirit, you can stay calm and have a good effect on those around you.



When others seem to be better at doing something, and you wish you could do as well as them, it's easy to feel bad about it. But remember that not everyone can do everything just the same. When Jesus made you He gave you special abilities to do things in ways that only you can. Try to think about the ways that He can make you great, and focus your positive thoughts on the things that you can do well—things that others might wish they could do!



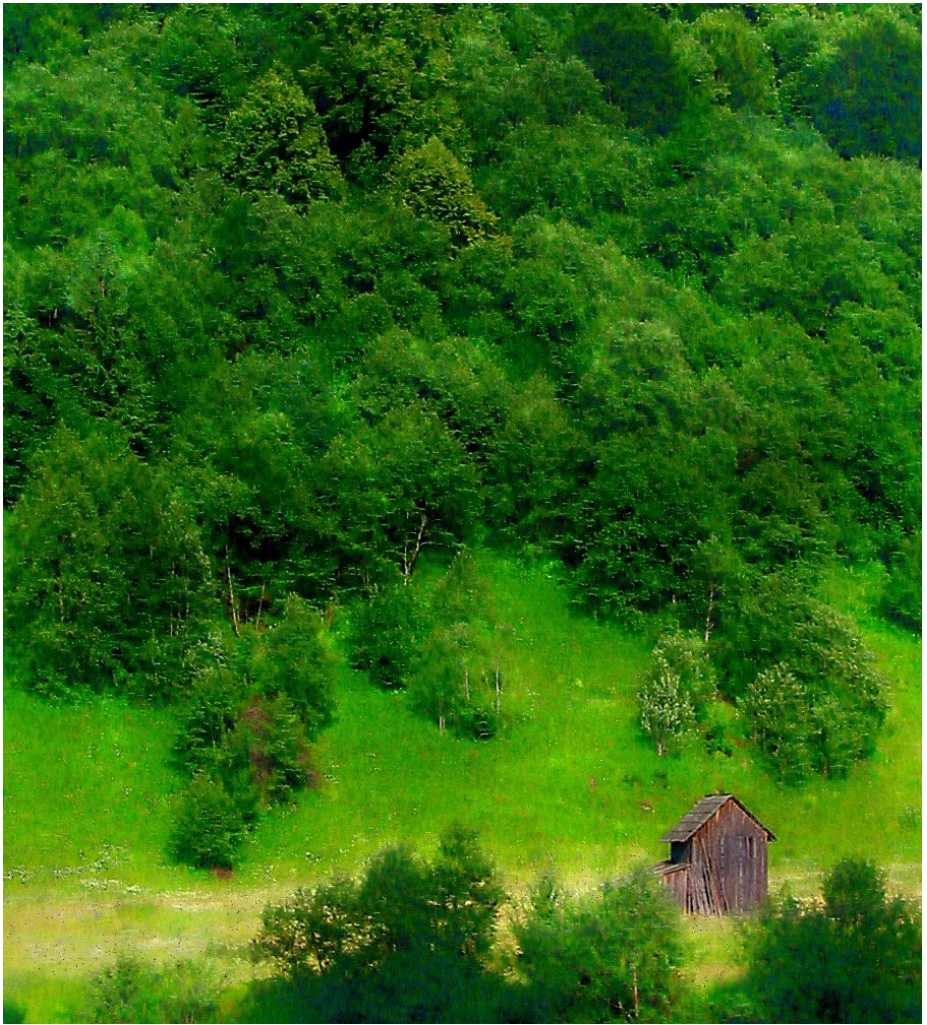
Sometimes we feel like there isn't anyone around who can really understand what we are feeling and experiencing. Yet, Jesus is always with us, and His strong and caring angels protect, surround, and help us. They are always with us! Isn't that wonderful? They know what we are feeling and can help us! Jesus wants each of us to have all the Heavenly help that we need.



It's hard to lose things, or have things get broken or taken away. When you have that feeling of missing things, it can make you sad. But did you know that one day you won't even care about what seems so important to you now? The joy Jesus will give you in Heaven—or even later on in your earthly life—will wipe away all the sadness and feelings of loss. Jesus will give you better things than you've ever imagined, as you love Him and live your life with Him.



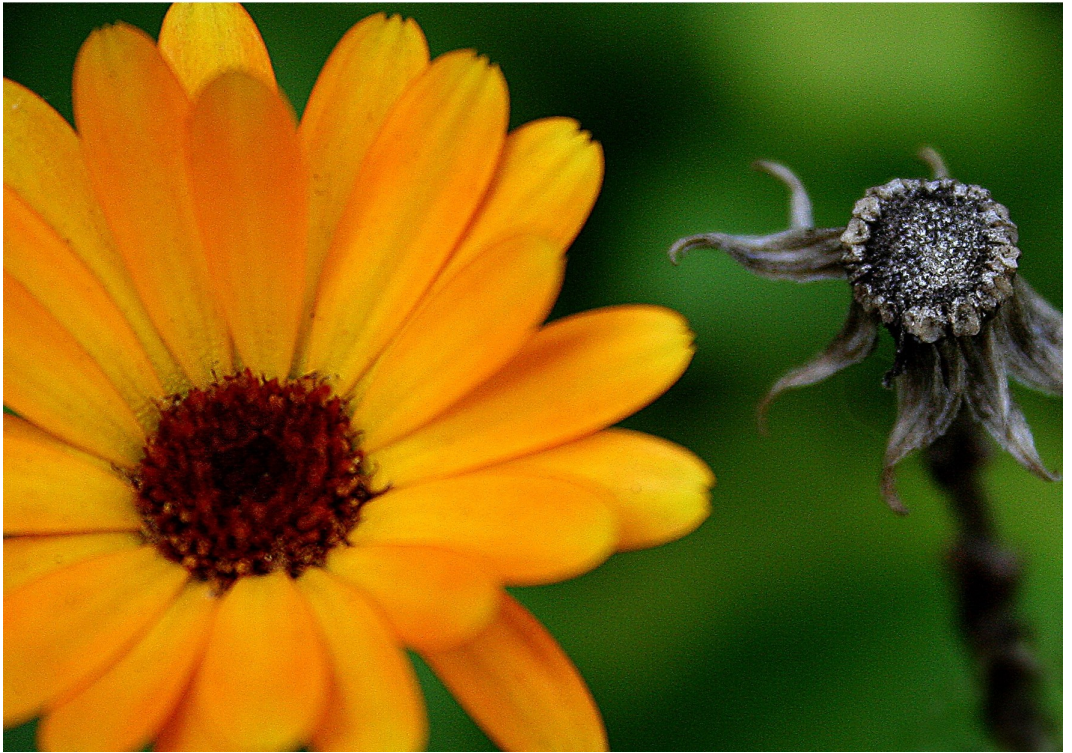
We are like one piece of a puzzle. Then Jesus, His Word and His will for our lives, are like the rest of the puzzle. He fills in all the parts to the puzzle of our lives. We don't have to know how to be and do everything. We just team up with Him and He makes our lives complete, and makes things beautiful—like the lovely picture that a puzzle creates.



Have you ever tried to tie a shoe with one hand? It's difficult to do. Some things you need to do in life will seem even harder than that. But with prayer for God's help, and working together with others who love Him, it can be like two hands that work together. That makes things so much easier.



A small candle can do something that a fancy big light or even the most colourful fireworks can't do. —It can light thousands of candles with its little flame without it making it burn less bright, or grow smaller, or go out! God's love in your heart can bring love and light to countless others, even if you feel like you are small, or not as famous or fancy as someone else. Shine for Jesus by showing His love, and then others will find joy in their hearts too.



Just like you need food and water and air to survive, your heart needs the food of God's Word, the refreshing of His love, and the breath of His Spirit. Every time you stop to talk to Jesus, and you read His Word or you listen to what He wants to tell you, it's like having a good snack, or a nice drink—for your heart and mind and spirit. It gives you energy, faith and inspiration.



Every bone in your body works together to make you able to do so many things. That's like each experience or thing that you learn in your life—they all can work together to enable you to do new things. You can be glad when you learn something new—even if you learn it because of a mistake that was made. Learning what you did will help you to be able to do new things. Mistakes that teach us things are like tools that can help us in our lives.



Think of your best friend, or someone that you would really like to see. Think of how much you love them, and how nice they are to be around. Jesus loves you and likes to be around you much more than you have ever loved anyone. He is so happy when you take time to talk with Him.



Jesus is very much looking forward to having you join Him in Heaven, when the time is right! He can hardly wait to show you all that He is preparing for you, because you love Him and are doing your best to please Him. One day you will get to enjoy all that He has in store for you and your loved ones. If you are faithful to do what He wants you to do while on Earth, you will be very happy to see all the fun things He has prepared for you in Heaven!



There are not enough words in any language to express all the love that God has for you—yes, you! If all the books in the world were filled with words that told of how much God cares about you, that still wouldn't be enough to say all that He would like to tell you! His love is so great and never-ending.



The faith Jesus puts in your heart will grow as you read and believe God's Word. It's like a seed that you plant in the ground that grows with proper care. Just like a seed grows and matures and can bear fruit, your faith grows through the watering of God's Word, and it will give you the confidence to ask the Lord for what you need.



Prayers of faith make Jesus happy, and He loves to answer them! When you need Jesus to give you something, you don't have it already, but faith believes that He will answer in the best way. So pray in faith, and strengthen your faith through remembering God's promises to you, and you will get the answer to your prayers.



Jesus is like a big older brother who loves you very much. He makes sure that you have what you need and are safe. Your big brother Jesus can help you as you learn new things. He can give you tips and clues to make things easier. While on Earth He experienced many of the things you do. He knows how it feels to grow up and to have to learn so many things, and to sometimes be sick. He's a brother that will make sure you get the best things, because you are special to Him.



It might seem like there are sure a lot of people on the Earth, and sometimes you might wonder how God can be aware of each one and know everything there is to know about everyone. Well, do you know that there are many more bugs and creatures on Earth than there are people? And still God knows about the little creatures! So for sure He knows about you! People are far more important to Him than any other creature on Earth.



Clap your hands. Count to ten. Run around. Sit down and breathe in deeply. Sing a song. Give a hug. And laugh! There are so many lively things you can do. God is the creator of life, and fun, and movement! Every time you can do something it is because God made you able to do it. When you do these fun and active things it can remind you how amazing God is—able to make something so wonderful like your lively body!



"Peace I leave with you. My peace I give unto you." Jesus said this to his disciples long ago, and today He promises the same to us. When can Jesus bring peace to you? When you are feeling upset, or angry, He can calm you down and help you to react wisely. When others are acting a bit too wild, and speaking loudly or causing confusion, He can help you to find a place for quietness and peace. When you are worried about something that could happen, Jesus can relax your nerves and give you faith to trust in His care.



The safest place in the world—the only completely safe place from all harm and danger—is in the hands of the God of love. He can shelter you, protect you, provide all that you need, and chase all trouble away. How do you get to this special place? Be ready and willing to do what He says to do, and go wherever He tells you to go, and then ask Him to place His loving care and protection around you; and He will.



Just like electricity works when you plug something into a good circuit and turn it on, God's power to answer your prayers works, when you reach out to Him in faith and ask for his help. He hears you the instant you call on Him, and He knows exactly what to do in order for things to work out in the best way for you. Things might not happen just as you expect, but they'll always get better in some way for you and others.



The moment you plug into prayer and turn on the switch of God's power through your faith in His ability to do anything for you, He begins to go to work for you, and make wonderful things happen.



Have you ever seen a little baby holding onto their daddy's finger? Daddy's finger seems so big as they wrap their tiny little hand around it. They squeeze tightly with a smile, as they feel secure holding on. That's what Jesus wants us to be like. We are safe with Him, and He's like a Daddy to us. We can hold on in faith. We can hold on as we trust Him. We can hold on through patience as we wait for the needs that He's going to give us. Just like a baby who smiles at their daddy and trusts in His care, Jesus can do anything and is so big compared to us.



If all of a sudden you lost everything that you now have, and all you had in the world was Jesus, you'd still be okay. Jesus would be enough to make you happy, because He knows your heart well, and He knows how to give you all that you need. He's the source and the supplier of joy, energy, good health, and of all that your heart wishes for.



Why not take a moment to think about all that He can do, and let His love fill your heart with joy. With Him you'll always have what you need, because He can give anything to you. He can supply your every need, and He knows just what to do to make you happy.

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