



Lord, I Believe

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THERE WAS A TIME when God sent His only begotten Son to this world to seek and to save those who were lost. ^{1Ti.1:15} He sent His Son to show humanity what He is like. Jesus said, *If you have seen me, you have seen the Father.* ^{Jn.14:9}

For over three years Jesus walked among the people, healing the sick, cleansing lepers, forgiving sinners and casting out demons.

Everywhere He went, the crowds came to hear Him teach the Scriptures, and the Bible says, *Many believed in His name, when they saw the miracles which he did.* ^{Jn.2:23} Another Bible verse says, *Great multitudes followed Him, because they saw His miracles which He did on them that were diseased.* ^{Jn.2:23}

He chose followers and sent them forth in His Name, with authority and power to cast out devils and to heal diseases. ^{Mt.10:7-6; Mk.3:14-15; Lu.9:1-2,6; Jn.14:12-14}

The Bible tells us that a father brought his son to these disciples because the boy was possessed of an evil spirit. ^{Mk.9:14-27} The disciples tried to cast the dumb spirit out of the boy, but could not. ^{v.18}

A crowd gathered and stared at the poor boy. ^{vs.14,25} They ridiculed the disciples for their lack of faith, and they reproved the man for thinking that a

miracle could cure his demon-possessed son.

About that time, Jesus came on the scene and asked what was causing the tumult and confusion. ^{v.15-16}

The father spoke up explaining, *Master, I have brought my son which has a dumb spirit. And whenever the demon seizes him, he tears him. The boy foams at the mouth and grinds his teeth, then faints. Other times he falls into the water or a fire. The demon is trying to kill him.* ^{vs.17-17}

As the father was talking to Jesus, the boy fell to the ground, seized by another convulsion. ^{v.20}

Jesus asked the father, *How long ago did this evil spirit come to the lad? And he said, When he was a child. And many times it casts him into the fire, and into the water, to destroy him.* ^{vs.21-22}

Then the father cried out: *Lord, if You can do anything, have compassion on us and help us.* ^{v.22}

Jesus said, *If you can believe, all things are possible to the one who believes.* ^{v.23}

The man cried aloud, *Lord, I believe; help my unbelief.* ^{v.24}

Then Jesus turned to the poor boy and rebuked the foul spirit, commanding, *You dumb and deaf spirit, I charge*

you, come out of the lad, and enter him no more. ^{v.25}

The Bible says, *And the spirit cried, and tore the lad, and came out of him: and he fell to the ground lifeless; to the extent that many said, He is dead.* ^{v.26}

Then Jesus took the lad by the hand, and lifted him up; and he arose. ^{v.27} The boy was completely restored.

It is very sad to witness someone suffer as that lad did. I've seen cases like that many times in our great crusades. And I've seen so many of them miraculously cured by our Lord. But regardless of what sickness you may suffer, all disease is destructive and it is the work of the enemy. It is not God's will for you to suffer. He wants to heal you just as He healed so many in Bible days.

Recently, they brought three insane men to our crusade with their hands and feet bound with chains. We preached that *Christ was manifested to destroy the works of the devil.* ^{1Jn.3:8} During the prayer, the evil spirits left those men and they were restored.

The Bible says these miracles are wrought *not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit, says the Lord.* ^{Zech.4:6}

The Psalmist said, *God heals all of our diseases.* ^{Ps.103:3} Jesus said, *These signs shall follow them that believe; in My Name they will cast out devils; they will lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.* ^{Mk.16:17-18} Then He said, *Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.* ^{Mt.28:20}

Jesus is here now to heal you, just as He healed that lad in Bible days. He has never changed. ^{Heb.13:8}

Christ's disciples could not cast out the evil spirits. If people sometimes disappoint you, keep your eyes on the Lord. He will never fail you.

When the disciples failed, that poor father did not turn away and say, "Well, perhaps it is not God's will for my son to be healed." He took his need directly

to Jesus who made the lad whole.

One condition was paramount: Jesus said, *If you can only believe.* ^{Mk.9:23} The father cried out, *Lord I believe. Help my unbelief.* ^{v.24} That was his pivotal expression. Even though others could not help him, he did not lose faith that Christ was the Master.

The Bible promises: *Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you shalt be saved.* ^{Ac.16:31} That word *saved* means to be made whole in your soul, in your mind and in your body; Whatever you need from God, spiritually, mentally or physically, it is yours now if you will believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and receive Him by faith.

Call on Him today. Say, *Lord, I believe.* He has promised: *All things are possible if you can only believe.* ^{Mk.9:23} He said, *Call to me, and I will answer you.* ^{Je.33:3} The Bible says, *There has not failed one word of all of His good promises.* ^{1Kg.8:56} Believe on Him today.


Jesus rebuked the foul spirit and immediately the lad was healed. Whatever your sickness is, the Lord will heal you if you will have faith.

Whatever sin may be hidden in your heart, confess it to Him and He will take it away. Christ is here now to save and to heal you there where you are. Have faith in His Word!

What He did for that father's boy, He will do for you. Each miracle that He performed is an example of what He wants to do for anyone else in similar circumstances.

Jesus Christ comes to you today.

Remember His promise: *If you can believe, all things are possible to the one who believes.* ^{Mk: 9:23}

That promise is for *you* – right now, whoever you are. God bless you! 

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