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WAIT ON GOD He won't let you down

Two people from different backgrounds, with differing traits and perceptions can come in together in flesh with a high factor of attraction, but oneness of mind, body and spirit is only achieved through the uniting power of God's Holy Spirit. Every good thing comes from God — at the right time. The thing to remember while you are waiting for God to act is that even though He is rarely early, He is absolutely never late.

If you really trust God, you really won't mind waiting on Him, especially considering He has your best interests in His heart. And some people don't realise that they already have what they asking for. God has installed you in the right place, the right home, the right family. If you are already married, believe that He has also blessed you with the right spouse—everything is just as it should be. The reason some people don't see things the way they should is because they themselves are wrong.

If you are already married and facing certain issues, go down on your knees and pray. God never turns away someone who approaches Him with a contrite heart. These are the days of the Holy Spirit. If you seek God, He will speak to you in the quietness of your heart and tell you what you must do.

The right way of waiting on the Lord is to trust that He will do what He has promised. God is not a respecter of persons. We do not have to convince Him to do the right thing. It is in His very nature to do good. So, if you are waiting on God to act, wait like a gentleman. Don't give God a hard time by constantly bickering about your situation. It took the Israelites 40 years to get to the Promised Land—mostly because they kept grumbling and making a nuisance of themselves. Sometimes, they flatly refused to move ahead. But God did eventually get them to the place He promised to give them.

How long will it take you to get to the Promised Land? Are you going to murmur and grumble all along the way and make things miserable for yourself and everybody else? Or are you going to stop working against yourself, trust God, and be good and patient? The choice is yours! God knows what you are dealing with and He also knows that you can handle it.

— Bro. Manuel Mergulhao



A Precious Instrument



Lord, we are your instruments,
For work, worship and praise
Though we live in a world
Of corruption, confusion and daze.

Let us not be instruments
In a scrap or junk shop,
But use us, Lord, for your purposes
Till our breath gracefully stops.

A precious instrument
In a safe place, in a godown,
Awaits the Maestro to strike,
The cords to give the good sound.

To give the Good News
"The Kingdom of God is at hand"
To love and serve in peace,
This is needed in our land.

– Benedict Vivian Fernandez

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TRANSFORMED BY *God's Promises* - Part 4

9. THE PROMISE OF VICTORY

2 Corinthians 1:20 is such a powerful promise:

“For no matter how many promises God has made, they are “Yes” in Christ. And so through Him, the “Amen” is spoken by us to the glory of God.” (2 Corinthians 1:20)

It is time to speak the “Amen” and walk in victory, which is not something we need to win, but has already been won by JESUS, and made available to all who will, by faith, receive it.

“But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.” (1 Corinthians 15: 57)

We receive salvation by simply trusting the LORD. That takes us on a path of faith that trusts God to give the victory in His own way and time. No matter what the battle may be, we overcome by faith.

“For whatever is born of God overcomes the world; and this is the victory that has overcome the world - our faith.” (1 John 5:4)

When some battles are long let us believe that while the Master is working it out the situation is a test for us, so that we will continue in faith and grow stronger in faith!

Victory over internal temptation

Sometimes we may gain victory over external forces, but when we feel that internal temptation is just too strong, let us claim this promise

1. “Who are you to judge the servant of another? To his own master he stands or falls; and stand he will, for the Master is able to make him stand.” (Romans 14:4)

2. “No temptation has overtaken you but such as is

common to man; and God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, that you may be able to endure it.” (1 Corinthians 10:13)

If you simply stand in the middle of the road and call to the Lord to save you from the rushing traffic, you can expect to be hit. You've got to get off the busy road! You got there because you didn't look before you leapt.

Similarly, we may find circumstances all around, which do not seem to allow a way of escape. But when we call on the Most High, He is waiting for our call.

“Keep watching and praying, that you may not enter into temptation; the spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.” (Matthew 26:41)

Read, memorize and say 'Amen' and trust Him. It may be that He will slowdown a car to allow you to cross safely!

We need to cut off sources of temptation:

a) If your TV is a source of temptation to you and your family, axe it.

b) If friendships are a source of temptation, terminate them.

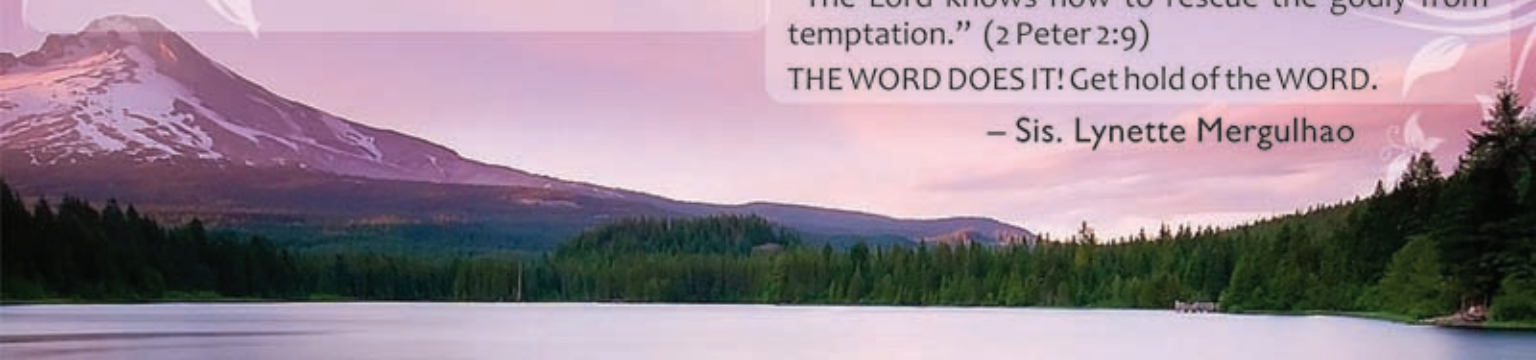
c) If some private goal or object is a temptation and hindrance to you, yield it up to the Lord. Put it on His altar and let Him burn it up.

d) And if there seems to be nothing you can do, then simply trust the Almighty for a way out. But don't play with temptation, and with tempters, temptresses, and with objects or modes of temptation. Remember Samson!

“The Lord knows how to rescue the godly from temptation.” (2 Peter 2:9)

THE WORD DOES IT! Get hold of the WORD.

– Sis. Lynette Mergulhao



Where is the

?



Love

God is abounding in love, mercy, compassion, grace, kindness...we hear that ever so often. And some of us know this to be true from personal experience. But if God's love is really so abounding, why do so many people completely miss out on it? Why have so many never felt it.

The answer is simpler than you imagine.

Let me put it this way. There are some extremely dry places on earth. Nothing grows in these parts. There is no life, no vegetation. And this is not because the soil is infertile. It's just that water, the catalyst for life and growth, is in extremely short supply in these areas. But that does not mean that there is no water on earth. More than 70% of our planet's surface is water. In fact, there are hundreds of rivers and lakes, both big and small, on every continent. If water could somehow be channeled from the nearest source to some of these areas, it is reasonable to assume that there would be some sort of vegetative resurgence almost instantly.

It's the same with God. Just because some people don't feel His love, mercy and compassion, does not mean it is not there. If anything, God's love is more than abounding. The truth is some people

have strayed so far away from the Source of all Good Things that they don't even recognize it anymore.

God is love. His love abounds much more than all the water in a trillion oceans. If God's love could somehow be channeled from the nearest source, it is reasonable to assume that there would be a resurgence of "life" almost instantly.

If someone who really "knows" God would just reach out to the homeless man living at the end of his street...

If someone who "knows" Jesus would just make Him known to the kid who thinks life is all about fast cars, fancy gadgets and cheap thrills flowing at the end of a needle...

If we who know God would make Him known, not so much by preaching but simply "outreaching" (or reaching out) to those in need with a kind word here, a helpful hand there, a hug, a warm smile, what a difference we'd make. If we become channels of God's love, the world would be flooded with His grace.

– Editorial Desk



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THE DIARIES OF AN INBETWEEN

I could never relate to the world's idea of God even at a very young age. It often confused me because the answer to my existence and my purpose lay in first understanding this Bigger Picture, this Big Ominous Person.

I watched my friends and family visiting places, joining their hands, closing their eyes as they whispered from their hearts their deepest desires, wishing for something... And I wondered, even as a 10-year-old, who was really listening???

The idea of faith was not just blind trust to me. It was the awareness of the deepest conviction we can muster in our gut, a feeling of belief in knowing that "someone" is listening. But who? The Universe? The Almighty? The Great All Powerful One? And was it just one or many?

Some of us are gifted with that feeling from a young age. Some of us still seek it out. I was seeking... And then, finally, the conviction came... the trust and belief... I finally knew Who was listening.

But here's the other problem: I found my calling when I was 18 years old, the age when everyone generally rebels and ridicules the very concept of being spiritual.

I was in a tizzy: How do I fit in now? Why am I an outcast? This is the age when everyone tries everything, screaming YOLO!!! (You Live Only Once)

So, what do I do? Abstain from these people who were my friends for years? Abstain and ignore that they need not understand me or what I felt? Let them assume the worst about me? Once a non-believer, now a teenager who worshipped, who served, who read the Bible?

In time, I had changed... True. But was I unfit to be a friend to others who did not understand God? Would they think of me as someone from another dimension?

Well, this is where I found separating and ignoring that side of society did not make me an answer to my God's free spirited love. I wanted to bridge the gap and spread the joy I felt from my Maker!

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about
**TIME &
CHANGE**

Now here's the catch: I needed to do this without being an "alien".

The answer? All I needed was to look within and understand the lingo that was simple and common to all. Love! To love and be loved. With love came humility, caring and understanding, strength to stand between these two worlds. "In between" - this was where I fit.

That's where Bro. Manuel's word on "time" came to play. Time is what defined all change... to love... to let go... To overcome anger and to forgive... to heal all wounds... to make peace... to understand...

Time is the lingo that everyone understands... We must seize the moment, overcome the worst and give our best. Time is the canvas that paints the existence of God. That all things change and every sadness has its happy ending. That every unrest has its peace. And that during all these moments what matters is that we understand the only constant is God, the Creator of this "Change".

So, I made it my prerogative that time was the tool I needed to use to witness and inspire and stand "in between" all the disconnected around me... To put light on the surprising capacity of compassion that my past, present and future testifies is forged by my great God, my best buddy so far.

— B.M.M Youth



TESTIMONIES

T E S T I M O N I E S



I have been part of Bro. Manuel Ministries for 8 years. I learnt two important things in recent days. One is the virtue of silence. It is better to be silent and stay positive than to open your mouth and speak negative. The second thing I learnt is obedience to the Word of God. When God does not want something wrong to remain, He will remove it from your life. Thank you, Jesus. I praise your name and I am with you come what may.

– Sneha Tak



I live in the US. I was healed of epilepsy after coming to Bro. Manuel Ministries. I got married and conceived thereafter. I never had any problems with my pregnancy, but my daughter was diagnosed with infant botulism when she was six months old. Bro. Manuel prayed for her. I used to keep his handkerchief on my daughter constantly; it was like an armour on her. My daughter is fine now. I would like to thank the Lord Jesus for healing her and for His presence in my life.

– Mona Kriplani



Last month, I was so sick that I thought I wouldn't survive. I am alive only because of Bro. Manuel and this ministry's prayers. I am so thankful that I am a part of this ministry. I got to know Christ because of Bro. Manuel. I was illiterate, but I started reading after coming to this ministry. Now, I have got a job as a teacher in a school. Thank you, Jesus.

– Tara Singh



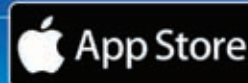
I have been coming to Bro. Manuel Ministries since 2006. At the last retreat, God just opened the eyes of my heart through the Word. I realised how much the Lord loves us. He has healed me. He has brought love into my life. He is prospering my business. He has given me a wonderful home. I have decided to be completely organised and redeem my prayer life, my working life, my family life and every aspect of my life for His glory. Thank you, Jesus.

– Jeet Surendranath



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