Jenaministries – Part 3 Prayers

1. A Prayer for Faith

Dear Lord,

Thank you for being my God, my comforter, my friend, and my healer. I am so grateful that you are always there for me. No matter what I've done or haven't done; no matter where I am or how I feel; you are always there to reach out to. Thank you for all the wonderful blessings you have bestowed upon me and my loved ones. You have proved yourself over and over again.

Though you have proved your faithfulness many times, I still struggle with my faith and belief. Just like your disciples (<u>Matthew 8:26</u>, <u>Matthew 14:29-32</u>), I have witnessed miracles and have experienced your love, yet still my faith could be stronger.

You say nothing is impossible for us if we have faith (<u>Matthew 17:20</u>), yet I find mountains of impossibilities surround me.

Please forgive me for my faithlessness and unbelief. Help me overcome my unbelief (<u>Mark 9:22-24</u>). I know I believe in you and trust you, but for some reason, the world has a hold on me – weakening my faith in you.

Sometimes I pray and pray over something and see no answer, which brings doubt. I do understand you can't answer our every request. If that happened, we would be like Gods and would come to a point of not seeing you as God and feel we didn't need you. I'm not asking for a faith that gets my every request granted. I want the kind of faith that can move mountains in my life and in the life of others.

I long for faith like the bleeding women (<u>Mark 5:25-34</u>) and the Centurion (<u>Luke 7:6-10</u>). Doubt did not have any room in their faith.

I need your help to get there. I realize I will never make it to a perfect and complete faith, but it certainly can be stronger. Please help me to rely on you for every aspect of my life.

Thank you for hearing me and thank you in advance for what you're going to do. Of course, I pray all these things in that wonderful and powerful name of Jesus, my Lord and Savior.

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Matthew 8:26 He replied, "You of little faith, why are you so afraid?" Then he got up and rebuked the winds and the waves, and it was completely calm.

Matthew 14:29-32 "Come," he said. Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, "Lord, save me!" Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. "You of little faith," he said, "why did you doubt?" And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down.

Matthew 17:20 He (Jesus) replied, "Because you have so little faith. Truly I tell you, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you."

Mark 9:22-24 "It has often thrown him into fire or water to kill him. But if you can do anything, take pity on us and help us." " 'If you can'?" said Jesus. "Everything is possible for one who believes." Immediately the boy's father exclaimed, "I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief!"

Mark 5:25-34 And a woman was there who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years. She had suffered a great deal under the care of many doctors and had spent all she had, yet instead of getting better she grew worse. When she heard about Jesus, she came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, because she thought, "If I just touch his clothes, I will be healed." Immediately her bleeding stopped and she felt in her body that she was freed from her suffering. At once Jesus realized that power had gone out from him. He turned around in the crowd and asked, "Who touched my clothes?" "You see the people crowding against you," his disciples answered, "and yet you can ask, 'Who touched me?' " But Jesus kept looking around to see who had done it. Then the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came and fell at his feet and, trembling with fear, told him the whole truth. He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace and be freed from your suffering."

Luke 7:6-10 So Jesus went with them. He was not far from the house when the centurion sent friends to say to him: "Lord, don't trouble yourself, for I do not deserve to have you come under my roof. That is why I did not even consider myself worthy to come to you. But say the word, and my servant will be healed. For I myself am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. I tell this one, 'Go,' and he goes; and that one, 'Come,' and he comes. I say to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it." When Jesus heard this, he was amazed at him, and turning to the crowd following him, he said, "I tell you, I have not found such great faith even in Israel." Then the men who had been sent returned to the house and found the servant well.