

THE JOURNEY

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DEAR DAD

I WANT YOU TO TAKE A JOURNEY WITH ME,
LET'S TRAVEL BACK IN TIME THROUGH THE SCRIPTURE -
TRAVEL THROUGH THE WORD OF GOD WITH ME,
AND SEE IT AS CLEARLY AS A PICTURE.

I WANT YOU TO IMAGINE THIS SCENE,
IT TOOK PLACE IN 2ND KINGS, 6:8 THROUGH 18.

SYRIA'D DECLARED WAR ON ISRAEL
THEY CHOSE TO WAR UPON GOD'S CHOSEN NATION -
GOD'S CHOSEN, SURROUNDED BY THE INFIDEL,
AND ELISHA PRAYING FOR SALVATION.

ELISHA'S SERVANT WENT OUT TO SPY THE LAND,
HE CAME BACK TREMBLING AND CONFUSED -
TRY AS HE MIGHT, HE COULDN'T UNDERSTAND
ELISHA'D SAID "FEAR NOT", BECAUSE THEY WERE SURROUNDED.

YOU SEE - THE SERVANT WAS LIKE YOU AND I,
LOOKING AT LIFE THROUGH THE NATURAL EYES -
AND HE COULDN'T SEE THE HEAVENLY HOST,
WHOSE NUMBERS HAD DARKENED THE SKIES.

WELL - ELISHA PRAYED THE LORD OPEN HIS EYES,
NOT IN THE NATURAL, BUT THE SPIRIT REALM -
CAN YOU IMAGINE THE SERVANTS SURPRISE,
NO DOUBT IT HAD TO JUST OVERWHELM.

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The Army he'd Thought had Them Surrounded,
Was Surrounded by Chariots of Fire -
The Servant must have been Astounded,
By What was About to Transpire.

Once Again Elisha Simply Prayed
And The Enemy was Struck Blind -
The Power of God had been Displayed,
Can you imagine That Scene in your mind?

That same power belongs to you and I,
We can go boldly to the Throne of Grace -
And our God is Faithful to supply
The Strength we need and a Resting place.

Now we both know The Word is True,
Let God be True and Every Man a Liar -
We know what The Power of Prayer can do,
Call down The Hosts in Chariots of Fire.

Today's Battle may be of a different sort,
But The Word of Truth was Revealed -
Romans 10 "Who has believed our Report?"
Isaiah said, "By His Stripes we are healed."
Hallelujah!

Now I want you to imagine this,
The woman who had suffered so long -
As Jesus walked by with Jairus,
Determined, she made her way through The Throng.

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SHE KNEW THAT JUST THE HEM OF HIS GARMENT
HAD THE POWER TO MAKE HER WHOLE -
TO END ALL THOSE YEARS OF TORTURE;
RESTORE HER - BODY AND SOUL.

CAN YOU IMAGINE WHAT SHE MUST HAVE BEEN FEELING
AFTER TOUCHING JUST THE HEM OF HIS CLOTHES -
WHEN SHE FELT HER BODY HEALING
BY THE POWER JUST A TOUCH BESTOWS?
Hallelujah!

TODAY, WE DON'T NEED TO TOUCH HIS CLOTHES,
NOR TO FIGHT OUR WAY THROUGH THE CROWD -
THROUGH JUST HIS NAME THAT SAME POWER FLOWS,
WHETHER WHISPERED OR SAID OUT LOUD.
JESUS!

NOW WE BOTH KNOW THE WORD IS TRUE,
LET GOD BE TRUE AND EVERY MAN A LIAR -
HE'S STANDING BY TO STRENGTHEN YOU
EVERY TIME YOU BEGIN TO TIRE.

AND REMEMBER WHAT ELSE HE SAID,
DAD - HE PROMISED ALWAYS TO ABIDE -
WHEN YOU WERE IN THAT HOSPITAL BED
MINISTERING ANGELS STOOD AT YOUR SIDE.

NOT JUST THE HEM OF HIS GARMENT,
BUT JESUS, THROUGH THE SPIRIT INSIDE -
HEARD YOUR EVERY WHISPERED PRAYER,
AND DRIED YOUR EYES EACH TIME YOU CRIED.

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Today, we don't need to touch His clothes
Nor to fight our way through the crowd -
Through just His name that same power flows,
Whether whispered, or said out loud.
JESUS!

Now I want you to imagine this scene,
To see it clearly in your head -
Our Lord, Jesus Christ, the Nazarene,
Standing at the foot of your bed!

Think about the comfort of His touch,
Imagine Him - right there in the room -
Can you hear Him say "I love you so much,
You are the reason I rose from the tomb?"

Dad - we don't need to touch His clothes
Nor to fight our way through the crowd -
Through just His name that same power flows,
Whether whispered, or said out loud
JESUS!

We know He's not a man that He would lie
And He said He would never forsake you -
He's there to wipe every tear from your eye,
To give you strength when trials shake you.

The next time you're feeling weary,
Dad, I want you to remember this -
Not just the comfort of the Master's touch
But the promise of eternal bliss.

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"And God will wipe away all tears
from their eyes; and there shall be
no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying,
neither shall there be any more pain:"
REVELATION 21:4

THERE ARE TIMES WHEN THE RAZOR
WIRE FEELS LIKE A LEASH, AND THE
FENCES SEEM A MILE HIGH - BUT I KNOW
I NEED NOT SORROW OVERMUCH
THIS IS NOT THE END OF HIS STORY -
HE NOW DWELLS WITHIN THE MASTER'S TOUCH
ON THE OTHER SIDE OF GLORY. Gary

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