

Building Through Discipleship (Tamil)

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The secret to serving God and overcoming challenges is to have a humble and contrite spirit, and to know that God is with us.

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Description

This sermon emphasizes the importance of God's presence in our lives, drawing parallels from the story of Moses confronting the powerful empire of his time. It highlights the need for humility, brokenness, and complete reliance on God, showcasing how God's presence can empower us to overcome any challenge or affliction. The speaker encourages a deep longing for God's presence, reminding listeners that with God on our side, nothing can stand against us.

Transcript

God meeting with Moses in the burning bush and God telling Moses to go and confront the most powerful empire in the world at that time. We are not surprised that Moses was afraid. How can I go and confront them? How can I go and ask him to release all those slaves? When you look in the Bible, it was one of the most difficult ministries that God gave Moses.

Go and confront the most powerful ruler in the world and tell him to release all these 2 million people who are your servants, let them go free. Moses got no army, no nothing. All that the Lord said to him was, I will be with you, that's all.

There is a proverb that says, one man with God is always a majority. The whole world can stand against that man, they will not succeed. That is why nobody could succeed against Moses.

The most powerful empire was brought to its knees. That's an amazing story. When you read that, do you find a great longing in your own heart? Lord, I want to be a man for you on this earth like Moses.

I don't want a big crowd of followers. One man with God, nobody can overpower him. Many of us who are elders of churches, we have problems because one or two people cause some rebellion.

Why are we so disturbed and concerned what will happen? I will tell you. Because you are not sure whether God is with you. If God were with you, you would not be afraid.

Millions of people come against you. Makes no difference. If God be with me, who can be against me? That's the advantage of knowing God like Moses knew him.

Remember this, that our position is even superior to Moses. God could not dwell inside Moses. He could only be with him.

But in the new covenant, when the Holy Spirit fills us, this God who dwelt in the bush comes to dwell inside us. He is not just with us, he is in us. So our position should be stronger and we must be bolder than Moses.

So why is it not like that? I think with most believers God is not in them and God is not with them also. And the number one reason is their pride. I want to say to you my dear brothers and sisters, there is far more pride in us than we think.

And many of you who think you are very humble, there is quite a lot of pride in you. Because the other people in your church don't have discernment, they don't see that. Only spiritual man who has got discernment can see it.

They can see it in your words, they can see it in your attitude, they can see it in your face, in your eyes. You can't hide it. What is in the heart comes forth, not only in words, but in our face.

When Cain was angry, it was seen on his face. When there is pride in the eyes, the Bible says that in Proverbs. It says in Proverbs 6, here is what, verse 16, there are six things which the Lord hates, seven which are an abomination to him.

If he hated it in the old testament, he hates it much more under the new covenant. Number one is haughty eyes. You say, well I thought haughtiness was in the heart.

Yeah, but it is in the heart that comes out in the eyes. Everything comes out of the heart. Comes out through the tongue.

That's the next thing, a lying tongue. See how what the Lord hates, there is something in the eyes and the tongue that comes out from the heart. So that is the main reason why God is not with people.

It is very clear in God's word. We saw that God dwelt in the burning bush. How can we make sure that God will dwell in us? I tell you, if almighty God dwells in you, the whole world can be against you, you will win.

Why is it we are afraid? One person says something and says we are disturbed. Somebody threatens us and we are disturbed. Some brother or sister in the church causes some confusion and we are disturbed.

Because God is not in us. If God is there, there will be no disturbance. It is impossible.

See Jesus could sleep even when there is a storm in the lake. And when he woke up, he didn't get into a panic because there was a storm. Because God was in him.

It is the whole secret of the Christian life. Christ in you. Almighty God coming inside you.

That inside this body, God almighty lives. But I don't think it is true with many believers. There is only one reason.

Let's read Isaiah 57. Isaiah 57 we read. God says there are two places where I dwell.

Verse 15. The high and lofty one who lives forever, whose name is holy says, number one I dwell in the high and holy place. That's in heaven.

That's where he dwells. But he says I also dwell in another place. With the contrite and lowly of spirit.

There are only two places God dwells. In heaven and with the contrite, lowly, humble man or woman. You can imagine that you are humble and broken.

But if God doesn't think so, it is no use. When I read a verse like You will dwell inside me. I am absolutely unconquerable.

Nobody can conquer me. And I believe that no demon will be able to stand before me. The devil will run in fear when he sees me.

Because God dwells inside. And seven billion people in the world can stand against me. It makes no difference.

I am not afraid of them. It won't make any difference. Why don't we have that confidence? Because we are not sure God is dwelling inside us.

But yet that is the biggest privilege of the new covenant. You know in so many places people come and say we want to build a new covenant church. We want to be part of CFC.

We want to be a new covenant church. What is a new covenant church? It is a group of people in all of whom God is dwelling. In all of them God is dwelling.

Outside all their hearts. You get two people like that or three people like that. And God is inside them.

They are all of lowly and contrite spirit. That is a new covenant church. You get two or three thousand people who can sing well and preach great sermons.

That is not a new covenant church. Remember in the bible you always see it is always a minority of people with whom God was. Enoch was alone.

Noah was one man with his family, eight people. In the whole world eight people. But God was with that small church.

The same thing in Abraham's time. One man God was with him. And many of the times the prophets.

God was with the prophets and all of the nation of Israel was going astray. You see that throughout the old testament. You see Joseph.

So many times it says about him the Lord was with Joseph. They threw him into a pit. The Lord was there.

They sold him to Potiphar's house. The Lord was with Joseph. Read that in Genesis 39.

And they accused him falsely and put him in jail. The Lord was with Joseph in the jail. And they took him out of jail and put him on the throne.

The Lord was with Joseph on the throne. What a wonderful way to live. The Lord they put me in jail and you are with me there.

They put you on the throne and you are with me there. They put you in a pit and the Lord is with me there in the pit. I say Lord I want to live like that.

And in Exodus you read about Moses like that. The Lord was with Moses. Once he went away from the people for just one month to the top of a mountain.

Just 40 days. The whole 2 million people started worshipping idols. Why? Because one man went away.

You see the power of one man when God is with him. When he was there. Then nobody dared to worship an idol.

The moment he went away. Even his co-elder Aaron was useless. He himself made that golden cow.

Because he was afraid of the people. That's the problem when God is not with you. Aaron was older than Moses.

Even Miriam older sister. All of them worshipped idols. As soon as that one man came down.

Everything changed. They destroyed the idols. You know brothers the secret of serving God is that God must be in you.

And for that all you need is, you don't have to be clever. You need to have a humble contrite spirit. God uses some illiterate people like Peter, a fisherman.

Then sometimes some people who are a little illiterate think that God will use only illiterate people. He will not use all these clever people and all. God is not with them.

No. They think only God will use only the poor people. Not the educated people.

See Peter, John, Andrew all illiterate people. But then God used Paul also. Paul was one of the most educated people in his time.

If he were living today he could have been a first class computer engineer or business man or anything. Then God used him. Then God used Peter who probably never even finished 10th class.

What do we learn from that? It has nothing to do with poverty or riches. Peter was a poor man. Paul was a very rich business man's son.

God could use both. Peter is uneducated. Paul is highly educated.

God could use both. We learn something from this. It has nothing to do with your salary or education or anything.

It has got to do with humility. God is in heaven and with a humble broken contrite spirit. And I can tell you in Jesus name nothing in the world can conquer you when God is with you.

You will never have any need in your life unmet when God is with you. You will have many problems. Oh yes.

Why does God allow that? In fact when God is with you, you will have more problems than other people. If I were not serving the Lord, I don't think I would have had 10% of the problems I have. Even after serving the Lord, if I was serving the Lord like all these compromising preachers, I would not have had half the problems I have.

But the more you stand for God, the more problems you have. Jesus who served the Lord most faithfully, he was called prince of devils. He was called a demon.

By 33 and a half they What did we learn from this? The more whole hearted you are, the more you will have enemies from religious people. But they will not be able to conquer you. They killed Jesus but God raised him from the dead.

You cannot conquer a man with whom God is. God will always raise him up. No matter how much you try to push him down, God will raise him up.

It says in Psalm 34 19, the afflictions of the righteous are many it says. Not few. If you are not righteous, you will have afflictions, maybe a few.

Many afflictions. What afflictions? I am not talking about sicknesses. Sickness comes to all people whether you are righteous or not righteous.

I want to explain something to you about sickness because a lot of people are misunderstanding on this. Most of the sicknesses in the world come because we are in a earth that is cursed by God. That's the first thing I want to say.

I think 80% of the sicknesses even that believers get is because we are living in a world that is under a curse. And it's not because there is sin in your life. It's not because you don't have faith.

It's because we are living in a world that is under the curse. That's why sickness can come to anybody. It can come to your children.

Because we are living in a world under the curse. A lot of Pentecostal teaching doesn't believe that. And so they bring a lot of people into bondage.

There are some people who can't take medicine when they are sick. It's all tempting God. Who created those medicines on the earth? All medicines are from the vegetables and herbs and chemicals God created.

The devil did not create one of them. So if you can take vegetables and fruit, you can take those medicines also. We pray and take it.

There is nothing wrong in it. But we can't say we will escape all sickness because we have faith. You know one of the primary marks of the curse? We perspire.

If you perspire, is it because of lack of faith that you perspire? Can somebody say, I have faith, I will never perspire. Rather you just stand outside in the sun for 5 minutes and show me your faith. It's all deception.

The Lord told Adam, the earth is cursed and you will start perspiring. And there will be thorns. Thorns can poke even a believer.

It's not because of lack of faith. It's because we are living in a world that is under the curse. You can't drive out the mosquitoes from your room by faith.

You try, it will not go. Mosquito coil will drive it out but not your faith. We should not be deceived by all these false Pentecostal teachings.

Why are there mosquitoes in the house of believers? Why do they bite believers? Because we are living in a world under the curse. There is perspiration, there are thorns, there are mosquitoes. And no matter how much you pray, how much faith you have, you will still perspire.

When Jesus was working as a carpenter, do you think he perspired or not? What do you think? Tell me. On a hot summer day in Nazareth, did Jesus perspire? His shop was not air-conditioned. Was he perspiring or not? Definitely.

He was like us. He had a body like ours. And he may have even accidentally hammered his thumb accidentally.

Do you think his thumb would have become a little blue? Or do you believe Jesus never hammered his thumb? He was always perfect. Let me ask you, when Jesus was a baby, did he ever fall down when he was three months old, when he was trying to walk? Or from one month he started walking? What type of Jesus do you believe in? He was exactly like us. As a human being, he learned to walk like us.

Do you think he could start speaking boldly at the age of one? Do you believe that? Or did he learn just like other children to learn to speak? Many people don't believe in a real Jesus. That's why they can't follow him. Do you think he was so unlike us that we can never follow him? God opened my eyes to see he was exactly like me.

Only thing that was not in him was sin. There was no sin in him. There was no child learning to walk and falling is not a sin.

If you are trying to find God's will and you don't know it, that's not a sin. For one hour Jesus was struggling in Gethsemane, Father what is your will? Shall I drink this cup or not? That was not a sin. Are you confused about the will of God sometimes in your life? That's because you are human.

So don't condemn yourself that you don't have faith. And sometimes when you have financial difficulty, it's not lack of faith. It is a test to see whether you will be content with little.

God has given me times when I have very little. God has given me times when I have plenty. And what is God teaching me through it? God is teaching me there must be no difference in your spiritual life when you have little or you have plenty.

You are just the same. It's not lack of faith. When I get plenty it is not plenty of faith.

No, it's got nothing to do with faith. When I get little God is testing me. Let me see now.

Will you be content with little? Or will you always be coveting, I want this, I want that, I want the other thing. Or will you get into debt to buy things? Or will you be content with what you have? And then one day

God will give me plenty. Now let me see.

Is he going to be proud? By my faith I got all this. Or will he be humble and recognize this is also a test? Let me see whether he can handle wealth also. Some people pass the poverty test but when they come to the wealth test they fail.

Most believers are close to God when they are in poverty. When they get wealthy they go away. I have seen that happen in CFC Bangalore again and again and again.

Brothers who were humble and close to God when they had little and God blessed them. Then financially they went away from God. It's got nothing to do with wealth or poverty.

It's got nothing to do with educated or not educated. It's got only to do with one thing. God dwells with the lowly contrite spirit.

And if you are like that always, whether you are much or little, God will be with you. And when God is with you, you may still have some sickness sometimes. That may be because God wants to draw closer to you.

Many are the afflictions of the righteous. Those are the afflictions from other people. But because of the curse on the earth, we will all get afflictions.

But the wonderful thing is God can use it to make us more Christ like. Paul had a thorn in the flesh, some type of sickness. But God used it to keep him humble.

Why? Because God wanted to dwell with Paul. God said if the only way I can humble Paul is by giving him a sickness, I will give him a sickness. The only way for God to humble Peter was by making him sin.

That is the last resort. When nothing else will succeed, then God even will allow a man to sin to humble him. God is so desirous to humble us.

The best is if you can humble yourself. In every situation, you keep your mouth in the dust and say Lord I am a nobody. If there is a problem with somebody, I will take the blame 100%.

A humble man will take the blame 100%. That is how Jesus hung on the cross. He took the blame 100% for your sin and my sin.

Think if he had been like some of us. It is not my fault. That is what many believers say.

It is not my fault, I am alright. If Jesus is hanging on the cross telling Father I have not done anything wrong, why have you put me here? So many believers, they don't have the spirit of Christ. They have the spirit of Adam.

Adam have you sinned? Lord just let me explain. First of all this wife is a bit of a problem. She went and took this fruit like a stupid woman.

That is the number one problem. Number two, don't forget you only gave me this wife. What to do? I didn't choose her, you gave me this wife.

You gave me this stupid woman who listens to the devil. Then in soft words, I also opened my mouth and ate it. Is that how you confess your sin? You are a follower of Adam.

His fault, he did this, he did this, he did this. What about you? I also opened my mouth and did something. What about Jesus? Yes Father, you make me sin, convert me into sin.

The Bible says God made him sin, 2 Corinthians 5.21. For whom? He had never done one sin in his life. He never opened his mouth. You follow Jesus or you follow Adam? Adam was a proud man, couldn't take the blame even for his own sin.

Jesus was a humble man, so he could take the blame for other people's sin. You know when you pray and say Lord make me like Jesus, I want God to dwell with me, you will go through many afflictions. I am not talking about sickness.

As I said 80% of the sicknesses that believers get is because of this curse on the earth. See we are delivered from the curse in our spirit. Jesus has become a curse for us.

There is no curse on our spirit, we are freed 100%. But not in our body, not yet. That's why we still wear glasses.

You know in heaven I will not wear glasses, I In fact when you see me in heaven you won't even recognize me. Because I will have hair on my head and it will all be black and I will look like a 33 and a half year old young man. So will you.

All of us will look beautiful. Now you look into a mirror and say Lord why you gave me such an ugly face. Sister just wait, the Lord will change your face very soon, just wait.

Can you wait a little? Don't be in a hurry, the Lord will give you a beautiful face one day. Just wait, when people look at you in heaven they will say this is the same sister I knew on the earth. Even your husband will be surprised, hey how did you become so beautiful? That is what God can do.

But till then this body is also under the curse and the greatest proof of it is that believers die. Lord told Adam, you are dust, you will return to dust. Even that Pentecostal believer who believes in healing, his body will become dust.

Because this body is still under the curse and if death can come to this body, sickness can also come. And so, that doesn't mean God doesn't help us. In this world of a curse, God helps us.

We can ask him to heal us. Some sickness he may not heal, but there will be a purpose. Whenever I am sick, I always pray like this, Lord heal me.

For 50 years as a believer I have prayed that. Heal me, I don't want to be healed to do my own will. I want to be healed to do your will.

And if you don't heal me, give me something better than healing. Some special grace. One of the two.

Either heal me completely or give me something better than healing. Like you told Paul, I will not heal you, but I will give you grace. That's okay, then I will keep the sickness, no problem.

But one of the two you must definitely give me. I lay hold of God like that. And I can tell you in Jesus name, God has always given me one of the two.

Either he gives me healing many times, or he gives me grace which is better than the healing. You pray like that, he is your father. For example, you take a man like Timothy.

Timothy was Paul's finest co-worker. But see what Paul tells Timothy in 1 Timothy 5.23. Don't only drink water, but use a little wine for the sake of your stomach and your frequent ailments. See, when Paul writes this letter, this is towards the end of Paul's life.

And Timothy had already been with Paul for about 25 years. 25 years as a whole hearted brother. And Paul says, he is the best of all my co-workers.

What does he have? Frequent stomach ache. Stomach ache today, little better tomorrow. Day after tomorrow again stomach ache.

One day is better, again stomach ache. Paul prayed for him 100 times. Anointed him with oil, everything.

Stomach ache still. Paul asks him, are you better today? I anointed you with oil and prayed for you. Are you better today? No Paul, I still have stomach ache.

Finally Paul said, okay Timothy, we have prayed for you enough now. Take some medicine to help your stomach. You think it is so difficult for a God who raised the dead to heal a stomach ache? And that also for one of the best of his servants.

It was not at all difficult. But that was Timothy's thorn in the flesh. To keep him humble.

Sometimes God allows it. See people like Demas who ran away after the world, they are all quite healthy. Because God has left him.

I have got nothing to let him go wherever he wants. Look at all these terrorists and suicide bombers, they are all quite healthy. But Paul has got a thorn in the flesh.

Timothy has got a stomach ache. So don't think that sickness comes only to those who are not whole hearted. First book in the Bible written was Job.

Moses wrote Genesis and Job lived much before Moses. And the first book in the Bible tells about a godly man who became sick. So I am just mentioning this because so many wrong attitudes we have about sickness.

Understanding. But let me also say there are 20% of sicknesses among believers due to other reasons. Because they haven't forgiven somebody.

Oh they are always anxious anxious anxious and then they have problems. They don't believe God's word. Or they have got some bitterness against somebody.

Or they are running after money so much. Or they have got bad habits. Or they eat too much.

Then they get sick because of all that. I remember once I was asked to pray for an unbeliever who was sick. Jesus prayed for lot of unbelievers who were sick.

But I went there and I said why should we pray for this man. We have to give God a good reason. So I said shall I pray like this? Lord this man is so weak now.

He doesn't have strength to go and stand in the cinema queue now. He is so weak. He is so weak he cannot shout at his wife now.

He is so weak. Heal him so that he can go and stand in the cinema queue now strong man. And so that he can shout at his wife.

Shall we give God these reasons? So I said that to help people to understand why are you praying for healing? We must pray for healing because say Lord I want to do your will. Then God will heal you. See recently I was travelling in Europe and in America for some meetings.

And I was in Europe and America for one month I was having a cough and a cold. I could have overcome it if I had got 3-4 days of rest. But I couldn't because I had about 50 meetings in 3 weeks.

And I couldn't say no I can't come. So what shall I do? I said I will take all the meetings. Whether I am sick or healthy I will serve the Lord.

So I would stand in the meeting, speak and cough and take some water and speak and have 2-3 minutes cough again and drink some water. I said the devil is not going to win. I did not miss one meeting.

And I praised the Lord. I said Lord you can heal me in one moment. I mean right now I am very healthy.

God could have done that for me then. And I said Lord why did you allow this then? And I got two reasons from God. One is for yourself and one for other people.

First of all for yourself. I want to teach you to give thanks in all situations. You know when we are sick we expect other people to do more for us.

We get offended if other people didn't come and serve us when we are sick. I have no expectation from anybody. I am thankful for those who serve me.

No demand why don't you come and serve me. Zero. So that test comes only when we are sick.

That we don't have any demands on anybody. I remember hearing of a very godly man whom I met. He was an old widower.

His wife had died. And he was living alone in a house in Europe. And one young brother was there staying in the house to help him.

And this old brother got up from his bed to go to the bathroom at two o'clock or something in the morning. And he fell down. And he broke his hand.

You know what he did? He sat with that broken hand till about 6.30 in the morning. He said I don't want to disturb that brother's sleep. When he wakes up at 6.30 I will tell him please take me to the hospital.

I said Lord this is how I want to be. This is real godliness. It's not just preaching.

That you don't make a demand on other people. Can you be like that? What a considerate man that man was. He was one of the most godly men I met in my life.

I will never forget that. So that's the first thing God taught me. See my problem was not like a broken hand.

It was much less than that. But the Lord said you must live a life where you have no demands on other people no matter what your condition is. And secondly I want to make you an example for other people who will miss a meeting if they got a little headache, a little rain I won't go for the meeting.

I want to make you an example to them. If you cough and cough and cough you will still go to the meeting. You will not only go to the meeting you will speak there.

I believe God accomplished something. What I am trying to say is God uses even sickness for his glory. But from other people there will be many afflictions.

But in those afflictions if God is with you you will always overcome. So this must be our longing all the time. Lord I want you to be with me.

Nobody can conquer me then. Even sickness comes if you are with me that's enough. You know when all the people would oppose Moses.

Where can we get water now Moses? Imagine 20 lakhs of people shouting at you saying where can we get water? Why have you brought us out into this wilderness? You are not good to be a leader. You know there are elder brothers who get upset even if one or two people say much less than that. I have been in this ministry now with our churches 34 years and I have seen many many problems.

It's just like children growing up. When they are small they have problem and when they are teenagers another type of problem. The Lord has told me to do what Moses did.

You know what Moses used to do whenever there was a problem? He would lie down flat on the ground. He said Lord I did not want to be the leader of these people. No I did not want it.

You only called me. You only told me to go into Egypt and take them out. These people think I myself made myself their leader.

I never wanted to be their leader. You made me. Now Lord take care of this problem.

So I also say the same thing. There is a beautiful verse in Isaiah chapter 9 which is a favorite verse of mine. See I say this to you because if you are an elder or even if you are a father and mother in a home, you can have problems in your home.

All of us will face it. But see what it says. Isaiah 9 verse 6 says about Jesus.

In the middle of that verse, the government will rest on his shoulders. I say that. I said Lord the government is not on my shoulders.

I am not governing even one church. This is your work. The government is on your shoulders.

My duty is only to lie down flat on the ground. If there is a problem, Lord you solve it. You tell me what to do, I'll do it.

I will not take the government on my shoulders. What about my family or your family? If there is a problem, what should you do? Fall on your face before God. Say Lord the government of my family is on your shoulders.

I can't handle this problem. Maybe your wife is sick or your children are sick or there is some rebellion or some other problem. Brothers, sisters, humble yourselves.

Fall on your face. Say Almighty God, you dwell here with me. I cannot solve this.

The government will rest on your shoulders. I'll tell you something, every problem he will solve. I have experienced that.

My wife and I have been married for 41 years and the devil has attacked us and our family so many ways. He has never won. Not even once.

He can oppress you for a long time but he will be defeated finally. So if God is with you, God is like in the burning bush, God is there. That's the most important thing.

And for that, isn't it simple, only one condition. Be humble, broken. Let God humble you.

Let God break you. No, whenever you hear somebody spread a false story about you. So over the last 34 years, people have spread all types of stories about me.

Some I heard, some I have not even heard. I am not interested. But let them tell those false stories.

That brings us down. Lord, I am nothing. Nobody.

Let them say what they like. I only want you to be with me. God uses all that to break us.

When people treat us unjustly, that's good for us. I remember once when my 14 year old son was going to school. It was a Christian school but those teachers were from some other denomination.

They did not like me. So they tried to trouble my children. So finally, they troubled my youngest son so much.

Poor boy, he was only 14 years old. He came home on the last day of school and said, Dad, I don't want to go back to the school at all anymore. They are always troubling me, that teacher, unjustly treating me, so many things.

They cut my marks and put me down. So I told him, I said son, when you grow up, you are going to go into a world where you will face much more injustice than what you are facing here. You think in the world everybody is going to treat you nicely when you go to work somewhere? You get a job when you are 25 years old, you will find so many people treat you badly.

You will have co-workers who try to suppress you. Isn't it good that you are getting a training for that when you are 14 years old? All your geography and history will not help you there. What will help you there is if you can learn to overcome this injustice in school itself.

And this training you are getting free. Maths and science we are paying the fees for. But this injustice from the teachers, you are getting free education, take it.

And that is a more important education than your maths and science. We must encourage our children. We are in a world which is against God.

And if God is with us, we must put that faith into our children. I heard of one man in China who used to cast out demons. Demons or anybody demon possessed, they would bring him to his house.

One day they brought somebody, that brother was not in the house. But his 12 year old son was in the house. He said bring the person.

12 year old boy. But he had seen his father in the name of Jesus cast out the demon. This small boy had faith.

In the name of Jesus, my father believes, I also believe. In the name of Jesus. 12 year old boy can cast out a demon.

You think the devil is afraid of 50 year old people? He is not even afraid of me. But he is afraid of the name of Jesus. Even if it is from a 12 year old.

If you have faith, God is with you. You don't have to be 70 years old, you can be 12 years old. You don't have to be a brother, you can be a sister.

God wants to dwell in your heart, brother, sister. And that will affect our children. I will tell you the story of another 12 year old.

This is in Africa where the missionaries went for the first time to a tribe. There was no Christians there. The missionaries went and one fellow got converted.

The tribe was called the Kikuyu tribe. So the news went around this village, one fellow has become a Christian. And he heard his son also has become a Christian.

They caught both of them and brought them before the chief of the tribe. And they caught the whole tribe there sitting there in the village. And the chief asked him, are you a Christian? Yeah, No, I am a Christian.

Cut off his head. The 12 year old boy came. What about you? He said, I am a Christian.

We will do the same thing to you before we did to your father. So the chief said, please give this to your son before it is stained with my blood. And after you kill me, remember this shirt shows that I still love you.

Jesus Christ is my Lord. Okay, now you can cut off my head. 12 years old.

Oh, wonderful. If we can train our children like that, when God is with us, when our children see that God is with my father, God is with my mother, even at 12 years old they will have faith. Why do the children not follow the Lord? Because they see the father and mother are hypocrites.

They say so many things in the church, but they live in some other way at home. Let us humble ourselves. Stop fighting with one another.

If one person is fighting, you say, let me humble myself. Say, Lord, give us a peaceful home. Children will learn to trust you.

We want homes and churches where God is there. God is looking for that in Tamil Nadu. Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, help us each one, we pray. That we will raise our children to trust you. We may have many afflictions as Christians.

Maybe even lose our head one day. But we will trust you. Demonstrate to this world that God is with us.

Heavenly Father, help us all. In Jesus' name, Amen. you

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