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to God's Glory"**

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Let your light shine... before everyone!

The captain of the boat was beginning to lose hope and instructed the first (ship's) mate to drop anchor and sound the abandon ship alarm. Just as he turned away from the stern and began to put on his life-jacket, he thought he saw a dim flicker of light in the distant. The anchors were hoisted up and he braved the menacing storm, directing the boat with all his strength towards 'the light'.

All the people in the boat were saved as they landed on an island off the coast of Hawaii and they were rescued by search boats at first light. When narrating what had happened, no one could understand it since there was no beacon or anything that may have given the captain that hint of light the previous night. They just put it to his courage and good leadership. During the award ceremony to honour the captain for saving so many lives, a reporter asked the captain's daughter what she thought when the storm was raging and her father was not home; *"I thought that Jesus would give my daddy light to see his way home and not trip over my scooter which I had forgotten on the porch"*

That, dear friends, is the power of prayer! No matter how minute we may think our prayers are, when said in earnest faithfulness, God is merciful and just to give us what we need. Never doubt what the Lord is willing to do through your willingness to let your light shine.

Shine on in His grace, ♥ Revd. Jongi.

God open's up life to the faithful and the trusting!

Welcome: *Share of a situation in your life where you found yourself to be weak, yet the weakness proved to stand you in good stead and became strength for you.*

Worship: Praise God that moments of weakness teaches us something about ourselves! Thank God for being your strength and guide especially when the way before you seems lost and celebrate His ever guiding presence in the good and the bad.

Word: Lamentations 3: 19 – 24; 31 – 33 & Mark 5: 21 – 43

- ✘ What is it that you're weeping for, or of in your life, family or community? Do you sense that God hears your cry or not? Jeremiah "laments" the ruined destruction of Jerusalem but not through passing blame, rather acknowledging too human failings that encouraged this ruined state (see Lamentations3). *What, if at all, do you think is your role/contribution in the cries you have for your family or friends or country?*
- ✘ The daring nature of both Jairus and the bleeding woman in Mark 5:21ff symbolises tenacity and faith. *Where in your life do you think it is necessary to exercise such qualities?*
- ✘ I do believe that; *"it is indeed out of utter weakness and helplessness that we find the courage to face life and the tenacity to pursue our dreams and goals"*. If Jeremiah gave up when he was mocked for speaking boldly at a young age, many in Israel may have not found their way to God and repented. So too with Jairus and the woman bleeding for 12 years; without persistence and foregoing public decorum and stepping out in faith, their needs may have never been met.

Our **Witness:**

- ✘ *Now you know what you know, what are you going to do?*

Prayer: Lord God, enfold me in Your steadfast love and help me to learn not just to lean on You but also to be trusting of Your ways and live my life in total faithfulness to You; in the healing name of Jesus Christ I pray...
Lord hear my prayer... Amen!