# MY SPIRITUAL ODYSSEY

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# THE TRUE LIFE STORY OF

Sis. Deborah Mercy Jerusalem



# **ENDORSEMENTS**

#### **Pastor David Palmer**

So many of God's ministers today have become distracted from presenting the true Gospel of Jesus Christ and have become more centered around what I call a (self-help, bless me Gospel) After getting to know Sister Deborah and ministering together with her in the Philippines I can truly say that she is an example to us all of a life dedicated to the Lord and his ministry. Sister Deborah has a great compassion to reach the lost, a deep desire to minister to the needy, and great love for the Lord's Body. I consider it a great honor to acknowledge and endorse the ministry of Sister Deborah, she truly is a great servant of God.

#### **Pastor Chennelle Palmer**

I remember seeing Debora for the first time, I have never seen the glory of God on anyone like I saw on her that day. So much so I felt moved by the Holy Spirit to meet with her and talk to her. I have never been so intrigued to meet anyone like I wanted to meet her.

After getting to know her I can truly say she is a woman of God and I thank God for this vessel of honor. I now have grown to realized this life has been set apart and dedicate as a living sacrifice for our Lord's service. The more I get to know her the more I am amazed to see how she is a great example to us all of Christ's character. When ministering with her in the Philippines I witnessed the love that she has for

all people and the way the Lord's love flowing through her draws all the people toward her.

Her ministry has changed many lives, her example has influenced many lives and her love has drawn many lives. Deborah Maya is truly a one of the a kind woman of God . I thank God for Deborah truly she is my sister. I also consider it a great honor to acknowledge and endorse the ministry of Sister Deborah, I love her dearly and will always thank God for her.

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Dear brothers and sisters, Greetings in the name of our Savior Lord Jesus Christ!!

**My** journey in pursuit of true living god is described in detail of his miraculous encounter with me and his calling to serve Jesus Christ is only to glorify and exalt his name to win the souls for Christ. His abundant Love mercy and Grace has transformed a staunch Hindu homemaker to a School Teacher, to Software professional, to a Business Woman and to a Preacher/Evangelist winning the souls for Christ and strengthen them with Christ Centered faith and Biblical Principles.

#### Revelation 12:11

says we overcome our enemy by the blood of the Lamb and the word of our testimony.

I was born and raised in an aristocratic, Agricultural landlord's family with Hindu rituals and idol worship to different deities in a monastic way. My education took place at reputed institutions in Hyderabad, and I was a protagonist child and as well as a Sports girl. While studying, I got married to an Engineer at the age of 20 years, from an affluent noble family at Mahabubnagar and then moved into that family, which was a combat zone for me.

After a while, there was drought, and our agricultural land became barren losing our primary source of income. Being highly egocentric family, my in-laws family considered family prestige as larger than life, in the society that we lived in. The prevailing situation and our family stand on false ground, made me determine to relocate to the Hyderabad city in the year 1990, along with my husband and 1 small Kid. Again in the year 1992, God has blessed me with 1 more child, now a Young Evangelist preaching the word of True and Living God to the under reached and unreached heathen people.

**With** a Professional Graduate Degree in Education, I took up a teaching Job at St. Paul's, later at St. Anthony's Schools, earned bread for my family. With my limited earnings, I took care of my all family member's needs, provided them a decent living by working extra time, patronized and constructed a Sai Baba Temples and gave donations to many other temples. During my leisure time on weekends, I socialized with my neighbors, and eventually got acquainted with a Christian neighbor. I observed their

prayers and religious practices. This was my first exposure towards Christianity and lead to more inquisitiveness to know their God.

Although, I grew up as an obedient child to my parents with monastic religious practices, nevertheless my soul started thirsting to know more about the true and living God, rather worshipping the idols of manmade with clay, wood and metal. My inner quest and curiosity led me get more closely associated, visit their house to observe prayers and listen sermons, to know more about their true and living God Jesus Christ.

On the other side, our families are fundamentalists and strong followers of Hinduism, having ill-disposed attitude towards Christians- treating them as religious converts from untouchable community. I could not dare to express my new belief to anyone in the family, assuming the fear of excommunication from the family and community.

**Day** by day, my inner quest to know more about true and living god became exponential and my thoughts irrepressible. My mind became a windmill of thoughts and doubts, about the deities and gods in Hinduism. Whereas in Christianity, has only one true and living God. Though I have done so many rituals and fervours for the deity, I did not find peace and solace in my deities and Gods. Then I concluded that the world is deceived with graven images of different Gods.

Though I went to the temples ' fasted ' and worshipped, donated to many Sai Baba temples, all that I could never understand, why I didn't have peace in my heart, and why I am unable to get answers to my queries.

Then I broke outside of my family religious faith-not out of rebellion, but in quest to know the real and living Almighty God for peace and to suppress my curiosity. I felt that our Almighty God has used my Christian friend to ignite a thought, in pursuit of true and living God in my life, as what he did to Moses- with an unusual sight to ignite Moses' natural curiosity to draw Him, onto holy ground.



Exodus 3:1-3

Now Moses kept the flock of Jethro his father in law, the priest of Midian: and he led the flock to the backside of the desert, and came to the mountain of God, even to Horeb. 2 And the angel of the LORD appeared unto him in a

flame of fire out of the midst of a bush: and he looked, and, behold, the bush burned with fire, and the bush was not consumed. 3 And Moses said, I will now turn aside, and see this great sight, why the bush is not burnt.

**In** 1999 I left India and move to USA due to Leftist Naxalites, a militant outfit group threat against our family. On the other side, all our agricultural lands were illegally encroached and acquired by them, so our family ancestral properties were reduced. From that day onwards it was the end of idol worship and a new beginning of my spiritual journey - friendship and fellowship with Jesus has started and was just reading Psalm 91 chapter from the Holy Bible. It was unthinkable and unimaginable for my family members about my self- alienation from the family religious faith, and accepting Lord Jesus Christ as my personal saviour. It was unfathomable to my parents; lastly they said "Since Childhood, I was profane and sacrilegious, moved along with people of different religions, castes and community, without any prejudice. We should have curbed your association with them at that time itself only; otherwise we would have not seen this day of your isolation from our great Hindu culture, traditions and faith. None from our past or present generations, thought or dreamt that you will profane Hinduism, by accepting a foreign God-Jesus Christ".

God opened the door of opportunity to work in a jewellery store as a Store Assistant in USA with nominal income to pay my bills. Day by day my income started growing and my Faith increased and God blessed me in America, it was unusual for a woman like me and fortunate enough to get an amazing gift from God. Subsequently, I believed that God has chosen me to be his child before my Birth and a Testimony across

the nations in the world. The God has revealed me through Jeremiah

#### Jeremiah 1:4-5

Then the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, 5 Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations. Then, I thanked God for his blessing and laid my situation before him. God has helped me to leave the country and made my way very easy, without any impediments. By profession, I was an Educator, but our Living almighty God has opened the doors for me in an entirely different field- Software Industry, which is totally new and I was not conversant in the field of software engineering. Despite the fact of entirely different and irrelevant field for me to work, but our gracious and merciful Lord gave me knowledge, a new Job on the day I landed in USA. He gave knowledge to understand my Job responsibilities in a very short span of 2 months and made me excel in my new job. This was revealed to me through the Bible from the book of Jeremiah.

Jeremiah 29:11

For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future).

**After** coming to USA, I saw Angels and Jesus every day and I have many testimonies to share. My roommates saw angels surrounded and guarding me. They also saw me sleeping on the lap of Angel. Although, I was still a laywoman and a strong believer, every moment I could only pray "PRAISE THE LORD", 1000 to 2000 times in a day. My mode of travel was to take 20 minutes' walk from my house to train station to board the train to reach my work place, While on my way to board the train I was escorted by the guardian Angel, as a 6 foot shadow in my front, making my way clear and safe, making me walk in her footsteps. After boarding the train, it used to disappear, again used to ioin me at my destination after alighting point to take me safe to my work place. The same would be while returning back from my work to reach my home safely.

During the year 1999, I saw a vision of standing on the top of a tall building and building the churches around the world. I shared this vision with one of my Christian friend. Then she said to me that it is God's call for me to take up the burden to build Gods kingdom on the earth. I assumed it as constructing four walls with a roof is a church, a place for his followers to gather together at one place and worship him. But, I could not understand properly, that what God has actually meant for me to do.

This vision has instigated me sending all my earnings from 1999 onwards till 2011 to India towards Church Plantation to build God's kingdom on earth, Pastors support to proclaim the word of true and living God, lead new believers in Christ, and strengthen them to praise and glorify his name.

My USA visa was lapsed in the year Feb' 2001, so applied for Visa extension and change of visa status. To get approved I have to leave the US country and reenter again. To immediately return back to the country, I have chosen El Paso, Mexico, transit destination being nearer to USA and crossed the border through an Agent. I reached in the morning at 09:00 am and applied for my visa. Till 05:00 PM, I did not get my visa processed and I was the only candidate alone waiting outside at the consulate for the visa approval. Then I approached the officials at 05:10 pm to do the needful. Then the officials enquired my office in USA and gave me the approval papers at 05:15 pm and I was left with only 15minutes of time to approach US Consulate for my Visa, that was 4 miles away and it was drizzling and dark. I had no other choice and had to run for visa stamping and got it through. By the time, my flight got delayed and cancelled, so I took next day flight and came back to USA. This divine intervention was revealed to me by God in the year 2017, after sharing this incidence to my friends. The same night Holy Spirit before sleeping questioned me that whether I ran to reach American Consulate. Then the Holy Spirit cued me Philip. I immediate woke and read Acts 8:39. Then I realized that it was the angel who carried me, otherwise it would not have been possible for me to run 4 miles against drizzle and with bad weather within 15minutes of time.

**Day** by day, my dedication and Love towards Christ was increasing, I even borrowed personal loans from the financial institutions to build the churches, support pastors and to proclaim the word of God to the unreached and the under reached people. My commitment made me feel, that my earnings are gift from God and they belong to him to spread his Kingdom on the earth. So I have sent the money to different Church Ministries of God in India to spread the Gospel and true love of God to exalt and glorify his name.

However, being far away and a laywoman with no knowledge about Evangelism in India, my assistance went wrong in supporting the gospel ministries. By the end of 2011, I was indebted, left out with huge loans to repay to the financial institutions. Then, I cried unto the Lord about my financial situation, suddenly, my phone rang and I received the call from an unknown Pastor, residing in India. He called me and said, that he was incited by the Holy Spirit to reveal me, while he was praying to get prepared for his Sunday morning Sermon.

The Holy Spirit revealed the Pastor and he said to me,

"Your hard work and the money spent by you to build the God's kingdom here in India have not gone vain; it is laid up in the Heaven and you have already built your house to dwell in Heaven. You began proclaiming the God's Word and not to get disheartened. There is a long way for you to go and grow stronger in the Lord Jesus Christ, for he has given you a divine appointment as his servant to do many wonders and miracles to Exalt his name, by winning souls for Christ and strengthen them in Christ'.

Later, I realized and recalled the parable from the Gospel of Matthew, about "The Parable of the Sower or Soils".

#### Matthew 13:1-23

The same\* day went Jesus out of the house, and sat by the sea side. 2 And great multitudes were gathered together unto him, so that he went into a ship, and sat; and the whole multitude stood on the shore. 3 And he spake many things unto them in parables, saying, Behold, a sower went forth to sow; 4 And when he sowed, some seeds fell by the way side, and the fowls came and devoured them up: 5 Some\* fell upon stony places, where they had not much earth: and forthwith they sprung up, because they had no deepness of earth: 6 And when the sun was up, they were scorched; and because they had no root, they withered away. 7 And some fell among thorns; and the

thorns sprung up, and choked them: 8 But other fell into good ground, and brought forth fruit, some an hundredfold\*, some sixtyfold\*, some thirtyfold, 9 Who hath ears to hear, let him hear. 10 And the disciples came, and said unto him, Why speakest thou unto them in parables? 11 He answered and said unto them. Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given. 12 For whosoever hath, to him shall be given, and he shall have more abundance: but whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken away even that he hath. 13 Therefore speak I to them in parables: because they seeing see not; and hearing they hear not, neither do they understand. 14 And in them is fulfilled the prophecy of Esaias, which saith, By hearing ye shall hear, and shall not understand; and seeing ve shall see, and shall not perceive: 15 For this people's heart is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed; lest at any time they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and should understand with their heart, and should be converted, and I should heal

them. 16 But blessed are your eyes, for they see: and your ears, for they hear. 17 For verily I say unto you, That many prophets and righteous men have desired to see those things which ye see, and have not seen them; and to hear those things which ye hear, and have not heard them. 18 Hear ye therefore the parable of the sower. 19 When any one heareth the word of the kingdom, and understandeth it not, then cometh the wicked one, and catcheth away that which was sown in his heart. This is he which received seed by the way side. 20 But he that received the seed into stony places, the same is he that heareth the word, and anon with joy receiveth it; 21 Yet

hath he not root in himself, but dureth for a while: for when tribulation or persecution ariseth because of the word, by and by he is offended. 22 He also that received seed among the thorns is he that heareth the word; and the care of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, choke the word, and he becometh

unfruitful. 23 But he that received seed into the good ground is he that heareth the word, and understandeth it; which also beareth fruit, and bringeth forth, some an hundredfold\*, some sixty\*, some thirty.

I felt that the support provided to the ministries, though partly gone vain, but at least a little was accumulated in heaven. Then our gracious Lord has made revelations to me through the following scriptures.

I will just give you the scriptures, but please know that each of these scriptures were personal revelations to me, and each scripture carries a message all on their own.

#### 1 Corinthians 3:16-17

Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? <sup>17</sup> If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are.

#### 1 Corinthians 6:19-20

What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? <sup>20</sup> For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

#### Romans 12:1-2

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

<sup>2</sup> And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

#### 1 Corinthians 10:31

Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God

#### 1 Timothy 4:8

For bodily exercise profiteth little: but godliness is profitable unto all hings, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come.

#### 1 Timothy 5:23

Drink no longer water, but use a little wine for thy stomach's sake and thine often infirmities.

## Philippians 1:20-21

According to my earnest expectation and my hope, that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but that with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ shall be magnified in my body, whether it be by life, or by death. <sup>21</sup> For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.

#### 1 Corinthians 12:27

Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular.

After reading and going through all these passages, I understood to focus more on winning souls as we are God's temple, God's spirit dwells in our midst, and we are the body of Christ with each one as a part of it to build his Kingdom on earth.

Then immediately I prayed to God and asked the Lord to give me more strength to take up his assignments and wisdom to do well. My hunger to know more about God, my concern and inquisitiveness had drawn me closer to God and spiritually grow, by reading the word of the Living God from the Holy Bible.



**During** the month of June 2012, and I met an Indian Pastor in India through phone, he revealed that I have a God's Divine Calling and anointed me as his chosen one to spread the Good News and free those who have been held captive by bondages to further God's Kingdom. As a

mentor, Pastor has christened me with a new name MERCY, guided and taught me about the Mercy and Grace of Jesus Christ to grow spiritually. Prior to that, as a laywoman, I was just reading and learning about the Christian Divine Law or biblical laws, and as well as Gospel - the Law of Christ.

I prayed to the Lord with a plea to anoint me and attend Ps. Benny Hinn anointing crusade to get released from the trapped traditions and locked captivity of cultural and gender prejudices. I felt blessed to get the opportunity and attended two days meeting. On the first day, I was confused and bit disappointed, later on the second day, I learnt about Holy Spirit and Almighty God Will. While Ps. Benny Hinn, praying and anointing the chosen ones, he called me especially from the crowd and released an anointing on me.

God desires me to break through the impediments of traditional culture and gende prejudices.

Now it is the time to embrace the fullness of God's purpose". (For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable)

#### **Romans 11:29**

For the gifts and calling of God are without repentance.

It was astonishing to know about the Living God's will in my life and got enlightened in the crusade with the Holy Spirit of God.

On the 24th of November' 2012, my ailing mother with Rheumatoid arthritis was hospitalized at Apollo Hospital, Hyderabad, India, because of Multiple organ dysfunction syndrome (MODS). She was in her last stages with no hope and Doctor's declared no possibilities of her survival, and will be no more in few hours. They advised me to return back to India. Nevertheless, my parents were still holding my religious belief and faith in Lord Jesus Christ as a stigma. My mother's hospitalization was an alibi for my family members, to reproach me for accepting a foreign God, deviating from our family's religious faith and rituals of Idol Worshipping to be the cause of this heartbreaking incidence.

Then, I cried unto to the Lord, and pleaded him, to testify and validate my Christian faith and my acceptance of Lord Jesus Christ should be the reason for my ailing mother's ill health to be totally recovered from sickness and leave the hospital. Then our living god spoke to me and shown me and revealed John 11:4

#### John 11:4

When Jesus heard that, he said, This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God might be glorified thereby This sickness that has bit my mother will not end in death. No, it is for God's glory so that God's Son may be glorified through it .Then I immediately bowed down and prayed to God. He again revealed to me another scripture Luke 10:19.

#### Luke 10:19

Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

God was telling me that he had given me authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; and nothing will harm me.



At that moment, I felt that this is the time to tell and show them the marvelous work of our Living God. Immediately, I took the flight from USA and landed at Hyderabad Airport, and headed straight to the Hospital to visit my mother. Around 01:30PM, in the middle of the night, reached

Hyderabad and went straight away to the Hospital. By that time I reached, the Doctor had declared that she is no more. I saw my mother on the death bed with Respirator. I just prayed and placed the word of God from The Holy Bible, opening *Luke 10:19*, under the bed sheets believing for a God's miracle to happen.

The very next day morning, my mother woke up as a normal person and questioned us that "why she is in the Hospital". Then she gave her testimony, that "she saw a lamb in the dream and driven away the spirit that was wandering around her". This miracle made my parents to immediately accept our True Living God for the marvelous miracle. Now they are spiritually getting nurtured with the word of Living God by attending the Church regularly. This was the new life and hope for both of our parents for accepting the true and living God. With this, I overwhelmed with great joy for winning souls and bringing my parents souls to the Lord Jesus.

Then our living God had made a covenant with me through regular visions and dreams to consecrate to serve the Lord and remain in him to prophesy. I asked God to erase my past heathen life before accepting him as my personal savior, so did the lord fulfilled my desire, and cleansed my heart and gave a new life in him. After that, I felt the need to share my Testimonies to strengthen the new believers in Christ. Then I got actively involved with a Gospel Ministries in Hyderabad by sharing my Testimonies and word of God. After delivering the word of God, few young boys from the congregation approached me and addressed

me as AMMA (Mother in India). I was bit hesitant to get addressed with that designated name.

**After** coming back to USA in the month of April' 2018, I again started falling sick, so few God's servants and prophets visited me and told me that; I being consecrated child of God cannot hold my anointment and shelve it. Then, I felt that I should further work for Gods Kingdom till my last breathe. On the 23<sup>rd</sup> of May 2018, I heard the voice and God spoke to me and said, "My Child I am giving you a new name as DEBORAH JERUSALEM, henceforth you will be called DEBORAH JERUSALEM, I say this to you to be the Mother of Many in the world. Whatever may be your sphere of influence at work, at home, or at church or crusades, do accept the challenge to be a modern-day Deborah and stand for God to boldly lead others to Him".

I was shaken and recollected the past incidences happened in my life, after preaching the word of God in Hyderabad, India. 2 young boys calling me "MOTHER", at one Ministry congregation, addressing me as Mother, like Deborah, a prophetess and mother in Israel.

With God's revelation, I established a Ministry by the name Deborah Jerusalem Ministries to further (means to promote) the God's Kingdom. Then I asked the Lord to prepare me to shoulder the responsibility, and spent 90 days to get ready. I asked the Lord, then he

said unto me to preach the Gospel of PEACE and GOD's LOVE to the nations across the world, to bring peace among people. As Deborah, a prophetess, did to deliver the people of Israel from idolatry and oppression, with a great dramatic acts of God's majestic intervention in Israel's history of deliverance and peace for 40 years. GOD's LOVE: that has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

#### **Romans 5:1-5**

Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: 2 By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. 3 And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience; 4 And patience, experience; and experience, hope: 5 And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.



Meanwhile, God has shown me enough love by sending well know Pastors, Evangelists, Apostles and world popular prophets and Man of God to my house to bless me and anoint

me. This is Fathers love and everlasting Love without

any expectation. God is not partial so he can show the same love to anyone.



#### Lam 3:22-23

is of the LORD's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. Thev are new everv mornina: areat is thv faithfulness.

It has become a great revelation to me and truth for my life that because of the Lord's mercies we are not consumed, and because of his compassions we fail not. They are new every morning: great is God's faithfulness to my life.

In the month of September 2018, three days before going to India, I was reading Solomon's Temple Dedication Prayer from the Chapter I Kings, and making notes. Suddenly Lord Jesus Christ appeared to me. I assumed that I might be wrong in my thoughts, while writing the notes of King Solomon Prayer. Then I doubted and questioned my selves, that why Lord Jesus Christ is appearing to me, while I am writing about King Solomon. I could clearly see and hear seven prayed by Lord Jesus Christ. Then suddenly the Holy Spirit had come on to me and started telling me "My daughter as you writing this and Jesus Christ is

interceding with prayer for you. So when you go to India, tell my people to Love Jesus Christ whole heartedly, ask them to remember the CROSS, as they have forgotten the cross and Jesus Christ who has ransomed his life to rescue humanity from the clutches of evil by horrific death on a cross, pouring out his blood for us.

The ecclesiastical landscape of modern day Christian ministries and it preachers are self-centered towards their praises, by preaching their Dogma and faith. The new believers are made their cult's followers, making them neglect the fundamental Christian themes, such as theology of the cross, salvation, redemption, resurrection, theological truths and end times etc.,. This is making their faith as preacher centered rather Christ or Bible Centered.

Now my dear brothers and sisters, I plead you to follow our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and our Living God's Word: The Holy Bible.

With God's Love & Peace,

# Sis. Deborah Mercy Jerusalem

# **CLOSEING COMMENTS BY HER SONS**

# Written by John

Isaiah.49:15

"Never! Can a mother forget her nursing child?.....

I want to share my love, experience, and walk with my mother. she is an incredible lady with lot of passion and risk-taking woman but there is something which I want to express my heart towards my mother.



I must start from year 1995 were it all started. my expression towards my mother. Every mother is a god given gift to their children for life fellowship. Everyone can say that after god the person whom we. are really loved and longed for is mother but not all are blessed in this life, but god has blessed me with a wonderful mother. Even

though problems were facing towards my mother and success was laughing at her one thing she always did imagining as she was successful already like joseph in the bible, he was seeing the future with his imaginary mind. It was difficult, chaos and fearful but she overcame every situation and circumstance with great faith as she developed through the word of god. I remember the day how my mother cared for me and searched for the healing of my jaundice in the mist of financial problems she was the only one who is earning money and looking after everything ,she was a wonderful mother and after few years of misery and problems god opened a new doors for her to go to USA and it was life changing to her. The time has come to her to leave me and my brother at that time I was 6 and it was very difficult to leave us, I remember her face at that time we were in a situation like Iesus has to leave his disciples but he said I will come back soon and that's how she said to us with assurance, she took the journey like an assignment from god.

#### 1.Corinthians.13:13

"And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love."

No matter how far away we are, she always shared her love. I remember how we spoke hours in the phone calls, and we used to gossip and share our daily life. One time I had my grade exams where I was deeply stressed out and I never expected this thing will happen in my life she wrote all the important question and answers sent it to me over the mail for my exams preparation it will take at least days to write all those notes but I don't know how she managed the time and I was shocked by looking at that notes then I came to

know how much she cares for me. She is a fantastic mother I am blessed to have her in my life.

life is not same every day, we do have some rough roads on the way to our goal's, but god is good he gives us his strength. We have to stand firm in the word and the promises of god to be in that god ordained position not all succeed but I have seen my mother going through all kinds of battles for her faith in Christ but she stood like a rock even though in the mist of betrayals lack of support from the family I remember this verse from the bible.

#### 1.Peter.3:14

But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed. "Do not fear their threats; do not be frightened."

she was not frightened or taken back like lot's wife I saw her firm decision over life towards Christ everyone criticized her because of betrayals and physical infirmities. That decision didn't lost but after few years god has done mighty miracle in our family by raising the dead from death bed and all of sudden everyone realized that there is power in the name of Jesus and started respecting my mother .As Scripture says, "Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame." Many battles, sleepless nights in the mist of all these things still she is a wonderful and humble mother and cared for her children whatever I liked to have it in my life she used to give me. God started using my mother in a different way to build the churches this vision god has given to her from the very day of her faith in Christ I remember one day how she was so

ambitious to support the churches even in the mist of financial crisis she always had that faith to support them in any way in whatever circumstance and I learned that day rather to be blessed to give is more blessing to us and she is a generous woman and god gave her gift of generosity.

In my battles and trials, she came with me and guided me towards right direction. At one time it was like hell of fire in my life I couldn't go anywhere nobody to help me but it was she who has subsided the problem and helped me to come out of it she is my wonderful friend in my need and love. Her prayers are so powerful and without ceasing she does it I thought nobody can change me nor god can touch me but all things are possible but ultimately god touched me powerfully with his spirit.

#### 1.Thessalonians.5:16-18

Rejoice always, <sup>17</sup> pray without ceasing, <sup>18</sup> give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

Every time in all circumstances she did the same thing rejoicing and giving thanks to the god. I have notes this thing in my life that we must thank always rather complaining or grumbling.

#### One Step Ahead

She came out of her boundary's and limits As she came forward to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ things started shaking everywhere god started doing new things in the ministry whenever she preaches the word she always brings the topic towards heart. One

day I thought why she always preaches about heart why can't she choose another topic, but she always comes back with an answer that god has given me this subject to preach. Whatever she preaches she practices that message in her life. I always watch her message even though it is simple message but it comes with the presence of god. She always sensitive to the voice of the Holy Spirit sometimes we miss that voice but to come back it is very difficult, but mother is always ready to react when God speaks to her. She preaches with lot of passion and with the lots of love. Till today after many years still she did not lose that innocence in her face as she always carry that positive presence of God with beautiful smile. When she came to the ministry, I was feeling shyness towards my family members and relatives, but she is very bold towards sharing her testimony to them. I learned something from her voice that I should have this boldness in my preaching without any looking aside or who is listening to us. She always speaks positive words and promises of God never she always anyone to speak negative including me. She does not stay or settle in one place or be satisfied in one assignment she always goes on from one to another like apostle Paul says to the church of Philippines.

### Philippians.3;13

Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

When I see her in the time of disappointments and failure's she always moves forward does not waste time in fruitless works, but she goes ahead towards gods word and next assignment. She always tells me; God looks unto those who takes the risk with faith and boldness towards God to do something for him. Whenever she has problem or need anything from God she always look unto God's word until God answers her back till today I never saw her saying God didn't speak to me for this problem and always she runs for God's word. She tells me every time we must run towards God for any answer in our life.

#### Nothing Can Separate us from the love of God

#### Romans.8:39

nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

When I look unto this verse I preached it many times but still I am lacking in my life but whenever I saw my mother in between trials and pain she never gave up her love towards Christ still wanting him in her heart fully searching for more of him that was her prayer everyday even in the mist of pain and battles. I learned many things from her mostly that she never gives up anything towards her faith.

When I look back into her God written story it is marvelous, how God changed her name from Maya to Mercy to Deborah. God used her in three different ways according to his timing and purpose. She started the race with a school teacher job and now in a different agenda which was ordained by God for a purpose she came across many terrible attacks from riots , disappointment's, criticism , betrayals , fear , sleepless nights, pain, agony but she is a powerful and smart woman who replaced all those things with righteousness, peace and joy of the spirit when she found Jesus.

# She always makes this quote "I do not want to waste any more time for the world but only for Jesus to know him and walk with him".

I want to give a biblical story to show the relationship between me and my mother. In Judges chapter four we see *Deborah* summoned Barak, the son of Abinoam, from his home at Kedesh in Naphtali, and ordered him, in the name of YHWH, to take ten thousand men to Mount Tabor. Because Barak would not go to battle without Deborah, the honor of victory did not go to him, but rather to "a woman"

I not only see her like my mother but like Deborah the prophetess and me like Barak always wanted to go to the battle with her and I want to honor her this victory belongs to my mother(Deborah).

# Written by Joel

I absolutely love talking about my mom. I can talk about her for literally hours nonstop and still not be done talking about her. Honestly, my mom is absolutely incredible. She is my favorite person always was and always will be. She is hilarious and endearing, she is just everything amazing all in one little person. Talking about her comes naturally for me. She comes up in every thought, every sentence, every breathe I take.



I would like to share few things about mv lovely mother, I still remember when I was having and voung financial problems home. She was teacher in school with very low salary and with that salary she has to pay my school fees and also need to take care of groceries and other stuff. In that financial mist, she used to buy cakes, sweets, and lot to make me happy. She loves me so

much wherever she goes she takes me. She cannot leave me for a minute that much love she has on me from the birth till today but one day has came that she has to leave me and my brother and go to USA. I still remember on that day; I think I was 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Whenever I see my mom's face, I used to cry inside of me thinking from next day she will not be with me anymore for quite some time and I cannot hug and sleep on her. Even my mother has lot of pain to leave me and go but there was no choice for survival she has to go. We went to airport to drop my mother, as soon as she got checked in and left us, I started crying like a baby. My mother also cried and got sick during the trip to USA. Just Imagine how much pain she took by leaving two sons in India and went to USA.

No matter how far away we are, she always shared her love. I remember how we spoke hours in the phone calls, and we used to talk and share our daily life. One time I had my 12<sup>th</sup> standard exams where I was deeply stressed out and I never expected this thing will happen in my life. She was on call with me for almost 24 hours and prayed for me. She did not even sleep on that day and spent complete time with me and guided and supported till I finished my exam then I came to know how much she cares for me. She is a fantastic mother I am blessed to have her in my life.

She is my rock, my protector, my compass in life, my best friend and my personal life coach has always been one person- my mom she is everything all in one kind of mother. Her and I always had a very special relationship. My mom was not afraid to talk about things with me and I so appreciated that. I learned so much from her seriously. I always felt so comfortable with her and I think that is why our relationship was a close as it was. She is a superhero to me.

After many years, I came to USA to stay with my mom. I started my second innings staying with my mom again. I felt so happy that finally I am back to my mom. Frankly speaking I do not have a friend to meet or to go out in US the only friend I had was my lovely mother. We always talk, laugh, only fun when we are together. When I am with her every day is just like a Friday.

She knows what I like to eat and what kind of dresses suits me. She is a fantastic mom. She gave very costly gifts to me its not about how much it cost but how much love she has on me. She knows that I am coming

to US, to surprise me she bought a BMW 3 series and gave it to me. Just imagine how much love she has towards me.

She faced many issues in life. I can put it in this way, she struggled for her children to make them happy and prosperous. Life is not the same every day, we do have some rough roads on the way to our goal's, but God is good he gives us his strength. We have to stand firm in the word and the promises of God to be in that god ordained position not all succeed but I have seen my mother going through all kinds of battles for her faith in Christ but she stood like a rock even though in the mist of betrayals lack of support from the family.

She had one more assignment in her life to get me married. She started searching for a daughter in law. Sorry I can put it in this way she was searching for a daughter not a daughter in law. She wanted to give me the best every time in my life. She chooses a girl who came from godly family who worships Jesus every day. Initially I did not like her because my eyes were closed with beauty and worldly thoughts where I could not take a decision to accept her as my wife but I blindly trusted Jesus and my mom that she will be a good partner for me and family.

As I trusted Mom, we are enjoying everyday and having fun at home all together. One day mom has a prophesy on me that you will have a blessed son. As prophesy fulfilled, we have a beautiful baby his name is Evan Joel. After few days or few months passed, my son spirit connected my mom so much as if he directly came from mom's stomach. He is so connected to my mother and always happy when he is with my mom.

Whenever I see my mom's face, I see lot of joy when she carries my baby.

I always wanted to say to my Mom that I love you so much and we will be with you in happy moments and in disappointments.

Jesus has chosen my mom and my family. I will be very thankful to God that he gave my mom to me.

The true life story of Sis. Deborah Mercy
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All of Deborah's achievements and
success are accredited to the faithfulness and
goodness of God.

