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1 Corinthians 7:14-15

14 For the unbelieving husband is sanctified by the wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified by the husband; otherwise your children would be unclean, but now they are holy. **15** But if the unbeliever departs, let him depart; a brother or a sister is not under bondage in such *cases*. But God has called us to peace.

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Many times we pray for blessings, and those blessings do not manifest right away. Sometimes they only manifest partially.

Personally I am tired of being disappointed, expecting an immediate miracle and not seeing one.

I would much rather be open to one but also realize the reality that God often works in different ways...

Testimony of me going to the prayer chapel...

I received a great revelation at last week's retreat:

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When we pray, we don't have to worry whether or not we receive an immediate miracle.

As long as we walk in repentance and believe that the Lord Jesus has moved on our behalf, the results that manifest when we pray are up to God...

Mark 11:12-15,20-26

12 Now the next day, when they had come out from Bethany, He was hungry. **13** And seeing from afar a fig tree having leaves, He went to see if perhaps He would find something on it. When He came to it, He found nothing but leaves, for it was not the season for figs. **14** In response Jesus said to it, "Let no one eat fruit from you ever again."

And His disciples heard *it*.

Jesus Cleanses the Temple

15 So they came to Jerusalem. Then Jesus went into the temple and began to drive out those who bought and sold in the temple, and overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who sold doves. **16** And He would not allow

anyone to carry wares through the temple. **17** Then He taught, saying to them, “Is it not written, ‘My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations’? But you have made it a ‘den of thieves.’ ”

18 And the scribes and chief priests heard it and sought how they might destroy Him; for they feared Him, because all the people were astonished at His teaching. **19** When evening had come, He went out of the city.

20 Now in the morning, as they passed by, they saw the fig tree dried up from the roots. **21** And Peter, remembering, said to Him, “Rabbi, look! The fig tree which You cursed has withered away.”

22 So Jesus answered and said to them, “Have faith in God. **23** For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, ‘Be removed and be cast into the sea,’ and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says. **24** Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive *them*, and you will have *them*.”

Forgiveness and Prayer

25 “And whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him, that your Father in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses. **26** [d]But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father in heaven forgive your trespasses.”

***The fig tree didn't wither right away...

If the fig tree didn't wither away for the Lord Jesus right away, we're not always going to see immediate results to prayer either...

***Moreover, we can't be in sins, like unforgiveness, and receive from God...

Every time we pray it's like getting a dose of spiritual medicine...

Christ's Spiritual medicine is the best medicine there is because it has no side effects...

Luke 18:1-8

Then He spoke a parable to them, that men always ought to pray and not lose heart, **2** saying: “There was in a certain city a judge who did not fear God nor [a]regard man. **3** Now there was a widow in that city; and she came to him, saying, [b]‘Get justice for me from my adversary.’ **4** And he would not for a while; but afterward he said within himself, ‘Though I do not fear God nor regard man, **5** yet because this widow troubles me I will [c]avenge her, lest by her continual coming she weary me.’ ”

6 Then the Lord said, “Hear what the unjust judge said. **7** And shall God not avenge His own elect who cry out day and night to Him, though He bears long with

them? **8** I tell you that He will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will He really find faith on the earth?”

God expects us to keep praying about things until they fully manifest...

Some prayers may take years to manifest...

Even generations...

But God expects us to keep praying...

Exodus 3:7-8

7 And the Lord said: “I have surely seen the oppression of My people who *are* in Egypt, and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters, for I know their [a]sorrows. **8** So I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up from that land to a good and large land, to a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites and the Hittites and the Amorites and the Perizzites and the Hivites and the Jebusites.

It should be noted that the Israelites were slaves in Egypt for hundreds of years...

Exodus 12:40-41

40 Now the [i]sojourn of the children of Israel who lived in [j]Egypt *was* four hundred and thirty years. **41** And it came to pass at the end of the four hundred and thirty years—on that very same day—it came to pass that all the armies of the Lord went out from the land of Egypt.

So there are prayers that will see immediate results, and there are prayers that are generational...

Will you be part of the team that administers Christ’s medicine?

Just like we admire the health care workers during the pandemic, we should admire even more so that team of people administering Christ’s perfect spiritual medicine...

God has a plan...

Are we going to be part of that plan?

Even if its full manifestation does take generations?

Genesis 15:12-16

12 Now when the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram; and behold, horror *and* great darkness fell upon him. **13** Then He said to Abram: “Know

certainly that your descendants will be strangers in a land *that is* not theirs, and will serve them, and they will afflict them four hundred years. **14** And also the nation whom they serve I will judge; afterward they shall come out with great possessions. **15** Now as for you, you shall [d]go to your fathers in peace; you shall be buried at a good old age. **16** But in the fourth generation they shall return here, for the iniquity of the Amorites *is* not yet complete.”

Just remember that no matter how difficult God’s plan seems sometimes, it is the best place to be.

Psalm 91:9-16

Because you have made the Lord, *who is* my refuge,
Even the Most High, your dwelling place,

10

No evil shall befall you,
Nor shall any plague come near your dwelling;

11

For He shall give His angels charge over you,
To keep you in all your ways.

12

In *their* hands they shall [c]bear you up,
Lest you [d]dash your foot against a stone.

13

You shall tread upon the lion and the cobra,
The young lion and the serpent you shall trample underfoot.

14

“Because he has set his love upon Me, therefore I will deliver him;
I will [e]set him on high, because he has known My name.

15

He shall call upon Me, and I will answer him;
I *will be* with him in trouble;
I will deliver him and honor him.

16

With [f]long life I will satisfy him,
And show him My salvation.”

Moreover, God will never put more on you than you can bear

1 Corinthians 10:13

13 No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God *is* faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to [d]bear *it*.

And in the end, He will always give you the victory.

2 Corinthians 2:14

14 Now thanks *be* to God who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and through us [a]diffuses the fragrance of His knowledge in every place.

2)Other revelation from Blue Mountain:

New strategy-

Save-Rev. Luís

Equip-Yo

Send-Presbytery