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## Testimony in the Trials

Do you ever wonder about the point of all the pain you experience? Can good really come out of your child's rebellion? Check out Mark 5:20: "He went away and began to proclaim in Decapolis what great things Jesus had done for him; and everyone was amazed" (NASB). The man in this verse was once a total outcast plagued by demons. But when Jesus got hold of him, not only was the man transformed, but his story also became a catalyst for awe and faith in others.

What if the trials you and your wayward child are facing now are just the prelude to an amazing testimony? One that not only amazes but also draws others to hope and faith. All three of my prodigal children have testimonies of God delivering them from Satan. Now they are whole, healed, and free. Keep the faith, for today's struggle is tomorrow's testimony.

Your child's story doesn't have to end with rebellion. God is in the business of writing plot twists that blow our minds. So stand firm. You're not fighting just for your child but for the fantastic story that will come out of this. Ready for the world to be amazed? Believe in Jesus' power.

*Dear Father, thank you for making a testimony out of my child's trials and tests. In Jesus' name. Amen.*

## A Good Father's Gift

You may be in a rut, but even though it's hard, you can find help in Luke 11:11–13.

Which one of you fathers will his son ask for a fish, and instead of a fish, he will give him a snake? Or he will even ask for an egg, and his father will give him a scorpion? So if you, despite being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him? (NASB)

As you're praying for your wayward child, let me reassure you: God's not handing out snakes or scorpions. His gifts are good. And you're not just asking for any gift; you're asking for the Holy Spirit to intervene, to transform your child from the inside out.

Your prayers are not whispers in the wind; they're a direct line to a Father who knows how to give good gifts. So let's keep asking. Let's expect miracles because, trust me, God's in the business of exceeding expectations. When we ask for the Holy Spirit for our children, God is ready to pour it out because he is an even better parent than we are.

*Dear Father, thank you for giving good gifts when I ask.  
In Jesus' name. Amen.*

## Divine Detours

Have you ever felt like you're banging your head against a wall when you're trying to reach your wayward child? Even when you follow a careful plan, your efforts fall short. Let's look at Acts 16:7 for encouragement. "When they had come up to Mysia, they attempted to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus did not allow them" (ESV). Here we see that even Paul and his team faced divine detours. They had plans, but the Spirit of Jesus said, *Not that way*.

I know it's tough. Your plan is mapped out—interventions, tough love, ultimatums. But what if God is redirecting you for a reason? Divine detours aren't roadblocks. They're rerouting you to something better. Maybe you've been praying fervently for your child and want to charge ahead to fix things. But God might be whispering, *Take a step back and let me lead*. The Spirit knows what's up. Maybe it's not the right time for that tough conversation, or perhaps a better opportunity for reconciliation is coming.

Trust the process and the planner. You're not in this alone. God has your back. Keep praying, keep believing, and be open to God's detours. They often lead to divine destinations.

*Dear Father, thank you for leading the way as I pray for my child's victory. In Jesus' name. Amen.*

## A Light in Dark Moments

Look, there's no sugarcoating it—parenting a wayward child is a journey marred with sleepless nights and endless worry. But Isaiah 30:18 tells us,

The LORD longs to be gracious to you,  
and therefore He waits on high  
to have compassion on you.  
For the LORD is a God of justice;  
how blessed are all those who long for Him.  
(NASB)

Isn't that just like God? When everything seems out of control, he's actually setting the stage for his grace and mercy. God isn't late; he's divinely timely. He waits for the perfect moment to intervene in such a way that we know it was he and he alone.

Your child might be lost in the world right now, but understand this: God is waiting for the perfect moment to show his mercy, to turn their life around in a way that only he can. If your child turns to him with longing, God's not just going to save them, but he's also going to make it a grand display of his grace. God's timing is always perfect even when our patience is running thin. His grace and compassion have the power to leave everyone in awe.

*Dear Father, thank you for your grace, which can cover my child. In Jesus' name. Amen.*

## Divine Fire

Today let's talk fire—divine fire, to be precise. Look at 1 Kings 18:38.

The fire of the LORD fell and consumed the burnt offering and the wood, and the stones and the dust; and it licked up the water that was in the trench.  
(NASB)

Picture Elijah alone against 450 prophets of Baal, outnumbered but never outpowered. Why? Because God showed up in a blaze of glory, consuming everything.

Now let's switch gears to you. As you stare down harmful influences, negative friends, or destructive habits in your child's life, you might feel outnumbered, but remember that you're never outpowered with God on your side. God's fire didn't just burn Elijah's sacrifice; it also consumed everything. Talk about thorough! God wants to do the same in your child's life by destroying what has led them astray.

Just like Elijah had to prepare the altar before the fire fell, you must keep laying down your prayers and tears. Prepare the ground for God to move. When the fire of God falls, it won't leave anything untouched. Expect a miraculous change and know that the God who answered Elijah with fire will answer you too.

*Dear Father, thank you for burning off anything that hinders my child's freedom. In Jesus' name. Amen.*

## A New DNA

Today let's jump right into 1 John 3:9: "No one who has been born of God practices sin, because His seed remains in him; and he cannot sin continually, because he has been born of God" (NASB). This powerful verse hits where it hurts with our wayward kids. But it's not a condemnation; it's an invitation to understand God's transformational power.

As parents, we've planted seeds in our children—values, love, lessons, and prayers. But there's another seed we may have overlooked: God's seed. When we know Christ, our spiritual DNA changes. God's seed now abides in us, urging righteousness. What does this mean for prodigals? If your child once knew God but is now lost, remember that God's seed is still there, able to be revived. Even if they've never known God, transformation is one divine encounter away. This should give us parents hope.

Transformation isn't an overnight fix but a process. When God steps in, real change isn't only possible; it's also inevitable. Your child may be lost but not too far gone for a God whose seed changes essence. With God, nothing is impossible. Don't give up hope or fighting. God's seed has the power to transform lives.

*Dear Father, thank you for the truth today that your people can't remain in sin if they are born of you. In Jesus' name.*

*Amen.*

# Miraculous Transformation

Do you believe your prodigal is too old for God to rescue? We see in Acts 4:22 that “the man on whom this sign of healing was performed was more than forty years old” (ESV). Peter and John healed a man who was over forty years old. Imagine the years of disappointment, heartache, and perhaps even resignation he and his family must have faced.

But God stepped in and changed everything—completely and miraculously. Like that man, your wayward child is never too old for a touch from God. Sometimes the struggle continues for years. Maybe you’re living with that kind of disappointment. Let’s not forget that forty years was a long wait for a miracle, yet God moved powerfully. Don’t lose hope. Don’t stop praying.

God specializes in turning the impossible into the possible. He takes the broken, lost, and disconnected and breathes life into them. Age is just a number. Time is just a measure. God’s power is limitless, and his timing is perfect. Your child might be a prayer away from their own Acts 4:22 moment. A miraculous transformation could be right around the corner. Let’s remember that God’s not finished yet.

*Dear Father, thank you for this reassurance today that my child will never be too old for your touch. In Jesus’ name.*

*Amen.*