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PRAISE THE LORD

TESTIMONY

I would like to begin my testimony by quoting a bible verse: Jer. 17:7-8

"But blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD, whose confidence is in him. They will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit".

By the grace of God I'm standing here before you to testify what the lord almighty has done in my life.

To share it all won't have enough time as my God is full of grace and mercy he has led me all my life till this day but something I would really like to share is this,

After my son Joel was born we didn't have any children for a long time. Joel used to say I want a baby as he was alone and bored at home but then we used to delay and just laugh saying we are too old for that now. Whenever we said that Joel would respond saying Abraham was so old when he got a baby then why not you.

Finally we decided to have a baby but then Prescilla had 2 miscarriages within 6 months. That was not easy to handle and we left hope but she got pregnant the third time and we got our hopes up again. We had an appointment with the doctor they called to take blood test and all results were negative. We were advised that there is a chance that the baby might have Down syndrome. We were given 2 options one was to terminate the baby or keep the baby and face the risk of it having Down syndrome. We were given 5 days to think about it and tell them what we had decided.

Now even though it seems very easy those were the most difficult days where we were battling within ourselves trying to find out what to do and what not. Every day prescilla would come home after work and cry. I used to encourage her with the scriptures but it wasn't that easy.

There were some of the verses that encouraged us:

"Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know" (Jer. 33:3).

"I call out to the LORD, and he answers me from his holy mountain" (Psa. 3:4).

"But know that the LORD hath set apart him that is godly for himself; the LORD will hear when I call unto him" (Psa. 4:3).

"In my distress I called to the LORD; I cried to my God for help. From his temple he heard my voice; my

cry came before him, into his ears" (psa. 18:6).

5 days we prayed just trusting in the lord asking him day and night what his will was for us. We came to a point where we felt terminating was like murdering the baby and we weren't ready to do that.

One day when we were meditating on God's word we came across this verse:

"I am the LORD, the God of all mankind. Is anything too hard for me?" (Jer. 32:27).

"So with you: Now is your time of grief, but I will see you again and you will rejoice, and no one will take away your joy. In that day you will no longer ask me anything. Very truly I tell you, my father will give you whatever you ask in my name" (John. 16:22-23).

That's when we thought our God is much greater than what we imagine and we decided we will keep the baby under whatever circumstance with faith that nothing was impossible for God. We made our decision finally and told the doctor we want to keep the baby.

After a few months the doctor asked us to do the test again and it seemed to be normal but we were still not sure till the delivery. We were in constant fear of what's going to happen.

But during the delivery we understood our God was so faithful the baby was completely normal with no complications or any kind of sickness. He proved the promise he gave us in:

"The LORD is good to those whose hope is in him, to the one who seeks him" (Lam. 3:25).

If not for God's mercy we would have regretted all our life by terminating the baby but now we rejoice due to his unfailing love with our daughter who turned 1 this year and we feel so blessed as we cling to God's word which says

"Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight (Pro. 3:5).

Finally I just want to end with a verse as an encouragement to all with trust and in faith as I have experienced it and want you all to experience the same.

"If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer" (Mat. 21:22).

God bless you all.

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