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Editorial

Trusting the Holy Spirit

Trusting the Holy Spirit is letting go, it's giving up control and accepting that you don't know the outcome of a certain situation. Trusting the Holy Spirit is giving Him your life or the life of someone you know at the brink of life and death. Trusting the Holy Spirit is holding on to His hand when you are scared and alone. These are just a few instances that we go through daily. Our lives are in the hands of our Maker and the only way we can understand His plans is to Trust the Holy Spirit.

I myself have been through many situations where I felt lost and hopeless. I felt fear and pain and not forgetting regret. I knew I had to let go because two people can't be steering one ship. It was either my way or God's way and as we know scripture says in **Isaiah 55:8-9** "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the Lord. "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

How was I to know the ways and thoughts of God? How was I to experience the warmth and power of His presence so that I may feel whole? Was I to stay silent and wait or jump up and praise even though at times I didn't want to? This involuntary tug-a-war I was participating in had to stop. Total surrender needed to happen in order for me to understand the way of God. I heard once that it's easy to preach and talk about what the bible teaches us to do but it's not always easy to do it. This is where most of us fall. We say things like "God didn't come for the perfect" and "only God can judge me" and both those statements are true. Yes, God didn't come for the perfect but when He died and rose again it was to make us perfect through His precious blood. God didn't come for the perfect but He showed us the way to be perfect in His sight. He said "**Be holy for I am holy**" (1 Peter 1:16). His Word teaches us to live upright yet we falter in obeying His

commandments. We are faced with choices each and every day but how often do we think about the consequences of those choices? We are right to say "only God can judge me" and He is going to. Are you ready? Are we ready? Are the wrong choices we make justified or are we continuously sinning even though we know the truth. Yes, change is a process but in order for that process to begin we need to be the ones to take the first step. Don't expect to change without making the effort to change. God is giving you everything you need including His most prized possession ... His own Spirit. The Holy Spirit is here to help us change.

The Spirit reveals to us the deep things of God (1 Corinthians 2:10). He reveals the purpose and plans that God has for our lives. He ministers to us and guides us on our paths. He comforts us and gives us strength in our worries. He is constant and never-changing. He never leaves you when you are broken. When you realise your mistake and is filled with conviction, He doesn't push you aside to tarry down the road of your destruction. Instead He picks you up, He cleans you up and He says try again. He is on this journey with you, don't forget that He is always there.

Trust requires total surrender. Trust the Holy Spirit no matter the circumstance. He is always here with us, standing beside us ... waiting for us.

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TRUSTING THE HOLY SPIRIT

BY RICCO J GOVENDER

Have you ever heard the Phrase that “There is Power within you” or that “Great things comes from within”? In the Kingdom these Phrases have nothing to do with self nor does it have anything to do with our own ambition but rather more than that which is dwelling inside of you.

Acts 1:8

“But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

When this scripture states “But you shall receive power” that “Power” is described in the Greek as the word “Dunamis” and “Dunamis” is where we get the English word Dynamite from. “Dunamis” has several meanings attached to it such as Power, Force and Ability.

Sometimes we may have feelings of inferiority, feelings of a low self-esteem and feelings that we will never amount to anything but when we have an intimate relationship with the Holy Spirit, we will always remember that there is greatness dwelling within us even though our lives may not reflect it as yet and it’s not that we are great by ourselves because we can only be great when greatness Himself dwells in us which is Christ in us the Hope of Glory.

There cannot be “Dunamis” there cannot be Dynamite operating within you if you do not have a relationship with the Holy Spirit. The “Dunamis” Power is not limited to eloquence of speech or a few clever words but it goes hand in hand with Holiness because the “Dunamis” Power does not operate within double standards nor does it operate in “sloppy” grace.

Trusting the Holy Spirit must not be an event-based ideology but it is something that must be factored and cultured into our lives even with the simplest of tasks.

As believers, we should place our entire trust and dependence on the Holy Spirit for everything we do, It does not matter how gifted we might be; without the power of the Holy Spirit, we have no power to live our daily lives. Our trust must always be in the power of the Holy Spirit to lead us, to guide us, and to empower us. Paul the humble servant of the Lord knew that without the power of the Spirit his preaching and his service would fall flat. Consequently, he makes it clear that his total dependence was on the Spirit.

1 Corinthians 2:4

“And my speech and my preaching were not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power”

Paul is affirming the power that rests in him from the Spirit, his speech and his preaching were not with words of eloquence, but rather they came from the power and might of the Spirit that flowed into his heart. He knew that true wisdom and understanding does not come from intellect, but rather from faith and dependence on the Spirit of God. He wants his own life to be a witness to those who are working in the service of the Lord.

Zechariah 4:6

“Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit,’ says the LORD Almighty.”

Through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit we have the ability to change situations and circumstances whereby that which we declare will come to pass. That is why the Bible would say life and death lies at the tip of our tongue because there is power in the

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indwelling of the Holy Spirit within you. Through declaring positively you can change a barren situation into one that with bursting with life. The Holy Spirit will give you the ability to bring that which is locked up in your future into your present and that is a quickening and acceleration of the supernatural. Through the Holy Spirit your prophetic edge gets sharpened and through that the Spirit of discernment operates within you. You cannot have the indwelling of the Holy Spirit if you do not have the fruit of the Spirit.

I recall a few years back as I was offloading some stuff from my car and the Holy Spirit ministered to me "Move out of the way!" and I obeyed. There was another vehicle that smashed into mine, and the impact caused the car to flip several times. If it not been for the Holy Spirit I would surely be dead.

Trusting the Holy Spirit to lead us into deeper awareness of God and personal holiness is a marvellous way to begin our Christian walk. Trusting the Holy Spirit is the best decision you can make and perusing intimacy with the Holy Spirit through reading the word of God, partaking of the table of the Lord and prayer can cause you to reach higher heights in your walk with God.



How do you trust the Holy Spirit?

BY BRITNEY JENINE

How does one trust the Holy Spirit?

By having a relationship with Him. The bond formed between two individuals who love each other deeply opens the gate to an unbreakable trust. The only way for us to completely trust the Holy Spirit is to have an intimate relationship with Him.

How can I have a relationship with someone I cannot see?

Through your spirit-man. **Acts 1:8** “**But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you**”. The moment you receive the Holy Spirit, your spirit-man awakens and your relationship begins.

How do I grow this relationship?

Through worship. Yes, praise is good and prayer is good, but if you don't understand the basics of worship, then your praise is just happy songs and you will be praying to a God you merely understand.

How can I understand God?

By reading His Word, but His Word will not make sense without the Holy Spirit revealing the Word to you. Our minds cannot comprehend the things that God has in store for us (1 Corinthians 2:9) nor can we understand the nature of God without the Holy Spirit.

What are the basics of worship?

Firstly, when you come before God, you come before Him in reverence.

Secondly, it's just you and Him, you don't need to hide anymore. Come before Him in total surrender.

Thirdly, close your eyes, clear your mind, and search for Him with heart. You will find Him and when you do, pour out your heart to Him.

Allow the Holy Spirit in. There is nothing to be afraid of. You will actually feel at peace. You will feel a sudden blow of wind and your feet will feel light. Tears may stream down your face, but they aren't tears of sorrow but of joy. You would feel a burning within, hold on to it. Stay in His presence for as long as you can. Yearn for Him, more and more each day as you come before Him. Desire Him, like how you would crave to be close to someone you love. Feel His breath, breathe Him in. As you get deeper and deeper and deeper allow His holy language to flow out from within.

There is also the art of fasting. Fasting brings about submission. By fasting you are restricting your flesh so that your spirit-man can operate first. When fasting meditate on God's Word, spend ample time in worship. Soak yourself in His presence. Let that connection grow.

Once you know how to operate in the Spirit, you will start receiving revelations. You will begin discerning situations. You will start walking in faith knowing that God can do the impossible. Most importantly, you will learn to Trust the Holy Spirit to lead you into God's purpose and help you fulfil what God has called you to do.

A Phenomenal Miracle

BY RANA TIRZAH

I MET JESUS: 3 YEAR OLD HAS AN ENCOUNTER WITH CHRIST

The dictionary defines the word 'miracle' as something inexplicable and undefined by natural or scientific laws, an effect or extraordinary event in the physical world that surpasses all known human or natural powers and is ascribed to a supernatural cause clinical in its explanation.

I believe we encounter miracles daily which most often goes out with an utterance or two about something odd that happened but there are times when a miracle is so radical, one stands back in bewilderment and has no choice but to exclaim the presence of God! I consider myself blessed to have had many of these encounters and one in particular that left us jaw dropped.

The car came to an abrupt halt in the emergency lane. I looked up from the portable hand game that was somehow still in my possession, it slowly registered that something terrible had occurred. In a matter of seconds our world had come crashing down. My daughter, Kiara two years and eight months, doubly strapped up in her car seat was badly injured and unresponsive as blood oozed from her mouth while her head slumped unto her tiny chest. Fear gripped me as I threw open my door in an attempt to get to her.

Kiara's Dad released the seat belts and removed her limp body from her car seat, he gently laid her down on the bonnet of our car and administered CPR. Kiara lay in an unconscious state from the impact, her pulse was weak, as she lay still and was bleeding from the mouth.

Apart from waiting for medical assistance and CPR not much else could be done in that moment, for me however there was one option and that was to pray.

"Lord" I cried, "My walk with you has become stronger since the birth of my baby, please send her back to us!" was all I could silently plead.

My prayer was simple yet faith filled and I would soon find out that Jesus had heard me. I looked down at my child bloodied and almost dead, she let out a cough and reached out to hold the knuckles on my hands, the way she does when she desires to be comforted and I knew immediately that God was present. **"Now this is the confidence we have in Him, if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us" (1 John 5:14) NIV**

Ten days in a new town and Hillcrest with all its promise looked bleak, our relocation proved overwhelming as we stood in the midst of an accident on the M13, disoriented, bloodied, in the rain, in pain and in shock. Loss, negative attitudes, a new town, new faces and new feelings met us.

As I stood on the tarred road that violently brought us to a standstill and looked like it would claim the life of my child, I thought back to the past few days and hours and the reality of this made me ponder deeply on my God, who a week before prompted me to pray a prayer of protection over little Kiara, who also impressed upon me to pray over my family from a vision I received while locking up my home five minutes before embarking on our planned evening. (Obedience to the voice of the Holy Spirit).

"The Lord shall preserve your going out and coming in, from this time forth and even forevermore". (Psalm 121:8) NIV

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While waiting for the ambulance to arrive, a gentleman named Gabriel was the first to stop and offer what medical assistance he could as a fire-fighter, he gently wrapped my baby in towels to keep her warm and together with my ex-husband they held Kiara close and away from the great number of people that had stopped to help.

Gabriel stopping first was a definite message from God, just by his name, I believe that he was sent to tell me yet again that God is in control and that everything was going to be ok. (Gabriel is regarded as a Primary archangel, an angel of revelation)

The paramedics, the second lot of angels dispatched to us finally arrived. Kiara was given vital doses of morphine and an endotracheal tube was inserted to ensure that the airway would not be blocked and that vital oxygen was able to reach her lungs. This I believe is rather painful to the recipient and to an observing mother obviously quite daunting so I was spared this scene as another medic attended to me at the same time.

“Kiara has sustained, serious damage to the head” was what we were told and all I could hear around me was that she was going to die or live in a vegetative state. I refused to accept this, the greater part of me said a big “NO” but all in all, doubt fills the mind, shock overtakes and fear grips.

I truly believe that every great and wonderful experience in our lives is God ordained and this accident, no matter how tragic was no less. To some this might sound like an awful thing for one to say or for the Great I am to do but God sometimes allows bad things to occur, He has His reasons and purpose

does follow and yes it’s a tough debatable subject to say the least but how else do we attempt to understand it all or even fathom a miracle in the midst of all that lay before us, except to say. GOD IS PRESENT.

“For off Him and through Him and to Him are all things to whom be glory forever. Amen” (Romans 11:36) NIV.

Our relocation was well planned but we did not give thought to the fact that we were not on a medical aid. We had no access to our funds as banks were closed at the hour of this darkness. The only form of access to large sums of money was a credit card, which strangely went missing the same afternoon (this card was never found). So here we were, no medical aid and no money to take our badly injured child to a private hospital.

I felt at a loss as my mind whirled at the thought of my child not receiving immediate private care. The state of Kiara’s injuries we were told was dire and she would have to show signs of improvement before she could be considered for a CT scan if she were to be admitted to a provincial hospital. This was indeed a bleak situation.

Kiara's Dad and I discussed this concern, we had no choice but to have my baby taken to a provincial hospital until we were able to get to a bank the following day and then move her to a private hospital. I really only had prayer at this stage, “please Lord let my child survive this night” was all I could say.

As I sat in the ambulance away from my child, I

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sobbed bitterly, shock began to consume me, questions plagued me, my child was so little, helpless and in need of special care, “oh dear God, what just happened?” I uttered, and as I looked up I saw a bus, parked on the side of the highway, some 200 odd meters away, and only then did it dawn on me that we were literally hit by a bus. I looked at our car, I felt faint. The scene frightened me somewhat, as it was exactly what I had seen in my vision before I left the house. This was all too much and I began to feel disoriented. The pain in my body began to take a hold of me, the tears flowed as emotion after emotion consumed me but through it all I knew that we were all going to be ok. I knew that God had a great plan.

We were blessed on so many levels, God fully orchestrated everything this fateful evening, from Gabriel to my vision to us all being alive and yet still His mercies never cease. **“It is of the LORD’S mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness”.** Lamentations 3:22-23 KJV.

A gentleman, our third angel and a high level paramedic on his way to his farewell party stopped on the scene. When he heard that we had no medical aid, he organized for my entire family to be treated at a private hospital and all our bills would be paid for in full by the Road Accident Fund. I have never heard of such levels of goodness before and to this day I still do not understand all of it except to say that we serve a mighty God. I was totally overwhelmed by the events of the past hour, God was in every detail but as astounding as it was,

nagging thoughts that my child was in serious trouble engulfed my being.

We had waited a fairly long time for the paramedics to arrive. Due to rain and the many accidents en route to us, paramedics had trouble getting into our lane and road barriers had to be broken but even with all the delays God took care of each step and finally my daughter and her dad left in a medical rescue vehicle to a private hospital and while the rest of us followed in an ambulance (I was told I cried all the way to the hospital) I felt hopeful. My child was badly hurt but there was hope and my God is ever present in times of trouble. **“God is our refuge and strength, always ready to help in times of trouble”.** (Psalm 46:1) NIV. He is an on time God.

On arrival to the hospital, family and friends met us with much support and prayer. The hospital had a caring team who took care of all of our needs, which helped greatly in this time. Besides my child, our injuries were not that extensive but present nonetheless. I sustained severe whiplash and injury to my vertebrae. The pain was excruciating but nothing could compare to the possibility that my child was in danger and might not survive. I was given a sedative and something for the pain and sleep eluded me as I somehow refused to let go of my conscious state.

I know my cell phone rang a good few times, I think I answered. I remember bits and pieces of the night in the hospital but I fully remember that nothing made sense. I was in a lot of emotional and physical pain, uneasy and actually hoping that all of this was

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nothing but a bad dream. Doctors were in and out of my room and at some point I was told my child was going to live. I think I cried. I think I thanked God. The MRI came up clear of any brain damage. Kiara was not operated on and had not received a single stitch pertaining to her injury. How good is my God?

In great pain but glad to be alive, the events of the past night shot through my mind as I raced to the ICU, in the early hours of the next morning. I took out my neck brace, tried hard not to show my pain and the fact that I was still medicated but nothing could stop me from going to see my baby girl. Tears flowed when I finally got to see my baby, highly sedated and hooked up to various machines, I wish I could have held her close. She did however sustain what is called "Third Nerve Palsy." A condition that involves the third cranial nerve. When affected this nerve is then unable to cause the necessary eye movements. As a result of this Kiara is unable to move her eyeball completely to one side and her pupil stays dilated. She inherited a squint and her eyelid was completely shut (ptosis). She has poor vision in this eye.

Even though Kiara was heavily sedated, my brave child was quite aware that we were present and refuse to let us go. I sobbed, grateful that she knew whom we were and that she was going to be ok. I held her hand and looked closely at her, she was badly injured, she had injured eyes and her skin below was blue, one eye was shut tight and she was swollen and very pale but none of this mattered as I was just grateful to Jesus for giving my child a second chance at life. This condition can be caused through various reasons and one of these is severe traumatic stress, namely the accident. Kiara was discharged a week later. We were elated to have our baby girl back home and while she continued on with her life, playing with her toys and getting to know her new home, we observed that she was just small and innocent and did not realize what her touch with death meant or for that matter that she had another chance at life.

I remember stepping out of the ICU to use the lady's room and was overwhelmed to see the visiting room filled to capacity with visitors for Kiara. One woman pulled my arm and asked me if I was the mother of the east coast baby. I was taken aback and later found out that Kiara was labelled the East Coast Miracle Baby. Kiara is an intelligent individual, she spoke with eloquence from the tender age of 8 months and the English language was also something she was gifted with from an early age.

Paramedics and doctors could not believe that this little girl was alive. They stated that with the injuries she sustained and the symptoms she displayed she was not meant to be alive. She recited poems and one liners from movies, the words of songs and much more, this type of conversing was almost always her type of conversations, talk of her brother annoying her or the dog is barking and her dolls had names and they needed name tags and nappies, usual stuff expected of a child.

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Her interactions with us was always something of interest to her and so when she began talking to us just two weeks after the accident saying “I met a man and I think that He was Jesus.” We found ourselves astounded and listened intently to this beautiful little girl whom we were so afraid to disturb while she related her experience.

Kiara told us that she was in very bright but beautiful place. She stated that she did not know where she was but started to walk towards a man sitting on a large gold and white chair. He motioned to her with His hands to come to Him. Kiara says at first she was a bit afraid but walked towards Him anyway, “He was surrounded by light and looked nice”. “I thought He is like Jesus”, He held my hands and asked me what I wanted and I told Him that I wanted to go back to my mummy,” He said “okay” and motioned with the back of His hands that she could go.

I asked her what happened next. She remembered that she was coughing and was reaching out for my knuckles and that she was in pain.

I asked her if she remembered anything at all after that and she says only when she awoke in hospital.

When she mentioned that she coughed and reached out for my hands I knew instinctively that our prayers were answered and God obliged a little girl by sending her back to her family who cried out to Him in their time of need.

I do believe that all of this was very difficult for a 3 year old who was barely exposed to Jesus as she was still quite young. Whenever we chatted to her about

this, she related all of the above in the same manner every time and so we knew that God had performed a miracle, that meeting Jesus, was a divine encounter.

Why? I did not know at the time but I do now as 15 years later, through this, I have gained a deep and secure relationship with Christ. I relate this story from my personal perspective and so I say that this too was my Miracle Moment. My child is a gift of life I had the privilege of being presented with TWICE and each time I relate or read this testimony that God has asked me to document, I still tear at the thought of all of the above.

This amazing story of Jesus’s love has taken me through many dire situations of my life. I am grateful to my God for much. I am grateful to know Jesus and grateful that my daughter is a living testimony to a mighty God.

Kiara remains a loving young girl who is intelligent, smart and beautiful. She has a passion for the needy, she is a feminist, fights for what she believes in, loves children, loves life and is super smart.

Together with her brother they drive us crazy as all kids do but they are mine and never a moment is taken for granted as we discovered that life could change in a few moments. We know what it's like to have a second chance and even when things went completely array for us as a family, we trusted God to bring us through with forgiveness and hope in a God that truly is BIG.

Kiara tries her hand at everything, poor vision does not stop her. She is a dramatic arts student at the

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University of Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa. She is a child of God, friend and counselor, she is well endowed in body and mind but mostly she is just Kiara Taëler, a miracle and my child.

Why did God allow this accident? Why did God send our child back when every medically educated person we encountered told us that she was not meant to be alive? My answers were revealed to me in my time of prayer a year after the accident when God told me (yes God speaks to us) that the world had to hear about this miracle, that He has to be glorified. **“Not to us, O Lord, not to us, but to Your name we give glory because of Your loving kindness, because of Your truth.” (Psalm 115:1)**

NIV

God revealed to me that He was always with me throughout my life and that had I not had an experience like this I probably would never know the extent of His love and would never be a true disciple as I lived most of my life as a Hindu and although I was a believer I was still indoctrinated with the beliefs of Hinduism. God is a fighter for our souls and will do anything to protect us, all He desires is to bring glory to His name, sometimes, it's through radical acts of events that we will never understand, however years later, I understand much more of this God I serve as I have delved deeper into knowing Who He really is.

All this sounds awful, like WHY DOES GOD LET THIS HAPPEN? ARE WE HIS PAWNS? Especially a child, DID SHE HAVE TO ENDURE SUCH PAIN?

My child almost died or for that matter did for a few moments but God was and is present and yes my child endured a lot, but she has purpose, much of her life is shaped by what occurred that fateful night all those years ago. God is prevalent in her life and her journey is personal for her to speak or write about this documented testimony, Kiara's miracle is my obedience to God by which I also hope will bring purpose to others as it did for my child and myself.

My life is not without persecution, which occurs on a daily basis, I, however continue to stand firm in my faith as I believe my only hope is the Lord Jesus Christ. I have had many trials since but I rest in the fact that God has a plan for each of us, I feel safe and loved, I have found the much sort after peace that I desired my entire life and I have a deep overwhelming warmth that engulfs me when I am in His presence.

True living is loving Jesus and loving Jesus means sharing this testimony and the many more miracles we have experienced since that fateful day.

Written with the Utmost Love in Honor of Jesus Christ, my Saviour.

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Same road, different heart

BY PAMELA GOVENDER



So, what if we have
A moment of weakness
It may become a lifetime of misery
And carrying that load
Heavier than your own weight
It is entirely up to you
To take the path that is straight

It is safe,
When you create
Your own haven

Questioning why
Never gets you
to the destination
but, travelling the road, does...

You are stronger now
Quit wailing
It is better now
It is no longer yesterday
An easy journey was not promised
But you will eventually reach the destination

Tell your story
In later years
Don't keep it within
Teach others
What to avoid

Tell them where the debris lie, the
blockages and rocks fall
Tell your story
But tell it with a smile
Tell it to the ones you trust
And forget it most days
As if it never happened

Don't pretend as if you've never crashed
Or come close
But treat others as if you never have
Hence treating yourself purely
Like we've been down that road before
We recognised it
When we see that road again, we recognised that
detour
Not to take it again but, take an alternate route
that leads you home

I remember you
I remember you well,
But this time,
I am smiling as I walk along
Doing what I thought I could not
My destination of joy awaits
Same road, different heart...

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Experience Corner

25 years ago when my father passed away he left behind our house which had a bond. For about 3 months the bond wasn't paid and the bank wanted to repossess the house. In fact, they gave us 7 days to pay up the full amount. I, together with my mother prayed and waited upon the Lord and the Holy Spirit. When I phoned the bank a few days later they told me to just pay the normal monthly installments till I transferred the house. All the overdue payments were cancelled. All glory to King Jesus. - Ivan Moonsamy

Well I don't know where to begin but for starters I'll just share my current experience. So my mum is in hospital. I don't want to go in-depth with it but not having her at home and making it through my papers while still faithfully attending youths and church is something only God can give me the strength to do and the Holy Spirit has helped me on numerous accounts which I cannot thank Him enough for. All I do is trust Him and His faithfulness at work. I have experienced so many testimonies and right now my mum is being healed and is doing better than she ever did before and I give God all the praise, glory and honour. - Merisa

I was praying for someone very close and dear to me who is also very stern and unapproachable. As I was praying the Holy Spirit had dropped a Word in my Spirit and I was a little afraid to share it but I prayed for the Holy Spirit to help me and to give me the strength to be able to because I knew that I needed to be obedient to the Lord. I shared the Word and I was just praying and it just turned out that that was the word the person was waiting on God for and needed it and it gave them confirmation and made a change in their household. To God be all the praise and glory and honour because the Holy Spirit is truly very much alive and active today. - Selena Munien

The *Experience* Corner

There was a moment in my life where I nearly got hijacked after leaving my husband at the beginning of our road where his transport used to pick him up from. The Holy Spirit prompted me to drive pass my driveway gate as I left it open knowing that I won't be long. I drove pass a suspicious vehicle where 2 occupants were parked just opposite my house. I looked at them and I heard the Holy Spirit say don't go now down the driveway as these guys are hijackers and I obeyed the Holy Spirit and drove pass my house where I managed to get away from them, which I'm glad I did because later on as I made enquiries with my neighbors if they knew about a vehicle parked outside their house and they were not aware. The following day I was informed that this vehicle was used by hijackers to hijack vehicles and everyone must be very careful and not be a victim of these hijackers. I praised and thanked God for the prompting of the Holy Spirit in my life. All glory to King Jesus. - Kogie Moonsamy

I recently had a great learning experience with the Holy Spirit. I had been shortlisted by a publication company to be a journalist and I was super-excited as it has always been my dream to work for a publication. This industry always stuck out for me as I have a passion for writing. I went for the interview and to my surprise I was ambushed with questions that upset me a bit and made me rethink this career path. I came home feeling like I was not cut out to be a journalist and decided to just go on as I am. Also with the working hours they asked for I knew I wasn't going to be able to do it as I have many other things going on that need my spare time and I was sure that God would not give me a job that requires all my time as He has me doing His Work. A few weeks later I got called back to a second interview. I was shocked because I was sure I left a bad impression on the first one as I argued a bit. I went in and they gave us articles to write on various headlines and we had to use our discretion and write without any factual information provided. I wrote my articles and submitted it for them to judge. We had to wait a while and then they called us in one by one. When they called me, I was sure I was going to get bad comments but to my amazement they were really impressed and instead told me that if I don't get this position I am on their database and when another opens up they will let me know and in the meantime I can freelance to them. This was God. I realized as I left there that what I always wanted to do, God is already making it happen. There was no need for a second interview, but because I was doubting myself God made me hear it from a Chief Editor and Senior Editors that I had what it takes. The Holy Spirit revealed to me that I am already working for a publication that He is building up for me. It may not be my primary source of income but it is my dream job. I want to give God all the glory for it is true when He says "Take delight in the Lord and He will give you the desires of your heart." - Britney Jenine Moonsamy

Book Review



Book Title: When Love Pays a Visit

Author: Kristian M Marion

Review:

This masterpiece begins with an elderly man narrating the story of love to a young couple who happens to stumble pass him. He dives into the various ways people fall in love and expresses all emotions and explains all outcomes thoroughly. It's not your usual romantic book as it explains the concept of love from a logical point of view where it can make you feel and think at the same time. There are different character stories well intertwined and love is personified and visits each of them. The storylines are well written, the settings well-structured and the characters are well built. "When Love pays a visit" is the type of book that you won't want to put down once you start reading.

I applaud the Author Kristian M. Marion on his hardwork in producing this phenomenal story. As a visual reader I really enjoyed this book and I'm usually not one to enjoy romance novels as it is always predictable but another good point on this book is that it is not predictable. You never know what's going to happen next. We can surely learn much from this book when it comes to our understanding of love and it is aligned with biblical principles which is a bonus.

"Unless you fall in love, you can never stand for it" – When love pays a visit

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THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

The Holy Spirit is a friend, a comforter and a spiritual compass. The Spirit of God has always been a guiding force in my life. I found the more often I listened intently for His direction, my life intrinsically follows the right path. Naturally as human beings we tend to make wrong decisions. Ultimately this is not the will of God. It's His will for us to live in the abundance and fulfil our God given purpose.



In 2018, I flew to New York for the very first time. I remember how the Holy Spirit guided me seamlessly to my destination. The probability of me getting lost in this mega city was a reality yet

I whispered a small prayer in the middle of the JFK airport in New York. Directly after this prayer supernaturally I knew where I needed to go, which taxi to take and how to get there. God led me safely from New York to Boston and eventually to Nashville. This was just one of many countless times that God has come to my rescue.

Jeremiah 29:11 speaks of the plans that God has for us yet the onus is on us to seek His will and allow the Holy Spirit to guide us. If we desire more of God then we must make room for Him in our lives. The best way to achieve this is by reading His word and spending time in worship, prayer and fasting. His word says Call to Me and I will answer you with great and mighty things. Jeremiah 33:3.

I firmly believe in the power of the Holy Spirit. I am confident that if anyone desires to experience God's love and power He most definitely will grant this request.

Galatians 5:22-23: When we have the Holy Ghost, we feel love, joy, and peace.

Jason D

The Moving Mountain

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE STORY BELOW WAS EXTRACTED FROM THE FOLLOWING SITE www.asrmartins.com.

Back Story

I want to tell you a short story, which really happened. Not only were the events that took place that day, documented, also, the testimonies of the descendants of the people who were present that day, serve as proof of the authenticity of the events that these people witnessed that day.

Saint Simon the Shoemaker lived towards the end of the tenth century AD. He was a contemporary of the Saint Bishop Abram Ibn Zaraa the Syrian, who occupied the seat of St. Mark in 975 AD and rested in peace in 979 AD.

A severe and overwhelming famine came upon all of Egypt under the reign of the Ikshidid Empire, namely between AD 934 to AD 968, shortly before the Fatimid Empire was established, under which the miracle of moving the mountain took place. The miracle took place circa AD 979, so Saint Samaan must have lived through this famine, which sent more than half a million people to their early graves.

These events must have left an impression on the Saint's soul and made him renounce pleasure in worldly things, as we shall see. This was, and is, God's way of dealing with man... Cairo had been constructed only a short while before the miracle of moving the mountain took place.

Al-Mu'iz Li Din Illah the Fatimid, was a polished politician, besides being a letterman and a lover of the gatherings in which poetry was recited. He was, as well, fond of religious sciences, which made him invite the Muslim, the Christian, and the Jewish religious leaders in order to debate before him with all frankness and freedom, and without any anger or contention.

This matter has a direct relationship with the miracle of moving the Mokattam mountain, as we shall see later on. Saint Samaan the Tanner worked in one of these handicrafts, which was tanning the hides of

animals. This Saint appeared suddenly on the scene of historical events as a shining star, and disappeared just the same way. History does not mention anything about his early upbringing at all, so we do not know where he was born, or where he was reared up, or who was his father.

When the Saint was practicing his work as a shoemaker, a woman came to him to mend her shoes, and this woman was beautiful. It so happened that when she was taking off her shoes, her legs showed and he looked lustfully at her. But at once he drove the awl into one of his eyes, thus plucking it out in keeping with the commandment of the Lord, "But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, gouge it and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell." (Mt. 5:28,29). St. Samaan simply carried out the commandment literally!!

And history tells us of a great miracle that happened with his prayers, which is the miracle of moving the Mokattam Mountain in Cairo.

This is how this true miracle unfolded:

The Calif of Baudas Took Counsel to Slay All the Christians in His Land

I will tell you then this great marvel that occurred between Baudas and Mausul.

There was a Calif at Baudas who bore a great hatred to Christians, and was taken up day and night with the thought how he might either bring those that were in his kingdom over to his own faith, or might procure them all to be slain. And he used daily to take counsel about this with the devotees and priests of his faith, for they all bore the Christians like malice. And, indeed, it is a fact, that the whole body of Saracens throughout the world are always most malignantly disposed towards the whole body of Christians.

Now it happened that the Calif, with those shrewd priests of his, got hold of that passage in our Gospel

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which says, that if a Christian had faith as a grain of mustard seed, and should bid a mountain be removed, it would be removed. And such indeed is the truth. But when they had got hold of this text they were delighted, for it seemed to them the very thing whereby either to force all the Christians to change their faith, or to bring destruction upon them all. The Calif therefore called together all the Christians in his territories, who were extremely numerous. And when they had come before him, he showed them the Gospel, and made them read the text which I have mentioned. And when they had read it he asked them if that was the truth? The Christians answered that it assuredly was so. "Well," said the Calif, "since you say that it is the truth, I will give you a choice. Among such a number of you there must needs surely be this small amount of faith; so you must either move that mountain there", and he pointed to a mountain in the neighbourhood, "or you shall die an ill death; unless you choose to eschew death by all becoming Saracens and adopting our Holy Law. To this end I give you a respite of ten days; if the thing be not done by that time, ye shall die or become Saracens." And when he had said this he dismissed them, to consider what was to be done in this strait wherein they were.

How the Christians Were In Great Dismay Because of What the Calif Had Said

The Christians on hearing what the Calif had said were in great dismay, but they lifted all their hopes to God, their Creator, that He would help them in this their strait. All the wisest of the Christians took counsel together, and among them were a number of bishops and priests, but they had no resource except to turn to Him from whom all good things do come, beseeching Him to protect them from the cruel hands of the Calif.

So they were all gathered together in prayer, both men and women, for eight days and eight nights. And whilst they were thus engaged in prayer it was revealed in a vision by a Holy Angel of Heaven to a certain Bishop who was a very good Christian, that he should desire a certain Christian Cobler, who had but one eye, to pray to God; and that God in His

goodness would grant such prayer because of the Cobler's holy life.

Now I must tell you what manner of man this Cobler was. He was one who led a life of great uprightness and chastity, and who fasted and kept from all sin, and went daily to church to hear Mass, and gave daily a portion of his gains to God. And the way how he came to have but one eye was this. It happened one day that a certain woman came to him to have a pair of shoes made, and she showed him her foot that he might take her measure. Now she had a very beautiful foot and leg; and the Cobler, in taking her measure was conscious of sinful thoughts. And he had often heard it said in the Holy Evangel, that if thine eye offend thee, pluck it out and cast it from thee, rather than sin. So, as soon as the woman had departed, he took the awl that he used in stitching, and drove it into his eye and destroyed it. And this is the way he came to lose his eye. So you can judge what a holy, just, and righteous man he was.

How the One-Eyed Cobler Was Desired to Pray for the Christians

Now when this vision had visited the Bishop several times, he related the whole matter to the Christians, and they agreed with one consent to call the Cobler before them. And when he had come they told him it was their wish that he should pray, and that God had promised to accomplish the matter by his means. On hearing their request he made many excuses, declaring that he was not at all so good a man as they represented. But they persisted in their request with so much sweetness, that at last he said he would not tarry, but do what they desired.

How the Prayer of the One-Eyed Cobler Caused the Mountain to Move

And when the appointed day was come, all the Christians got up early, men and women, small and great, more than 100,000 persons, and went to church, and heard the Holy Mass. And after Mass had been sung, they all went forth together in a great procession to the plain in front of the mountain, carrying the precious cross before them, loudly

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singing and greatly weeping as they went. And when they arrived at the spot, there they found the Caliph with all his Saracen host armed to slay them if they would not change their faith; for the Saracens believed not in the least that God would grant such favour to the Christians. These latter stood indeed in great fear and doubt, but nevertheless they rested their hope on their God Jesus Christ.

So the Cöbler received the Bishop's benison, and then threw himself on his knees before the Holy Cross, and stretched out his hands towards Heaven, and made this prayer: "Blessed LORD GOD ALMIGHTY, I pray Thee by Thy goodness that Thou wilt grant this grace unto Thy people, insomuch that they perish not, nor Thy faith be cast down, nor abused nor flouted. Not that I am in the least worthy to prefer such request unto Thee; but for Thy great power and mercy I beseech Thee to hear this prayer from me Thy servant full of sin."

And when he had ended this his prayer to God the Sovereign Father and Giver of all grace, and whilst the Calif and all the Saracens, and other people there, were looking on, the mountain rose out of its place and moved to the spot which the Calif had pointed out! And when the Calif and all his Saracens beheld, they stood amazed at the wonderful miracle that God had wrought for the Christians, insomuch that a great number of the Saracens became Christians. And even the Calif caused himself to be baptised in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost, Amen, and became a Christian, but in secret. Howbeit, when he died they found a little cross hung round his neck; and therefore the Saracens would not bury him with the other Califs, but put him in a place apart. The Christians exulted greatly at this most holy miracle, and returned to their homes full of joy, giving thanks to their Creator for that which He had done.

There really is power in living a holy life. This Cöbler was really pursuing holiness the Biblical way. It was for this reason that God led the congregation through the angelic visitation to call him to move the mountain. Out of all those Christians this man was called upon to move that mountain. We do need to live holy lives before our God in order to

successfully face life's challenges and also to stand firm against evil. We cannot live like we want to and expect to perform miracles. There are very clear principles in place governing these aspects in the kingdom of God.

POWER VERSES

Psalm 34:8

O taste and see that the Lord is good; How blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him!

Job 42:5

"I have heard of You by the hearing of the ear; But now my eye sees You;

Hebrews 6:4-5

For in the case of those who have once been enlightened and have tasted of the heavenly gift and have been made partakers of the Holy Spirit, and have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come,

John 14:16 - 17

I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever; that is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not see Him or know Him, but you know Him because He abides with you and will be in you.

John 16:14-15

He will glorify Me, for He will take of Mine and will disclose it to you. All things that the Father has are Mine; therefore I said that He takes of Mine and will disclose it to you.

BIBLE STORIES

Peter Heals a Lame Beggar

(Acts 3:1-10)

One day Peter and John were going up to the temple at the time of prayer—at three in the afternoon. Now a man who was lame from birth was being carried to the temple gate called Beautiful, where he was put every day to beg from those going into the temple courts. When he saw Peter and John about to enter, he asked them for money. Peter looked straight at him, as did John. Then Peter said, “Look at us!” So the man gave them his attention, expecting to get something from them.

Then Peter said, “Silver or gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk.” Taking him by the right hand, he helped him up, and instantly the man’s feet and ankles became strong. He jumped to his feet and began to walk. Then he went with them into the temple courts, walking and jumping, and praising God. When all the people saw him walking and praising God, they recognized him as the same man who used to sit begging at the temple gate called Beautiful, and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

BIBLE STORIES

Peter Speaks to the Onlookers

(Acts 3:11-26)

While the man held on to Peter and John, all the people were astonished and came running to them in the place called Solomon's Colonnade. When Peter saw this, he said to them: "Fellow Israelites, why does this surprise you? Why do you stare at us as if by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk? The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus. You handed him over to be killed, and you disowned him before Pilate, though he had decided to let him go. You disowned the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you. You killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead. We are witnesses of this. By faith in the name of Jesus, this man whom you see and know was made strong. It is Jesus' name and the faith that comes through him that has completely healed him, as you can all see.

"Now, fellow Israelites, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did your leaders. But this is how God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, saying that his Messiah would suffer. Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord, and that he may send the Messiah, who has been appointed for you—even Jesus. Heaven must receive him until the time comes for God to restore everything, as he promised long ago through his holy prophets. For Moses said, 'The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you must listen to everything he tells you. Anyone who does not listen to him will be completely cut off from their people.'

"Indeed, beginning with Samuel, all the prophets who have spoken have foretold these days. And you are heirs of the prophets and of the covenant God made with your fathers. He said to Abraham, 'Through your offspring all peoples on earth will be blessed.' When God raised up his servant, he sent him first to you to bless you by turning each of you from your wicked ways."

GAMING TIME!!!

Bible Riddles



1. I asked Jesus to remember me when he goes into His kingdom. Who am I?

2. Jesus said to me "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life." Who am I?

3. Jesus taught me what it means to be born again. Who am I?

4. "Let him who is without sin cast the first stone" was taught by Jesus when He forgave me of my sin. Who am I?

5. Jesus touched me and said, "Be thou clean". Who am I?

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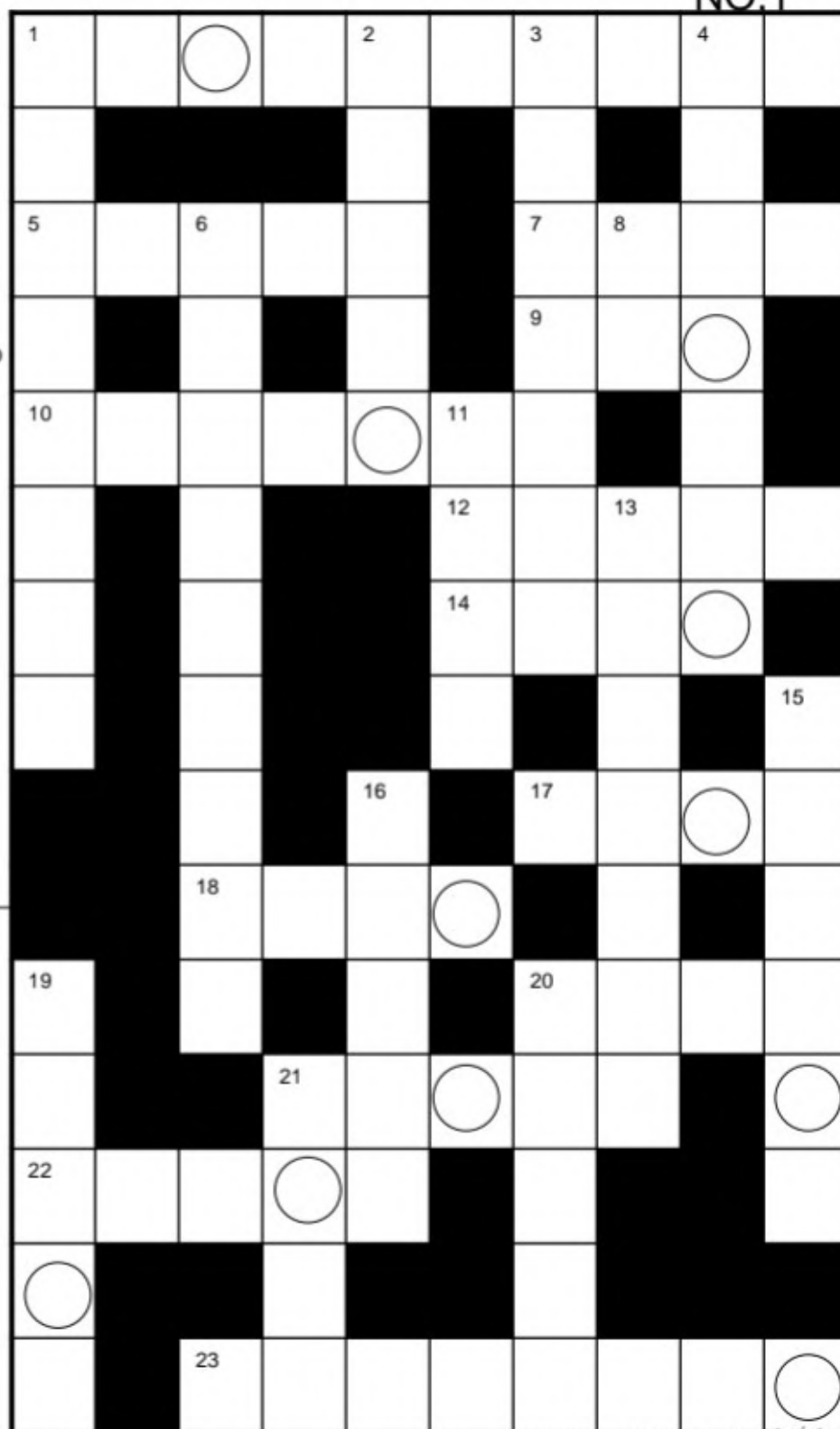
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7. SAULS FATHER
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10. PAGAN
12. MOSES BROTHER
14. NOAH'S SON
17. THEY CAME AGAINST JESUS
18. LOT'S ELDEST DAUGHTER'S SON
20. PAULS FORMER NAME
21. ABRAHAM'S FATHER
22. A CITY THAT GOD DESTROYED
23. ONE OF THE MEN WHO WAS THROWN INTO THE FIERY FURNACE

DOWN

1. JUDAS REPLACEMENT
2. BATHSHEBA'S HUSBAND
3. SAMUEL'S FATHER
4. HIS HAIR WAS CAUGHT IN A TREE
6. AN UNFORGIVABLE SIN
8. GOD — GOOD
11. THE SUN RISES IN THE _____
13. ISAAC'S WIFE
15. A BOOK WRITTEN BY DAVID
16. MELCHIZIDEK WAS KING OF THIS PLACE
19. BOOK OF THE BIBLE THAT COMES AFTER DANIEL
20. THE DEVIL
21. JESUS WAS BURIED IN A _____ FOR THREE DAYS



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DELICIOUS RECIPES TO ENJOY

Recipe for:

One Pot Creamy Chicken and Mushroom Pasta



INGREDIENTS:

- 1 tbsp. olive oil
- 1 lb. boneless skinless chicken breast, sliced
- 2 tsp. grill seasoning
- 1 onion, diced
- 4 cloves garlic, minced
- 8 oz. cremini mushrooms, sliced
- 3 1/2 cups fat free chicken broth
- 8 oz. high fiber pasta (break spaghetti or linguine in half)
- 1/2 cup Parmesan cheese
- 1/4 cup half and half
- Salt and pepper

INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1) Heat the olive oil over medium high heat. Sprinkle the chicken with grill seasoning. Add to the pan and cook for 5-7 minutes until cooked through and lightly browned. Remove and set aside.
- 2) Add the onions, garlic, and mushrooms to the pan. Cook for 4-5 minutes until mushrooms are becoming tender. Stir often so the garlic doesn't burn.
- 3) Add the chicken broth and bring to a boil. Add the pasta and simmer for 12-15 minutes until pasta is tender and has absorbed most of the liquid. Stir as needed, especially as the liquid is absorbed more. Add extra liquid if needed.
- 4) Stir in the Parmesan cheese and half and half. Then stir in the chicken. Season with salt and pepper. Let rest for 5 minutes for the sauce to thicken.

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