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Jesus will move mountains for you if you will not complain and doubt that he is taking care of all things in your life; and you will continually thank and praise Him. When you are complaining and doubting God's care for you, you are blocking the answer to your prayers. That's unbelief and God doesn't respond to unbelief. Thank Him for the answer! Thank Him for all the bad things that happened to you and your loved ones because you don't know if they are bad for you or them, or not.

God releases greater power when you trust Hiim enough to love and praise Him for EVERYTHING in your life. Every little thing that happens is meant to be in your life. When you are sincerely thankful for your problems and the problems of your loved ones, because He is working out something in your life, it will bring comfort and joy, knowing that the Lord is taking care of everything. You can't do it all yourself and God doesn't want you to. He wants you to depend on Him for everything. Your problems are there for a reason; to draw you closer to Him and for you to grow in Him. He wants you to read, study, and ponder on His Word so He can make you into His image, little by little. The King James Bible is the pure, unaltered Word of God.

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Phil. 4:4,6 Rejoice in the Lord, always: and again I say, Rejoice! Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

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Phil. 4:19 But my God shall supply ALL my needs according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus. Ps. 37:4,5 Delight thyself also in the Lord and He shall give thee the desires of thine heart. Commit thy way unto Him, trust also in Him; and He shall bring it to pass.

Col. 3:2,3 Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God.

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Ps. 100 Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands. Serve the Lord with GLADNESS: come before His presence with singing. Know ye that the Lord, He is God: it is He that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture. Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise: be ye thankful unto Him, and bless His name. For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; and His Truth endureth to all generations.

Ps. 107:22 And let them sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving, and declare His works with rejoicing.

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