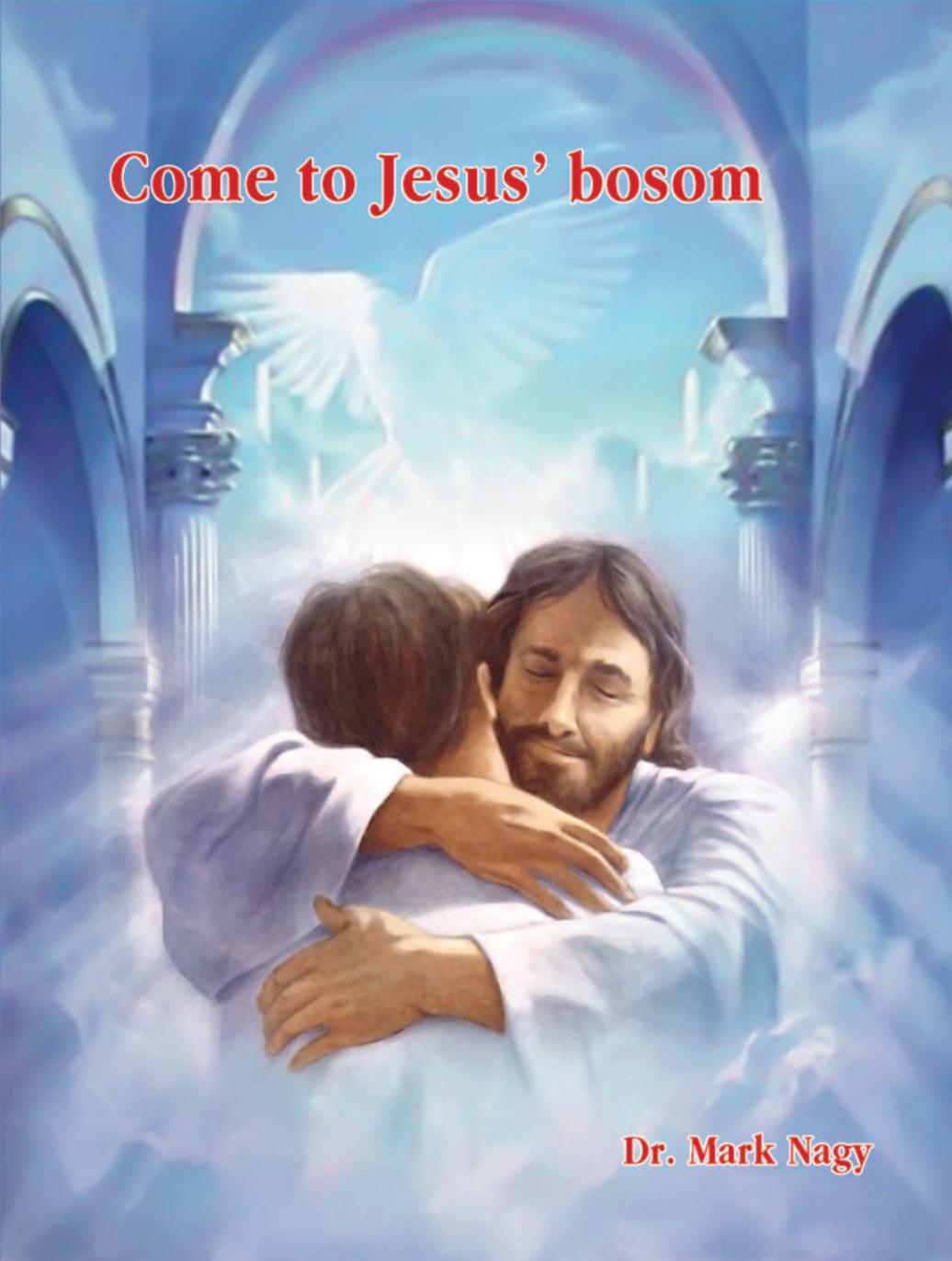


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**I will arise and go to my father, and will say to him:
Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you
(Luke 15 : 18)**

Jesus: You are my love ... You alone is my savior



In the Name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.
One God.

Amen

In chapter eight of Exodus, we can find the details of the second plague with which the Lord struck Pharaoh and his people with due to Pharaoh's stubbornness and the pride of his heart.

When Pharaoh had the chance to remove this plague, his response was to postpone for tomorrow. As a result, Egypt spent a whole night suffering from frogs.

“Then Pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron, and said, “Entreat the Lord that He may take away the frogs from me and from my people; and I will let the people go, that they may sacrifice to the Lord.”

And Moses said to Pharaoh, “Accept the honor of saying when I shall intercede for you, for your servants, and for your people, to destroy the frogs from you and your houses, that they may remain in the river only.”

So he said, “Tomorrow.” And he said, “Let it be according to your word, that you may know that there is no one like the Lord our God. And the frogs shall depart from you, from your houses, from your servants, and from your people. They shall remain in the river only.”

Then Moses and Aaron went out from Pharaoh. And Moses cried out to the Lord concerning the frogs which He had brought against Pharaoh. So the Lord did according to the word of Moses. And the frogs died out of the houses, out of the courtyards, and out of the fields. They gathered them together in heaps, and the land stank. (Exodus 8: 8-14)

It may be easy to judge Pharaoh's behavior as stupid

and unwise. But it is difficult to admit that we do the same thing every day when we postpone repentance.

How many times have you been given the opportunity to rise from the death of sin, but you said: Tomorrow I will rise.

Do you want to know when was the last time you were given the opportunity to repent?

It is directed to you now as you read this message, will you respond to it or run away and postpone repentance for tomorrow?

Do not delay repentance any longer, as how can you ensure that you will not be hearing the voice of the Lord saying: **“Fool! This night your soul will be required of you”** (Luke 12:20).

What is the frog that accompanies you and you want to be liberated from?

Do you have several frogs that turn your life into a daily struggle?

Do you suffer from the frog of lust and adultery?

Do you feel that the disease of impurity is wasting your time, your thoughts, your energy, and you have no hope of recovery?

Are you a slave of Satan and want to be liberated from him to receive the glory of freedom of the children of God?

Come *Now* .. *Now*, as **“Today, if you will hear His voice, Do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion.”** (Hebrews 3:15). You do not guarantee tomorrow and what it may bring to you. Your stubbornness and continuity in the life of sin may harden your heart more and more, and this may end up in losing your eternal life.

In the New Testament, we find a great example of a person who lost everything because of his pride and

his desire to be separated from his father's bosom. But finally he understood his complete failure and weakness, and returned with all his heart to his father's house, as he realized the peak of shame and humiliation away from the bosom of the person who loved him to the end. He is the Prodigal Son - The Lost Smart Son.

Lost because he left his father's bosom, and Smart because he returned to his bosom again:

And not many days after, the younger son gathered all together, journeyed to a far country, and there wasted his possessions with prodigal living. But when he had spent all, there arose a severe famine in that land, and he began to be in want. Then he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country, and he sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would gladly have filled his stomach with the pods that the swine ate, and no one gave him anything.

“But when he came to himself, he said, ‘How many

of my father's hired servants have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you, and I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Make me like one of your hired servants." '

"And he arose and came to his father. But when he was still a great way off, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him. (Luke 15: 13-20).

What is the pods meal that you wish to eat every day?

Is it a habit that you are unable to live without? Feeling that there is no alternative for you except to take it daily?

Is this habit, which represents your favorite sin, considered as your daily food?

Remember well that if the devil feeds you the pods with pigs in the mud, your heavenly Father longs to feed you the

fatted calf in His house. **All the love and peace of Jesus Christ awaits you, will you accept Him today?**

God does not ask you to expel the frogs out of your life to come to Him, and He does not ask you to stop eating the pods in order to accept you. He wants you to come to Him with all your weakness, to cry out with all your heart, saying: "Liberate me". Come to His bosom and get in touch with His love, then every frog and pods will disappear from your life. Remember that: **"A satisfied soul loathes the honeycomb, But to a hungry soul every bitter thing is sweet."** (Proverbs 27: 7).

You are not required to be free from sin to come to Jesus, but you are required to come to Jesus to be free from sin. Without the Lord, you will not be able to overcome sin.⁽¹⁾ Only Jesus gives you true freedom.⁽²⁾

(1) for without Me you can do nothing. (John 15: 5)

(2) Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed.
(John 8: 36)

**The Lord is gracious and full of compassion,
Slow to anger and great in mercy. (Psalm 145: 8).**

**The Lord upholds all who fall,
And raises up all who are bowed down. (Psalm 145: 14).**

**The Lord is near to all who call upon Him,
To all who call upon Him in truth. (Psalm 145: 18).**

Whatever your weakness and lukewarmness, remember that:

Jesus is alive.

Jesus loves you.

Jesus can change you.

He **“gives life to the dead and calls those things which do not exist as though they did”** (Romans 4:17).

He can raise you from the death of sin as He raised up:

1. The daughter of Jairus (Luke 8: 40-56):

All He asks you for is **“Do not be afraid; only believe”** (Luke 8: 50). The devil may come to you and say: “You have already died. Do not tire yourself or anyone else or even Jesus. There is no good in repentance.” But the sweet voice of Jesus says to you, **“Do not be afraid; only believe”** (Luke 8:50). Trust in Jesus, since He is omnipotent, **“who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us”** (Ephesians 3:20).

Your role is not to raise yourself from the death of sin, but your role is to reject sin with all your heart and come to God who is able to raise you from death and grant you eternal life. He alone can give you a new heart according to His promise. **“I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.”** (Ezekiel 36:26).

2. The Son of the Widow of Nain (Luke 7: 11-17):

The Lord may raise you up from death after you and

the others think you became spiritually and socially dead. Everyone is ready to bid you farewell forever. But the Lord Jesus still seeks to save you from the everlasting death. All you have to do is to hear the sweet voice of Jesus: **“Young man, I say to you, arise.”** (Luke 7:14).

He invites you to rise **now** as He did with the son of the widow of Nain, who immediately rose from death. This dead man did not delay, discussing what he would look like upon rising from the casket, or what he would say to those around him or anything else. He did not think of anything except obeying the voice saying to him: **“Young man, I say to you, arise.”** (Luke 7:14).

Will you obey today the voice of the Lord Jesus to save your life from everlasting death? Do not postpone your repentance today. **“For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?”** (Matthew 16:26).

3. Lazarus (John 11: 28-44)

Your spiritual life may have been stank as a result of your continual remoteness from the fountain of life: the Lord Jesus Christ. You became dead in the eyes of everyone and the first of all: yourself, so that just the idea of your rising from death became impossible. But remember that **“The things which are impossible with men are possible with God.”**(Luke 18:27). All you have to do is to obey the voice of the Lord to you: **“Lazarus, come forth!”** (John 11:43).

Lazarus represents each one of us who has gone away from the source of life, and has died spiritually in sin. But the voice of the Lord still proclaims His love to all who have lived in the darkness of sin, and still says: **“I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live. Turn, turn from your evil ways! For why should you die”** (Ezekiel 33:11). The Lord's call to you is for life. Remember that the Lord **“desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.”** (1 Timothy 2: 4), as He is **“the**

way, the truth, and the life.” (John 14: 6).

Your enemy may fight you and say to you: You have already lost a lot, you have lost years in the life of sin. Remember that the Lord is able to **“restore to you the years that the swarming locust has eaten”** (Joel 2:25). He is able to use you to be a blessing for others. He is able not only to save your life from eternal death, but to use you to preach His name and save others from the grip of Satan. It is Jesus who comes out of the strong something sweet. If the vessel of your life is empty or even became a vessel of shame, remember that Jesus the Great Potter can transform you into a chosen vessel to carry His Holy Name to the world.

Rebuke every spirit of weakness and doubt. Use Jesus' name with faith in your spiritual war. Do not rely on your ability, but ask for the work of the Holy Spirit of God, who gives you true victory.⁽¹⁾

(1) 'Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,'
Says the Lord of hosts. (Zechariah 4: 6)

Prayer

❖ My Lord, God and Savior: Jesus Christ,
Thank You for Your open bosom to me,
I come to You today to throw myself into Your love.

❖ Forgive me for every time I preferred to spend my night
with the frogs of sin,
Only You know everything.
You alone know my deepest weakness and affliction.

❖ Forgive me for every time I preferred to eat pods with
the pigs,
I preferred to sin in the council of Satan than to sit in Your
presence.

❖ Sin has deeply afflicted me, and casted down my soul.
Drew me from my weakness my savior,
Lord who **“gives power to the weak,
And to those who have no might He increases strength.”**
(Isaiah 40:29)
Give me the grace to rise up from the life of sin, and throw
myself into Your bosom.

❖ Forgive me for every time I allowed the spirit of fear and despair to triumph over me, although I heard Your voice full of compassion and love saying: **“Do not be afraid; only believe”** (Luke 8: 50),

But in my weakness, I did not believe in Your unlimited power to rise me from the death of sin.

❖ Forgive me for every time I ignored Your appeal to me: **“Young man, I say to you, arise.”** (Luke 7:14)

But in my disobedience, I preferred the death of sin to enjoy short nasty pleasures, which always ends with sadness and shame.

❖ Forgive me for every time I refused Your outcry to me “Come out of death to give you life”,

But in my stupidity and ignorance, I preferred the life of death in the tombs of sin over the true joy in Your warm bosom filled with sacrificing love.

❖ I come to You today, my beloved, based on Your promise: **“Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.”** (Matthew 11:28).

Lord, I need to rest in Your bosom from the disgrace of slavery.⁽¹⁾

I need to rest from my struggle with the frogs, pigs and tombs.

I need to enjoy the true love that made You bear the shame and the cross for my sake.

❖ O Jesus,

Help me to expel all spirit of despair in the face of sin,
By virtue of Your grace I will shout out in the face of every
spirit of despair:

“Do not rejoice over me, my enemy;

When I fall, I will arise;

When I sit in darkness,

The Lord will be a light to me.” (Micah 7: 8).

❖ If You, O Lord, are with me, who is against me?⁽²⁾

If I fall in my weakness after a struggle with sin,

I will quickly stand up and throw myself in Your bosom.

I will not accept to spend another night in the graves of sin

(1) Whoever commits sin is a slave of sin. (John 8: 34)

(2) If God is for us, who can be against us? (Romans 8: 31)

among the frogs and the pigs.

Being away from You means my eternal death.

❖ Jesus Christ, my love ... Stay with me, Holy one.
Sanctify me and fill me ... With Your Holy Spirit.
So that I can experience the joy of life in Your love,
To glorify Your name, as this is a privilege that I do not
deserve.

Jesus: You are my love ... You alone is my savior



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Do you want to spend another night with the frogs?
Do you want to spend another night with the pigs?
Do you want to spend another night in the grave of
sin?

**Arise now from the sleep of sin leading to
eternal death “for now it is high time to awake
out of sleep.” (Romans 13: 11)**

**Hurry up now to Jesus’ bosom
and start a new life.**

Life of Victory and Joy.