

POEMS OF THE MONTH

Time

-Simon Zachariah

Two men went to a beach
There the sand looked like silver
And the wind played tricks on it
Swirls and swirls like smoke

Then they saw a sign posted:
“Take it or not, this sand,
You will definitely be sad”
One decided to take some.

Both enjoyed the waves
On their way he found,
His sand changed to Gold!
He shouted “Miracle, miracle!”

But soon started sobbing,
“I should have taken more!”
The other also started sobbing,
“I should have taken some!”

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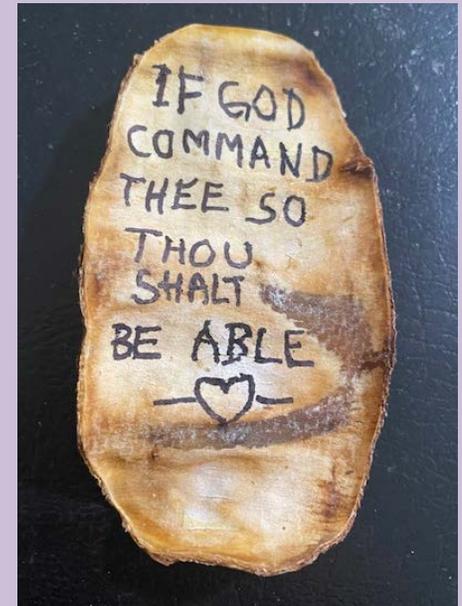
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Channels of Glory – Letter from Dr. Simon Zachariah

There are some things that are associated with childishness. One major thing is the “I know” attitude. Most of the time, we have this childish tendency to say, “I know” even without knowing what the other person is talking about. I remember when I was five years old, my father took us to Ernakulum by train. Being the first time travelling in the train, I had never experienced drinking a ‘cool drink’. I have had other drinks like mango juice, coconut water, coffee and tea, and such homemade drinks; but never- ‘cool drink’. My father as usual asked us what each one would like to drink. My brother and sister said ‘cool drink’. But I immediately opted for coffee. But knowing my ignorance and childishness, my mother opted for ‘cool drink’. Later when my coffee and their drinks were served, my mother offered me her drink to try. I still remember that glass of cold drink, covered with a thin wax paper and a paper straw to drink! Cold

condensed water droplets gave a fantastic look. Soon I changed my mind and opted for the so called ‘cool drink’ and my mother had to drink my coffee! Later in life also many times, I expressed my arrogance by saying the usual word “I know!” When I used to come at the dining table, mother used to serve the meals. Many times she will stand beside me and watch me eating and frequently offer more items like seconds. Even though I deny or sometimes rudely say “How many times I have to say-I don’t want?” But she still will serve more rice and curry in my plate without my knowledge. Finally when she sees my empty plate, she would say with a smile: “Do you think I don’t know your limit?” Then I used to leave the table with a smile of shame.

Many times I have seen people express this “I know” attitude in life. Sometimes they may not say it loud, but we can easily understand from their contemptuous smile. So I always, wondered what the limit of one’s understanding is. One time I was comforting an orphan child. Then he told me that I would never understand the feeling of an orphan. He continued, “it is not the fact that that I have no father or mother, but the fact that I don’t know who they are!” If we think in this line no one can really understand another person. When someone falls, the pain of the fall depends on the height of the fall, the surface of the fall, and so many other factors. So no one can really understand the pain of another person when they are in pain and need. You may be thinking that I have also gone through the same problem. But when we examine carefully we will find each person’s

problems and pains are entirely different. So what I have learned though years is to listen to others, regardless of their age, sex, country of origin, religion, and then try to help them in whatever way I can, sometimes, even without opening the wisdom of my mouth! Because ‘advice’ may be last thing they need from us. But we can always do one thing- ‘A word of prayer.’ It says that prayer is a wish from the bottom of heart to help others. God can read those wishes of our heart and work miracles for us as well as for others. Many time, the human tendency is to analyze the situations and find the fault in others. But being a human being, as I told earlier, we can never understand others or the situations they are in. Only God knows their past, present, and future. We can submit the situations in God’s hands and He will honor our prayers (wishes) and do the needful in His time.

I remember someone said something like this: “Even when a man is getting punished for a crime which he did, when he cries out to God in pain, God is on his side, because God is always on the side of the sufferer.”

We started this organization in 2005 and God helped us to become a channel of His Glory to help many people though these years. God worked in many people’s lives to support this organization in many ways. Even now we are able to help people who are in need. Many of them are students and some others are people with various sickness. Please take time to pray for all those who are being helped by our organization.