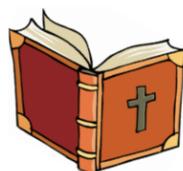
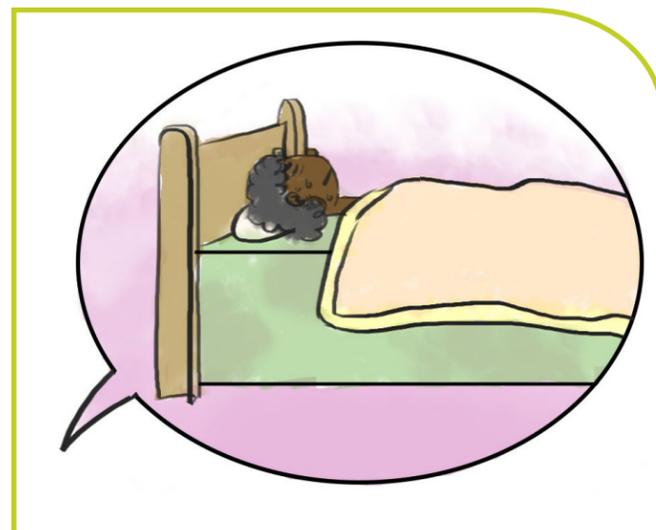


Your *Kingdom* Come



Let's read the Bible

Matthew 23:1-13
 28:1-10, 18-20
Mark 2:1-12

We consider together

Dear Father, I found myself afraid when I am in dark places. I want to rely on You as You are the Creator and the Ruler of everything. Let me overcome fear together with you.



Have you ever seen the word, Kingdom of God, while reading the Book of Matthew? Can you imagine what the Kingdom of God would look like? Wouldn't it be a place where God rules as King? Wherever Jesus went, the sick were healed, evil spirits were cast out, and the dead came to life. Things like these also happened to the disciples that told others about Jesus.

One example was Jaki, a missionary. She had went to the Managalasi people in Papua New Guinea. She found out that they were very scared of ghosts and evil spirits. They did not say the names of people who were dead. Jaki wanted to teach them that what they were believing was wrong, so she spoke out names of people she knew were dead. That night, Jake was attacked by scary spirits in her dreams, and she was able to win over them only after she called on the name of Jesus. After having this nightmare, Jake realized why the Managalasi people were so scared of evil spirits. But through this experience, the Managalasi people learned about Jesus, who is more powerful than evil spirits.

There was also another happening. There had been no rain for a long time, and Managalasi people started to worry. They tried praying to their dead ancestors, and tried to send their teenage children to magical places where they believed spiritual powers worked. They tried everything possible, but nothing worked. Jaki was doing a Bible study with some other ladies while this was happening. Together, they prayed that there would the rain would fall that same day. Jaki was not confident, but God gave her a heart of peace, and she prayed

right away. After 20 minutes, they could hear the sound of rain. Through this, the Managalasi people realized that Jaki was a woman of God.

One day, Jaki was making bread with Sonalu, who helped her with the Managalasi language. While they were making bread, a woman they didn't know walked into their kitchen. She was a stranger who had walked over high and dangerous mountains for two days to ask that they would pray for her sick son. The three of them started to pray together right away. A few days later, a man whom Jaki had never seen before came to them in the evening with a smile on his face.

"When I was very sick, my mother walked over the mountains. I am the one you prayed for. The sun was a third of the way in the sky before setting (around 4pm) when you prayed. That was the exact time I got better. Many people saw me get up, take my towel, and go wash. They will tell you it was at the same time you prayed. I came to Numba to tell you 'Thank you for praying for me.'" (Holes in the Darkness, by Jaki Parlier, referenced from pp. 149-161)

Like how in the Bible, Jesus healed the sick, God gives His power and grace to those who belong to Him. We give thanks to our God, who listens to our prayers, fixes us, and wraps us in His love.

Also, let us pray that God will really become the King of our hearts, and that he would become King for the people who live in places where missionaries are serving Him as well.

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