

## Miracles that follow the plow :: Krispy's Praise and Request

### Krispy's Praise and Request, on: 2009/3/29 8:07

OK... I've never asked for prayer for me in the form of a "prayer request" on this forum. (Well... maybe I have, but I don't remember it) I guess the time has come to humble myself.

First... praise. God is so faithful. The economic fallout of recent days has really been tough on my business since it's part of the construction industry. No one is building anything right now. Yet God has provided for us in some rather unique and exciting ways. I spent the last few days painting some interior rooms in someone's house. Out of the blue someone gave us a new couch last week... that we desperately needed. The list goes on and on.

Prayer request... I don't know how much longer this downturn in work is gonna last, and I admit I'm nervous. Even though at the present time we lack for nothing and God is being faithful I still not feeling confident in the future. I wish I could just "let go and let God", but bumper sticker theology is always easier said than done.

So I guess my prayer request is 2-fold. Please pray that I can come to a place of total peace with the Lord and in my heart concerning the unknown future... and also that He would continue to remain faithful to us and provide exactly what we need when we need it.

I look around at other Christians who are way more spiritual than me, probably walking closer to the Lord than me... and they're losing their jobs and their houses... and here we are being provided for by the Lord in some really cool ways. And it makes me ask of the Lord "Why me? What have I done to deserve this while others who are more spiritual than me are losing everything??"

Well anyway... I'm rambling now. Please, if you all could, hold my family and I up in prayer.

Krispy

### Re: Krispy's Praise and Request - posted by HeartSong, on: 2009/3/29 8:12

I will be praying Krispy.

He really does do some very "cool" things - I think we are only beginning to see.

:-)

### Re: , on: 2009/3/29 8:18

Thanx! We serve a very "cool" God. :-)

Krispy

### Re: - posted by growingholly, on: 2009/3/29 9:23

God be praised...

His kindness to us weak little messes is truly stunning...

you wrote about how people more spiritual than you are losing jobs, etc., and He's taking care of you...seems like He is building your faith, and I'm grateful to see it!

be blessed in His rich love, krispy.

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**Re: - posted by White\_Stone (), on: 2009/3/29 9:29**

Praying

**Re: - posted by Nellie, on: 2009/3/29 9:34**

Father,  
Give Krispy Your Peace and give him Your Rest as spoken of in Hebrews 4:9.  
Let him know that You will never leave him nor forsake him.  
Grant his request, in Jesus Name.

**Re: Krispy's Praise and Request, on: 2009/3/29 12:13**

Quote:  
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Of course I know that you know that you and I don't deserve anything. However, God provides for us so that we may be providers for others. The Christians around you that are losing their jobs and their homes will need your resources when that time comes. The LORD has placed us here in our home business where all of my family is together on. There is a reason for why we are provided for, while others have to literally pray for their next meal. And we hope that we will be there to offer that meal, that blanket, even as much as offering to stay under our roof.

There is one clear thing that I have is the reassurance that God will look after us during these difficult days and not just provide miraculously but also to provide for others.

It is a normal reaction to worry when the old flesh is going to be deprived of what we have been used to for so long. But when we offer up a prayer of thanksgiving and cast our cares upon Him, it seems that what we worried about wasn't all that bad. I mean Ole Pete stepped out of that boat while the waves were turbulent, he had great faith, because I can tell you one thing, I wouldn't! Waves and Water we don't get along. :-P

But God is faithful that He won't let us drown. And you are trusting Him even though you think your faith is weak and that others have a better relationship with Him.

"When I am weak, He is Strong". This is in total opposite directions to the way the world the flesh and the devil thinks. In fact it doesn't make any sense to the unrenewed mind.

The reason why He is strong, is because He is acting strong on your behalf. If you think you have great faith, most likely you'll never experience what it means to trust.

**Re: Krispy's Praise and Request, on: 2009/3/29 13:02**

Hey Krispy

As a former construction worker(bricklayer for 25 years) I know a wee bit of the ups and downs of the economy. And, for the last several years I have been a Real Estate agent and my wife is a mortgage lender, both 100% commission :) Don't feel bad, the Lord is also taking care of us:)

I have found for me, that anxiousness is ultimately a decision. The Lord definitely says that we are to be "anxious for nothing." It's not a suggestion, it's a command. And for one whole year, quite a few years ago, the Lord would not allow me to leave that Scripture. I had to memorize it and allow it to soak into my bones. I guess for me, the ultimate conclusion was that it was possible to be anxious for nothing because the Lord said it to us. It's not that we, as human beings, do not have our moments of anxiousness or fear or insecurity(all members of the family of fear) it's that we do not dwell there. It's kinda like sin, we all sin, but hopefully we do not "practise," sin. I guess the biggest breakthrough for me( and please, nobody take condemnation from this) was that I identified it as sin and the opposite of faith. So, every time I became anxious, I realised that I was sinning and saying to God "You're not big enough to handle this." A little bit of what God must have felt when the children in the desert, having seen all the mighty miracles in their lives, still did not trust God.

Anyways, this peace that surpasses all understanding will be the greatest miracle in the lives of Christians as we move forward and the Lord continues to shake everything that can be shaken. I will be praying for you brother.....Frank

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**Re: , on: 2009/3/29 14:07**

Excellent Post Frank!!

**Re: - posted by MrBillPro (), on: 2009/3/29 14:14**

I always thought you worked at a school as a coach what a dummy I am, :-?

Well buddy, Mr. Bill will keep you in his Prayers, if things get to bad, I can't pay car notes or mortgages, but I can help with food so don't hesitate to PM me if the pantry start drying up.

Love Ya,  
Brother Bill

**Re: Krispy's Praise and Request - posted by JoanM, on: 2009/3/29 21:20**

Dear Sweet Krispy

I read your post before I went to fellowship worship. My heart went out to you and then I thought God may have prepared you for some of this in His recent work in your life. That would be just like Him! You would be the one to know what that was all about.

Once, after finally being successful in obeying clear direction from God in an impossible situation, and there was still no relief, I thought I was going to drown. In extreme desperation I cried out to God. He ended all my upset and concerns with "When my head above water, my feet can't drown." I was flooded with the truth of that. My experience of difficulties evaporated on the spot. Months later I saw that that was the turning point in a terrible real-life situation and that it was also God's loving rebuke of my perspective.

Frank, I know several brothers and sisters that also got freedom from fear when they dealt with it as sin (a simple 1 John way) and dealt with the root that God showed them of that in the old man.

I agree with the prayers of Brothers and Sisters here in Love for you Krispy, and yours. I thank God I have witnessed Him in your life as you have shared. Hug Mrs. Krispy for us and all the little ones.

**Re: , on: 2009/3/30 6:11**

Quote:

-----I always thought you worked at a school as a coach what a dummy I am,  
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LOL... I do coach football, but I don't work at a school. In fact, we homeschool. Coaching is a hobby and a calling from God.

I am a structural engineer, self employed.

Krispy

**Re: - posted by Loriejean (), on: 2009/3/30 6:52**

Dear Krispy,

A couple of years ago, I was diagnosed with breast cancer right after my husband and I had sold our home and were committed to purchasing a new one across the country. My husband is a self-employed plumber and I am a homeschool mother to three children. We had no insurance and I needed surgery and chemotherapy. In one year, we went from being debt-free with \$200,000 in our savings account to having no savings account whatsoever, \$100,000 in debt. There were also difficult decisions to face about treatment options while trying to pack my house and move.

For us, God had to take away everything to show us that when our greatest fears come true (cancer, poverty), He is still God and He provides in miraculous ways. He won't miraculously send the ravens to feed you if your pantry is already full. It is awesome to see the ways He provides. Some things He did for us: He sent friends I hadn't seen in years to come by and pack my house for me. When my husband returned from the closing of our new house, the trucks had been

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loaded for him. He didn't have to do anything. (That was worth the whole experience right there!) All the ladies from our new church surrounded me with love and support, brought food, did my Christmas shopping for me, a new friend I hardly knew purchased a beautiful \$300 wig for me, someone even bought my children Easter candy because we were so broke!

That may have been a difficult time, but as with any valley, the lessons learned and the experienced gained pale in comparison to any fear or apprehension we had to overcome. Through this trial I gained a fresh appreciation for God's timing, His sovereignty, His provision and His strength. I learned that God sometimes allows our greatest fears to come to pass, but that He can be trusted with my complete surrender. I thank God for my cancer experience because it was just another tool that He, in His infinite wisdom, chose to use to help mold me more into His image. No one in their right mind would choose to have cancer, but I wouldn't trade the experience if I could because I'd then have to give up what I've gained and that's too precious to me to lose.

It seems like the Christian life works like a cycle: you face storms of life and learn about the character of God. Once you get a grasp on the character of God, you can face more easily the storms of life. I am praying for you and your family. I know you will come out approved! &#61514;

Lorjean

**Re: , on: 2009/3/30 9:01**

Lorjean, thank you for your testimony.

Krispy

**Re: - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2009/4/1 22:23**

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This is precious...loved your testimony..

ginnyrose

**Re: - posted by BVO (), on: 2009/4/2 6:20**

I praise God for you all. Thank you Krispy for your transparency. I thought you were a truck driver :-). My wife and I were going through some extremely difficult times financially a few years back, where my wife would cook a rice meal for dinner with a single piece of chicken cut up and the kids got to "find the chicken" as they ate. It was great game and what we found was that while they were whining with discontentment when there was plenty, they became content with less, but praise God, still plenty. They still talk about some of the interesting "creations" of food we ate then. I just sat down with my 15 year old who is whining about sharing her bedroom with a 12 year old sister and explained (hopefully not too graphically) the gravity of the times. I told her that we as well as anyone may be tickled to be in a small house trailer by the end of the year, when homeless is the alternative. How many of us are paychecks away from being upside down. God certainly will shake all that can be shaken. Again, I want to thank everyone for being open and honest. God is good and the best is yet to come as He creates opportunity to show Himself strong on our behalf. He is a good Father that provides for His children. One last thought, I remember weeping with my wife in our empty pantry putting away groceries someone left on our porch. We truly were (are) blessed. Love, Barry

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**Re: , on: 2009/4/2 8:18**

Quote:

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Isn't it funny how we develop these ideas about folks we talk to on here... only to find out how far off we are?

May we remember that when we're discussing theology on here and tempers begin to flare!

Krispy

PS: I thought you were a rock star.

**Re: - posted by Compton (), on: 2009/4/2 8:40**

I've noticed something about some of Christian men I know during these hard times.

When it came to the awesome miracle of Jesus atoning for their sins, they took credit for their free will decision to repent of their sins and become converted.

When it comes to finding a new job or new work, they suddenly become Calvinists and say "I can't do anything in my strength...I'm trusting in God I'm just praying he takes care of my family."

Krispy demonstrates he is willing to paint interiors. or do whatever it takes to provide for his family, and then asks the question why his more spiritual friends, who have lost their jobs, are being foreclosed on. Well, being spiritual doesn't provide for your family, men. Only sweat does that.

There is a use for 'spirituality' in these hard times for sure. However, it may be that we can take a tip from Solomon and not become 'overly righteous' and 'overly-wise' about the times we are living in.

Blessings,

MC

**Re: , on: 2009/4/2 10:56**

Scripture says:

**2 Thess 3:10** *For even when we were with you, this we commanded you, that if any would not work, neither should he eat.*

Krispy

**Re: Krispy's Praise and Request, on: 2009/4/2 14:01**

Stevie, ole buddy, shipmate, brother in Christ, I'm praying for you right now, and will continue to do so....fervently. My only other wish is that I could do more than pray...in a "James" sort of way, you know what I'm talking about...in a second Marine, in a second.

and the testimony and prayers of some of these saints is just awe inspiring, we're all a bit anxious, we might be perplexed, but we're not crushed, as I believe Paul said in Phillipians.

No, we're not crushed, nope, Prayer is powerful, and Jesus is Lord. Everything gonna be alright.

much love in Him, neil