

Ingredients of a mighty warrior

My wife returned from the service that Sunday (3 Sundays ago) and shot at me straight – “you missed a very good message today”. On the next opportunity I had, I downloaded the mp3 recording of the message Ms. Jaya spoke on that Sunday at the church we attend here. The message was on the 7 mountains. It was an excellent one. In the midst of her message, the kind of spiritual maturity Jaya exhibits attracted me to jot down these points. I would like to clarify that in all I say, I am included and lacks in all these myself.

Command in the Word of God:

Her command in the word of God was simply awesome. She touched upon her Brahmin Hindu background, how she used to learn by heart **chapters** of the Bible, fearing her mother would throw away the Bible. She added that, she still continues to memorise Bible verses and these words of God stood by her at various kinds of situations. She made a commitment to read 20 chapters of the Bible everyday, stood by it, and finished the bible in 2 months. She said, *“...for lack of knowledge, people perish..(the Bible)..we Christians lack biblical perspective of work...for lack of knowledge of the word of God (and His promises), we don't even know the authority we have over all mountains. Read the word. The word of God reveals everything to us.”*

Do we read enough-of our Bible? Many people reads the Bible just like any other book and more than us. How about us Christians, then ?

Commitment for a daily date with God:

She has a daily date with the Almighty. Jaya went a step further and keep a separate place for this date with her heavenly Father inside her house. She would daily read the word of God and talk to God at this place. Daily ! Yes, she had her share of hard times when she would not just feel like doing so. How did she handle such times? On days she felt tired and didn't feel like doing so, she would splash herself a full glass of cold water on her face, light all the lights in the room as if it was a Diwali and then pull herself to do it. Still, she would still read and pray to God. **She observed that one of the struggles with most people she mentor/counsel is that, they have a difficulty doing their daily devotionals. Many people struggles.**

What her husband says about her...”Jaya you will compromise anything but you will never give up your time with God “...to which she says... work out your salvation everyday , the bible says.

how is our daily date with our Lord both on good and bad days, on days we feel good or bad

Praying warrior with a robust faith in Him:

Jaya is a mighty warrior of God. She prays a lot and she have and exhibits a lot of faith. That says it all. She would pray-walk every morning for the people and CEO / seniors in her organization of about 25000 employees, where she is the only Christian (or probably she is not aware if there is any other). Due to this prayer 11 days after joining her organization, she was called to go to a senior person's home whose wife suffered from lumber puncture. They were a Hindu family and so she shared her testimony and she said she knew how to pray in the name of the only one name – Jesus Christ. They agreed and so she prayed for her. She was healed of the pain after she accepted what God told her that, He only can heal her. The other day she was on her way to office, a girl called her saying, “Aunty, this girl broke her ankle and she is to undergo operation, please pray for her”. She told about Jesus and how He can heal and prayed for her. That same evening at Andheri Station, the girl called her saying, *“Aunty, my ankle pain is gone. Jesus has healed me”*.

How is our prayer life & our faith – how do we fare

Lastly, it would not be wrong to say that Christianity is not lazy and casual. It is a lot more hardwork than we could possibly think. Shouldn't we be praying more than we do? Shouldn't we be emulating Jaya – her commitment, determination, hardwork, discipline, knowledge of the word?? These are the hallmark of a mature Christian. Let us have a re-look at ourselves once again. These are the ingredients of a mighty warrior.