

DAY 19

So will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth. (Matthew 12:40)

~~ *Believe Me When I Say* ~~

A little boy walked up to a lady sitting under an umbrella on the beach: "Are you a Christian?" "Yes, I am." She replied. "Do you read your Bible every day?" "Yes, I do." "Do you pray often?" Yes, again. "Well," the lad concluded, "will you hold my quarter while I go swimming?"

Trustworthiness is developed by telling the truth and, more importantly, never failing to do what has been promised. It only takes one unkept promise or one lie to destroy credibility and become an untrustworthy person.

Take the resurrection of Jesus, for instance. Many times during His three-year ministry on earth He foretold that He would be killed but would rise from the dead after three days. And that's exactly what happened! That may be the most astounding self-fulfilled prediction ever made. The fact that Jesus was raised from the dead exactly as He foretold gives us confidence in everything else He said.

If there is anything Jesus said that you are tempted to question, remember the Resurrection. He proved His word is good.

To be trustworthy in the hardest thing is to be trustworthy in everything. Amen. (DJ - June 22)

~~~ *Pray* ~~~

Abba Father,

Please help me to stand firm on all the promises Jesus said to me. Just like the boy expected, I want to be accountable for my faith in You so that anyone can see Christ in me. I am not worthy, but Christ in me is the true light. Oh, Holy Spirit! Please fill me with your power so that I can shine Christ in my daily life. Amen. (DC)