

# MY FAITH JOURNEY



## TESTIMONY

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In the early morning of 6 Aug, I was woken up at 2+ as my husband, Archer was experiencing severe abdominal pain. This was not new and he had shared in previous testimonies about his history of suffering from kidney stones.

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However, the presentation of the pain was slightly different this time round. So instead of getting himself into the A&E, he decided to "wait and see" if the pain could be "prayed away".

Nonetheless, that did not happen. At 5+, we made our way to the A&E. Not to our surprise, it was the same kidney stone issue.

We gave thanks that it was not something more serious. However, being human, we asked God why he needed to go through the ordeal again.

We probably may never know the answer, we just need to trust that God has a purpose in every situation.

Archer was subsequently discharged well the next day after all the necessary treatment.

"I WAS CONCERNED THAT IT MIGHT BE AN ISSUE WITH THE INTERNAL ORGANS"

On 8 Aug, I woke up with quite a bad middle back pain, which was aggravated by turning left or right. Nonetheless, I turned up at work as I needed to conduct a training that morning. Thereafter, I could no longer bear with the pain and had to seek medical attention in the afternoon as I was concerned that it might be an issue with the internal organs, given Archer's experiences.

I felt assured when the doctor said that I probably had strained the muscles. I couldn't remember any particular injury but thought that could be the result of either sitting/standing the whole day outside the A&E 2 days ago.

I thanked God for the National Day Public Holiday that I could rest.



On 11 Aug noon time, Archer called and informed me that our son, Isaac was experiencing severe abdominal pain in school and he asked to Grab a car home. I then called Isaac. He said that he would call me after he got on the Grab car. I told him to head straight to the clinic instead of going home.

However, the next thing I knew was that the School Operations Manager had called for an ambulance because Isaac could barely walk.

Isaac has a very high threshold of pain. For the ambulance to be called, I knew that the pain must be unbearable!



This was one of those moments when I felt really thankful for working in the hospital. While waiting for the ambulance to arrive. I texted the Salem Chapel Board members and my mum to pray. God had said in His Word that "For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them."

When Isaac arrived at the A&E, he did not look as bad as I had imagined.

From the time he arrived to the time he was attended to by the Doctor, he did have an episode of severe abdominal cramp, apart from that, without any medical intervention till the time he saw the Doctor, his pain score reduced from 10/10 to 2/10.

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God answers prayers, though it may or may not be as our hearts' desire or timing.

Based on the acute presentation of the symptoms and the elevated white blood cells, signalling infection, I suspected that Isaac might have appendicitis. The Doctor also thought it might develop into that but at that point in time, the risk was low.

So, I asked God for healing without surgical intervention. He answered. No appendicitis! No surgery!

Then I asked God for complete miraculous healing if He wills it to be so. However, He gave antibiotics treatment for the inflammation of the colon.

The Chinese Word for crisis is "危机", which means an opportunity in a crisis. We need to seize every opportunity, even in a crisis to be a witness for Christ.

Giving thanks to God during a crisis; when we are experiencing pain or suffering is a great testimony of His great love and grace that is more than sufficient for us. It is also the outward demonstration of living out our Christ-likeness.

God's peace indeed surpasses all understanding. That was exactly how I had experienced during that eventful week. Feeling physically fatigued after the whole ordeal of the past week, I succumbed to the flu bug.

While I think I am known to be someone who can remain fairly calm in a crisis, I don't think it is easy when the crisis involves our family and children. So again, it must be the Holy Spirit, who gave me the ability to remain emotionally strong.

Not forgetting Faith in my family. If I am "calm", our daughter, Faith is "cool"! To some she may even appear nonchalant. She was radio-silent throughout the text messages of the events leading to her brother's hospital admission. When the dust had settled and I had a text conversation with her, this was what she told me:



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THAN SUFFICIENT FOR US."

"Mum, how did you know that I did not pray? Honestly, I was not worried at all. When I saw the texts, I just prayed, "God, you do what You said You would do, you be with bro. Whatever happens to bro is within Your hands. Trusting in You, I will go about my day." Then she ended off with saying, "Mum, didn't God say that His grace is sufficient for us?" Indeed, God's grace is more than sufficient for us.

It is my hope and prayer that this sharing would be an encouragement for everyone. Let us develop that child-like faith that Faith has. God knows all our circumstances and challenges. If we are willing to share, the Salem family would be happy to journey with us too. So, let us continue to build our families at home and in church. All praise, glory and honour to God!