
By Your Grace Anything is Possible

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PILGRIM # 1: How long did it take you to recognise that it is Him. You have that longing?

ERUCH: That's another mystery, you know. So what happened is, how long it took? She's asking is a mystery, you see. There is no question of how long, I still don't know who He is except I accept Him as the Lord and He is the one but I don't know Him as He should be known.

Time and again, years passed by. He called, the thing is that, I didn't know when He called me. It was in 1938, I received a message asking me, sent a telegram to come and see Him immediately. Signed at that time, Baba. "Come immediately and see me at Panchgani."

So, I was working in my garden. It was summer time. May time, May 1938 and I am there, working in my garden. We had a very beautiful garden. It was vacation time, I am in college now. Intermediate, two years have passed in College, I am heading for an Engineering degree course and telegraph man comes and delivers the message.

My mother hears the ring. So she comes out and says, "Was there a messenger?

telegraph messenger?" I said, "Yeah." I took the telegram and gave it to her. And she read it and says, "What? You are still fiddling with these plants! Baba wants you to come immediately! Why don't you go?"

I said, "Immediately means, tomorrow will be alright. What's there in that?" That's how my story is. Means I used to take it so lightly, you know, at that time.

And I continued with it, my mother was very upset. And then again after an hour, after a couple of hours, I was still working there because they were tender plants and all that, I had to transplant them, put them under the shade and all that.

Messenger comes, another telegram. Same message. "Come immediately and see me at Panchgani, Baba."

And I said, "What? It's a repeat telegram!" But as I had learnt my father's technique to be very observant, I see that the station from which it was sent was something very different, it was not the same station. So He must be travelling, so He sent another reminder.

My mother comes out again and notices that, and she got so wild, so she asked me to go immediately! So I went there.

When I went there and He saw me, He simply said, "It's a long distance." So He was in a room, I entered in. He was happy to see me. By this time I had learnt His gestures. He says, "Come, sit down." He was sitting on the floor. "You have come, I am happy." He patted me on my back. Then with His board He says, "Is it possible for you to leave everything and come to me?"

I said, "By your grace anything is possible."

Again, I don't know why I said that. I don't know who He is but this is how, His grace is that. "By your grace, anything is possible. I am happy." Again He taps me profusely and says, "Come on 1st August!" That is within 2 months. He says, "Now you can go."

I have come all that distance just to hear this interview for one minute. So I bowed down and I'm leaving. So He claps and calls me again. Makes me sit down. "Well, is it possible for the whole family to leave everything and come to me?"

I said, "By your grace anything is possible."

"Ok. Let all the family leave everything and come to me." So I go back. That's how it was. So on 1st August 1938, we did come and we are staying here.

But it was not an easy thing! At that time when I said that it was easy, I don't know why I said it, what made me do it, what made me say, but there were great responsibilities! It's not a joke within two

months anything that is established, you see, just to leave everything and go away. It's not a joke!

Then I sat in the train, it all started coming on my head! I said, "What have I committed? What will my father say? What about the estate? What about the bungalow? What about this? What about that? What about servants who are working for us, you see. They depend upon us totally! What about my friends, what about my acquaintances? What about this, this."

All this was there! My little brother was going to school, what about that? My sister was engaged. I was engaged also, to get married, what about all that? And the whole thing, it seems that the whole universe had collapsed on my head.

I said, "What have I done?"

And again, by His grace, after an hour or two hours of this going in the train, speeding train, "Well, what have I done? I have done nothing!" This is how my mind says to me, "What have I done? I have done nothing. What did I say?"

You know at that time the word that comes out is so important. There is no such thing as agreement or signing or sealing and all that. Word itself was the document. So I was very much perturbed like that! So I said, "So after all, what I said? If by His grace, it is possible, it's possible, if it is not possible, it won't be possible. It will be His grace that will be there.

I didn't commit myself, I simply said that by your grace, anything is possible. If it is possible, well it's possible! So I am happy and free. So I am going. That's how the mind plays tricks with us.

But it was made possible. And we are here, confronting you all.