

# HI MAXINE...

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The following e-mail exchange is rare... only in that the individual to whom I am responding is extremely open and not at all trying to adjust reality to her own perception. The challenge she relates is not rare... in fact, it is all too common. A loved one dying... or ongoing symptoms from a disease not healed are problems all of us face. What to do about it? Well let's first look at what Maxine says... then my response... and let's get into some meaningful dialogue about YOUR particular situation... and how I see it.

Dear Brad,

Okay, I read that paper [can all be healed] you wanted me to read and I do think that the death of my grandson is probably a lacking on my part in the faith that I operate in. I am not offended by that... but this is the question that I have for you. Do you think a newborn child who is very sick can make the decision to not be healed? I don't believe that our spirits are immature at any time, in fact I believe that our spirits are very old. I don't believe you can be healed on someone else's faith ...I mean if you were to lay hands on me to be healed that if I didn't believe I could or would be healed that I wouldn't be healed. Is that correct?

I'm just kinda weird I guess sometimes....

Thanks Maxine

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Hi Maxine...

I come to you as a brother... who does not yet have all the faith he is going to get.

It is a good thing that you are not offended. If I can get past silly doctrines about anything and first just admit that if what Jesus is recorded as having said, i.e., "If you have enough faith nothing shall be impossible to you," and admit that I didn't, or don't have enough faith to handle a particular situation yet – then I am free to continue to seek, knock and demand to get more faith... the essence of Jesus' instructions about the matter.

Something Jesus clearly promised is available. If I take the promise seriously I can go to my one and only perfect Daddy and say, "Look... this is a promise, I want it, I want it, I want it..." and not stop telling Him I want it UNTIL I have it. I do have more faith (as I define the word) than most people I know... but you have to understand that when I started down this path I had practically zero faith. But I took Jesus' promise seriously and I haven't quit seeking, knocking and demanding for more... and I do this daily, NOW!

Do I have all the faith I am ever going to get? NO! He told me how to get more... I am acquiring more every day.

I definitely do not think you are weird! It seems to me that you are correct about spirits being ageless... and thus never being immature. But as I think about that for a moment... Jesus said that we cannot enter the kingdom of the unseen realm unless we come to it as a little child. Therefore, is it possible that "maturity" in the spiritual sense is not an apt term?

Jesus said not to be anxious about anything. If we confess our lack as the "sin" that it is (and I know that you understand what I am saying here), He is faithful and just to cleanse, i.e., make up for our lack of faith in every area. Whereas if we hide behind our seemingly correct doctrines and dream up excuses why members of our family die... or are drunks, or debilitated by some crippling disease or another, or... or... or... or... we miss out on the one thing over which we have the power to change... OURSELVES! Think about it, isn't that exciting? We can change... we can get more faith. I didn't make that promise, Jesus promised it!

As to your question, "Can somebody heal somebody that doesn't believe? Let me give you a recent "for instance." A doctor friend of mine in Africa asked me to join her during a session with a patient. She had told

her patient that she was at a dead end... and told her that she believed that it was an “entity” (her term for an “evil spirit” or “demon”) that was causing the young lady’s problem... and she introduced me as being able to deal with such “entities.”

The young lady (patient) told me that she didn’t believe in God at all. I replied that was okay. We talked for about a half an hour. She was healed... (to her, her mother and the doctor’s amazement.) In fact I was the only one involved that wasn’t amazed. Now then, isn’t that amazing?

Now, my dear sister Maxine, I am preaching to myself... and I’m “all ears!” Amen!

Some people write to me... arguing that I should be focusing on important issues such as “salvation” and not on “healing” or “faith.” Well, excuse me, but I didn’t use to have much faith and now I do. So this is what I know to keep sharing because it is real and God does keep His promises. Also, at least to me this (my emphasis) is living in the NOW – the meaning of the word in the original language translated traditionally in English as “eternal life.” The word in the original means, “no beginning and no ending.” Eternal life is NOW. Eternal life is overcoming all the works of the enemy NOW, in this moment.

Perhaps I have received more faith than most just because I had enough trust in my Daddy to keep on telling Him that I wanted more faith. Whatever the reason... I received more. Dad, I want more right now. I want the absolute faith that Maxine will receive what You are speaking through me right now. Keep on seeking, knocking and demanding, Maxine. God is not a respecter of persons – meaning He doesn’t do something for me that he won’t do for you as well. Keep on keeping on.

Okay, I guess that proves that I am preaching to you TOO. Feels okay to me... how about you? By the way, Maxine, I am going to use this exchange for my next “Brad’s latest. Shall I remove your name or leave it in?\*

In His infinite love and grace,

\*Note: Maxine said to leave her name in this piece... I deleted her e-mail address to protect her privacy.

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