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**Episode 3: Are Your Tears Greater Than My Tears?**  
**Speaking script**

*Pronunciations*

*Prajakta – prah JAHK tah*

*Mhaske – MAHS kuh*

*Prafullata – PRAH foo LAH tah*

*Gaurav – GAHR ahv*

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- This story is from a city called Aurangabad, in central India.
- It is the fastest growing city in all of Asia.

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- Prajakta was a happy, smart little girl.
- Her dad was a dentist and her mother was a nurse. They were Christians.
- Prajakta's father, Dr. Mhaske, taught Sunday school in the Nazarene church.
- To be a better Bible teacher, he went to seminary for four years. But he didn't plan to be a pastor.
- Her mother, Prafullata, also completed a seminary degree.

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- But it was Prajakta who started Christian ministry first. She began a children's Sunday School in her parents' home.
- She gave the neighborhood children a piece of chocolate if they came, and another piece if they brought a friend.
- She was passionate about sharing Jesus with neighborhood kids.

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- When she was 19, Prajakta died in a train accident.
- Her parents, and younger brother, Gaurav, were devastated.
- One day, about 50 kids from the Sunday school came to cry with her family.

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- For a year, Prajakta's mother, Prafullata, wept every day.
- She said, "God, I will not ask you why it happened, I will not ask why, why, why. But, God, you know me. My name 'Prafullata' means happiness. I cannot be crying."

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- The grieving couple went on a trip to Jerusalem.
- There they walked the same streets where Jesus carried a splintery cross on his bleeding back to Calvary.

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- Prafullata sensed God's voice say, "Is your sorrow greater than my sorrow? Are your tears greater than my tears? Why are you crying? Don't cry."
- Since that day Prafullata has ceased weeping.

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- A year later, a pastor gave them a word from God: the Lord, who loves them, would replace what they had lost with new joy.
- Within six months, at age 48, Prafullata became pregnant.
- It was a risky pregnancy. Doctors advised her to abort. She refused.

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- She gave birth to a healthy baby boy. They named him Joy, because God kept his promise to restore their joy.

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- They had funds saved for Prajakta's college. They gave it to open a church in her name.
- Dr. Mhaske finally recognized his calling to be a pastor.
- Today, he is a bivocational pastor of Prajakta Memorial Church of the Nazarene, while teaching in a dental college part-time.

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- Prafullata ministers to the students at the nursing college where she teaches.
- Gaurav, now 22, leads the boys' youth group at church, and leads worship. He is studying physical therapy at medical school.

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- The church has grown from 5 families to about 90 attenders.
- They are fundraising to build walls and a ceiling on their open air church.

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- This faithful family has experienced that sorrow and weeping may last for a time, but God's peace and joy comes in the morning.

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Psalm 30: 11-12

<sup>11</sup> You have turned my mourning into joyful dancing.

You have taken away my clothes of mourning and clothed me with joy,

<sup>12</sup> that I might sing praises to you and not be silent.

O LORD my God, I will give you thanks forever!

(The Message)

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