

Kind & Gentle Jesus

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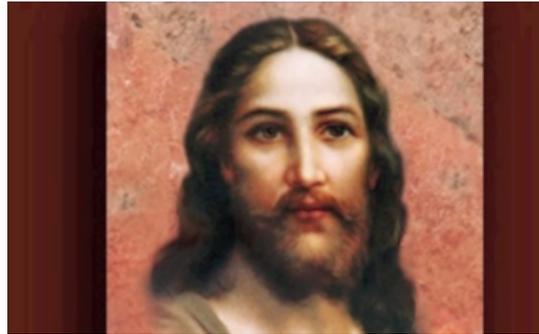
You Who knew me well
Long before I was born,
You Who formed me
In my mother's womb,
May Your kingdom come,
May Your will be done,
May we see You coming soon.

Refrain

Kind and gentle Jesus, carry me today.
Hold my weary soul within Your arms.
Draw me ever nearer, nearer to Your Heart.
Sweet and watchful Shepherd
Hear my prayer.
Sweet and watchful Shepherd
Hear my prayer.
Gracious Husband, true.
Take me unto You
As we celebrate our wedding day.
Oh, this love we share
And the fruit that we bear
I have kept in store for You.

Be Still And Know That I Am God

August 6, 2012



Be still and know that I am God.
Be still and know that I care.
No weapon formed against you
Will ever prevail.
For I have written your precious name
Upon the palm of My hand.
And all who defame you,
Will fall away (will meet their end)
Not to be found anymore, anymore,
No, never to be found anymore.

Overcoming Fear



August 11, 2012

Hi. I'm going to talk to you about fear, especially for my dear friend, Trish, who is having some problems regaining her peace after a robbery that took place at her house.

The Lord promises us His peace. It's written in John: Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or

afraid.

As I had mentioned before, Trish, on the phone. The devil doesn't have permission to do things to you, most of the time. But he does have permission to be able to affect your mind and your thinking and to steal your peace. I think the Lord probably allows this because He is training us in faith and trust in Him

It's written in the book of Job that Satan had to go to God for permission to sift His servant, Job. So, before Satan could do anything to Job, He had to get permission from God. He's on a chain, he can only go so far. But then, there's the whole area of our life, our mental life, that can be affected by impressions.

As I had said earlier, there's a mist or fog. I grew up in the Midwest, and in the morning the roads would be misty on some occasions, and you couldn't see ahead. Well, in our minds, the devil likes to project misty images of threatening things. Thoughts that are threatening. "You're going to have an accident. One of your children is going to die. You're going to lose your business." These are like lions that are lunging out at you, except mentally. They're like mental lions. When you take the word of God and you stand on Scripture, the Lord IS our Light, He is our Salvation. And when you stand on a Word, you can speak to that fog, to that mist, to that threat and completely dispel it, just as the sun burns the fog off of the road in the morning.

So, let's take a look at a couple of Scriptures to stand on. And when I say stand, what I mean is, when a thought that is threatening or disturbing comes to you, know that this thought is NOT from God - it's from the enemy. He has his little demons that have their way of speaking into our minds. They live in the spirit world, and they have ways of flashing images as well. All of these things can be put on the run and completely dissolved in the light of God's Word.

Here are some Scriptures to remember:

The Lord is my light, the one who saved me. Whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life, of whom should I be afraid? Even if an army gathers against me, my heart will not be afraid. Even if war rises against me, I will be sure of you of Lord. Psalm 27:1-3

Peace I leave with you, My Peace I give to you not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. John: 14:27-28

This is not the kind of peace you feel when you have get the laundry done, the dishes done, all the meals cooked and now you can relax and have a good time. No, this is the peace that comes from the spiritual world and it's from the Lord. The Lord lives inside of us. You have invited Jesus into your life.

Scripture says it very simply that: Whoever loves Me will keep My word, and My Father will love him. We will come to him, and make our dwelling with him. John 14:23

When you open your life and your heart to the Lord and tell Him you love Him and want Him in your life, and you want Him to have control in your life, He comes and enters into your heart and He abides inside of us. He lives inside of us. Even He and the Holy Spirit will bring to mind the Scriptures you need in different situations.

The Lord watches over those who are right with Him, and He hears their prayers. But He is against those who sin. Who will hurt you if you do what is right? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you will be happy. Do not be afraid or troubled by what they may do to make it hard for you. I Peter 3: 12-13

The Lord will not allow you to be tested beyond your means. That's in the Scriptures. If you are on a safari, and a lion jumps out of the bushes, well, you've got a gun, you're going to shoot the lion. That's not being tested beyond your means. But He's not going to let a lion jump out of the bushes in front of your house! Images like that, any kind of scary images - being watched, or being troubled - those images are from the evil ones to steal your peace.

You can be sure that any time that you lose your peace or your joy, the enemy is behind it. You needn't be afraid of the enemy because Christ dwells inside of you. He will give you the wisdom to discern and to see that a mental attack is coming against you. This is only, again, a mirage, or a fog or mist to steal your joy, to steal your peace.

We have no reason to be afraid of demons. Here in the South West where we live now, every once in a while a coyote will come into the yard. Or, anywhere in the country, we have dogs that wander around. If you've got your back door open and a dog wanders into your kitchen, what are you going to do? Are you going to welcome him, are you going to run from him like you are afraid? More likely than not, you'll turn around and you'll say, "Get out of here!!" You might be a dog lover and treat the situation a whole different way - but let's just say the dog came in and lifted his leg on the cabinet. You're going to grab a broom and say, "Get out!"

Okay, well when we're talking about a Christian against demons, we're talking about something on that level- we're talking about mischievous, impish creatures that have very little intelligence or they wouldn't be working with Satan in the first place. And within you dwells the Lord. They're afraid of Him - they're afraid of the Name of Jesus! "In the Name of Jesus, you unclean spirit, LEAVE!"

Men are very often tormented with sexual thoughts. They aren't coming from inside of them - they may have seen something in the past that could evoke that. But they don't always come from inside a person; they are flashed at them. And you can take authority over things like that by simply saying, 'In the Name of Jesus, the Almighty God of Heaven and Earth, you unclean spirit. I bind you and command you to leave and never return.' Take authority. Just like the dog who walks in to your kitchen and messes on your cabinets. You have all the right in the world, all the authority in the world, you have all the power in the world. In the Name of Jesus.

You needn't be afraid of these things.

Some of what I've been saying - if your peace leaves you and you have fearful thoughts, run to the Scriptures. Pray. Ask the Holy Spirit to give you a Scripture. We like these little Bible Promise books, they're pretty useful. They have topics on Fear and different things. Joy. Lust. Money and the World. God's Love. Humility. Things like that. So when you are troubled by Pride or a Lustful thought, troubled by a Fearful thought, you can turn to that chapter and there are beautiful Scriptures to choose from.

And the way the Lord works, the Holy Spirit works is, He will quicken to you a word. There might be 8 Scriptures on that page, and one will feel like a butterfly in your heart - it will just be quickened, and you'll feel it inside. And you'll say, "That's the one. That's the one I need to memorize, that's the one I need to stand on. That's the one that will get the job done."

And you take that Scripture into your mind, into your eye gate, your ear gate, your heart. You speak it out. And the demons tremble! They are afraid of the Word of God, and they're afraid of the Name of Jesus. And you have that authority, because He's living in you. So, try no to be troubled. Rely on the Lord, His goodness, His mercy, and especially the power of His Name.

Dwelling Prayer



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It's my very great pleasure and joy to share with you some very beautiful and revealing experiences that the Lord came to me with, revealing His nature; revealing His playful nature, His romantic nature. When people fall in love, when men and women fall in love, they want to be together. They want to spend time together - maybe going for walks in the forest, or going to the city. To an art gallery or go to a

concert or just sit together and watch a beautiful sunset. Or just sit together and enjoy the sun in the park. This is the nature of love: that we want to share ourselves, our substance with one another.

And the Lord is no different. He's fully God, but He was also fully man. He created love and He created emotions. He created our capacity to love one another and our capacity to love Him - which has to be activated.

No one can come to Me unless the Father draws Him. John 6:44

That's what Scripture says. That's an activation. And Holy Spirit is involved in that process as well. When the Lord finally does reveal Himself to us, we can spend time with Him, finding out more about Him. We can run from Him because we feel guilty or we are too busy. There are so many different things that can happen, but His heart is to spend quality time with His beloved Bride.

Now, the scriptural basis for this can be found in Song of Solomon (or Song of Songs in some Bibles), all you really have to do is read the first line and you can see where this is going.

More delightful... (This is the Bride speaking to the Groom, the Beloved) Let him kiss me with the kisses of his mouth. More delightful is your love than wine. Your name spoken is a spreading perfume. Draw me, we will follow you eagerly. Bring me, oh king, into your chambers. Song of Solomon 1:2

Now, this was written by Solomon for his beloved. But classically it's been understood by all the ages of Christian scholars and Jewish scholars that this is also a love letter to the Bride, to the Church, to His wife. And there is another place in the Scriptures (which I don't have readily marked here) where the Lord says that:

He who has created you will become your husband. Isaiah 54:5

So, going back to - or going forward actually - to John, I want to give you a little more Scriptural basis here for this.

Whoever has my commands, commandments and observes them is the one who loves me. Whoever loves me will be loved by my Father and I will love him and reveal myself to him. John 14:21

So, when we became Christians, we had a desire to please God. And when we have this desire, the Lord gives us the grace to help fulfill the desire. But it's also a sign to us through His Word that He is dwelling with us. Let me see, there was one other Scripture here:

Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him. John 14:23

We have a website called Heartdwellers.org and it's all about this interior life of Dwelling Prayer and this intimacy with the Lord. So, what is my great joy and pleasure to begin to share with you is something the Lord did with me back in January - on the 2nd of January 2007. A very mature and seasoned, retired pastor had invited us for what's called, "soaking prayer". Which has... by some people become infamous, because it's been abused. Just like with some people, speaking in tongues has been abused. Legalism has been abused. Pharisee-ism has been abused. So, we don't judge a movement or something that could possibly be the work of the Holy Spirit by the abusers. You know, men abuse, women abuse. We don't judge men and women by that. We look at what it is, for what it is. And if someone has taken it and abused it or misused it, then, that's a perversion.

So, what we are talking about here is what the Lord is talking about in the Scriptures when He says,

We will make our dwelling with him. Or her.

What does that mean? What is a dwelling? It's a house. It's a place where you live. God lives inside of us. Inside of us! He's not out there, He's in here. It's another dimension. I'll let you in on a little secret: wherever God is, Heaven is. And if you enter your heart, you enter into the Lord's heart, because your heart is His throne room - He sits in your heart like a King on His throne. If you go into your throne room in a quiet state of prayer and adoration, eventually God will reveal His manifest presence to you. You will see Him in an exterior way. He allows this to happen because we are so used to seeing things out here.

But we are beginning inside in our hearts, worshipping God and that establishes a communication of love and purity from creature to Creator. And when this happens on a continuous basis - that we make that kind of time for Him, to adore Him - eventually He begins to reveal Himself to us. And He has to do that in a way that we can really accept and relate to. So, it's on the outside, so to speak. You're looking at Him, He's looking at you, He's talking to you, you're talking to Him. There is a dialog going on, there's deep feeling going on. There's a conviction going on that you are truly communicating with Jesus.

It's a beautiful thing.

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What a truly beautiful thing it is to be in the presence of the Lord. To be able to see Him, to feel His presence, to hear His words, to be able to converse with Him. And this honor was given to me as it is to many, many Christians - there is nothing special about me, I can promise you that. Aside from the fact

that the Lord lives in me, I am not anything to stand tall about. But in January 2nd of 2007 a very distinguished retired pastor who lives in Taos, New Mexico where we are invited me to a "soaking meeting." Well now, what is soaking? I have to go back to the Scriptures and look at what the Lord says. He says:

We will come to him and make our dwelling with him. John 14:23

We have a website called Heartdwellers.org and we teach Dwelling Prayer on that site. Not that you could really teach it - it's something you can prepare your heart for, but God has to do it. Dwelling with Him is the whole concept of being in the Lord's presence. Not necessarily: "Praise You, praise You, Lord, bless You, we worship You." I mean those are beautiful moments and there is a time and place for that. "Lord I love You, I love You, I love You. You're so wonderful!" There is a time and a place for that. These are things the Lord loves to hear, especially if they are coming from the heart and not just a nervousness to be busy in prayer and saying something.

But we need to be able to enter into His presence quietly and in a state of adoration, ready to adore Him but to let go of our conversations, to let go of our little Ferris wheels that keep going with different thoughts, you know. And the Lord gives us this grace and this ability.

Well, getting back to this soaking prayer. Which we've termed Dwelling Prayer now, because what we try to teach is that the Lord dwells in us and we are entering into the place where He dwells. Which is also the door to Heaven - He is the door to the sheepfold, He is the door to eternal life.

No one come to the Father except he comes through Him. John 14:6

This is Scripture. And in the same way, He is also the entrance into Heaven, into this beautiful place. And many Christians now all over the world are experiencing what Heaven is like. God is revealing great mysteries to them. And it's as though the clouds have parted and that dimension has opened to Christianity and we've walked right into it and seen beautiful things.

The experiences that He gave me to share with you are a little bit different. These have to do with His nature as the Bridegroom. As the lover. Now this isn't carnal, so don't get any idea about that. It has nothing to do with sex. It has to do with profound love and profound and deep affection. But these sexual feelings that we experience on Earth, they aren't present in Heaven. It's not possible. Why? I don't know exactly, but I know one thing the Lord has told me. (Because I expressed a fear about that, you know..."Lord, I feel... I'm so in love with You, this is so wonderful, you know - I'm afraid I might have a thought!") And His answer to me was, **"It's not going to happen. It doesn't happen Here."**

Wow! That's beautiful. That's wonderful to hear, because I'd hate to be in that situation where I had a thought that was impropriety.

So, the first thing that happened while we were having this soaking prayer meeting: He spoke to me in an allegory, in the sense that I began to see a scene, actually like a movie! Sometimes you'll hear people, New Agers and they will talk about, "Well, I experienced that lifetime, I saw all that happen." And what I usually say to them is, "Have you ever been to the movies? Guess what? Satan has his movies, too. And he can play those movies right in front of you."

So, how do you know you aren't deceived when you have a vision like that? "Well first of all, you're in a state of worship; you're going to the Lord and you're in a place of adoration." (Some would answer.)

Well, sorry to tell you, but you can be deceived! Discernment is not anything easy. But if He's drawing you into a spousal intimacy as in Song of Solomon, is He going to deliberately mislead you, allow a seducing spirit? Is He going to do that? I don't think so, that's not His nature. He's drawing His Bride into intimacy.

Now, there *can* come a time later on, when you're more mature in this kind of relationship with the Lord. If you get it in your head that you're something "special" and that pride starts to make your head get real big... yep, He might just allow deception to humble you and bring you back down to Earth!

You see, what we are doing here is, we're entering into His Rest. We are ceasing at our own efforts at

prayer, our own efforts at communication and entering into HIS Rest. And I want to go back for just a second and just kind of describe to you what a Dwelling Prayer meeting is like.

Basically, we have a meal together, which is different. Most people say you are more spiritually alert when you've been fasting. And for some people that may be true and correct, but for some reason we were introduced to it at a small, light, meal beforehand - so no blood sugar issues. And afterwards, sitting in a nice, comfortable living room someplace where you're at home, you know, with your coffee cup and maybe a couple cookies. Maybe stretching out on the floor comfortably with a pillow under your head or maybe slouched down in the couch. Comfortable. At ease. Entering into Rest. And whoever is leading the prayer will just simply turn the music on real low and we'll just quietly worship the Lord in our hearts and dispose ourselves to receive from Him. And again, what Father "would give you a snake when you ask for a fish," I think is how it goes.

So, the Lord is very tender, very gentle and this is a spirituality. He's told me this is a new movement in Christian community to draw His Bride into His arms, to purify her wedding dress and prepare her to be taken to Heaven with Him.

As such, these experiences that I've had in Heaven - and I'm not alone, my husband also - we both experienced this. What happened was, we went to this meeting, the soaking prayer meeting, which goes on for maybe 45 minutes to an hour of just resting, resting in a spiritual state, in a state of quiet adoration of Jesus.

But in Dwelling Prayer, we encourage you to enter into your heart, because you know that Jesus lives there. What is the work of a Christian? It's to believe. It's to have faith. If you have faith you can enter into His Rest. What did He say in Hebrews?

He said:

Oh, that you would hear his voice, harden not your hearts where you saw my works for 40 years and because of this I was provoked with that generation because they were rebellious and I said they've always been of erring heart they do not know my ways and I swore in my wrath they shall not enter into my rest. Take care brothers that none of you have an evil and unfaithful heart as to forsake the Lord. Hardened by the deceit of sin. Hebrews 3:7-8

So, one of the sins that we can all commit, is unbelief. The Lord has done so many things for me in my life, to be unbelieving is a travesty. It's a sin! You can't enter into His Rest if you don't believe! And what is the job of a Christian? To believe! That's what the Scriptures say. Believe in God's only Son, Jesus Christ. To believe His Word. To believe that He is with you, that He dwells inside of you and that He desires for you to dwell with Him!

So! Going back to what actually took place...I guess you could say I kind of have a fancy for the medieval times or whatever. All I know is that I was on a horse, I was galloping through a long forest and I came across a wooden bridge; a moat with a castle and a wooden bridge that came across it. I dismounted from my horse and I was drawn to this door inside the castle. There were no people there, no one! I thought, 'This is odd, this is really strange. Is this you Lord?'

But I felt drawn, so I followed it. And I entered into a room that was a chapel! It was actually the church of the castle or the chapel of the castle. And there was no one there. Except all of a sudden I saw my guardian angel standing on my left. And I was wearing a wedding gown! A beautiful wedding gown, with pearls; and I saw myself from the back like I was up in the balcony or the choir loft. The back of my dress was interwoven, silver, dove feathers, white dove feathers interwoven all the way down to the waist line and then you know, full on the bottom...beautiful train.

And then I saw angels and they were weaving pearls in my hair! They were preparing me to meet the Groom. I looked at my angel and he looked at me and Oh! My heart just melted! I thought, 'You're gonna take me to the Lord! And we're not going to be working together anymore, and I've never really thanked you for all that you've done for me! I don't even know you! And you've been the most intimate

companion I've had.' And it was like he kinda said to me, "Don't worry about that right now." Then the next scene that happened was very beautiful. All of a sudden the Lord was at the front of the chapel.

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So here I am, in this magnificent medieval chapel with a beautiful rosette window at the very top. And Jesus is on the right hand side. And I'm standing in the aisle with my guardian angel on my left. And I see myself from the choir loft and I see this exquisite bridal dress, the back of which is interwoven dove feathers coming to a point in the back and the whole skirt and train spreading out behind me. A beautiful veil and there are angels weaving pearls into my hair under this veil. And as we started to move forward, well I caught sight of the Lord. He was magnificent in white, a beautiful white gown that was very luminescent. And our eyes met and I nearly died from love. When He looked at me, my whole being was penetrated with such intense affection and love and appreciation, unbelievable emotion that I've never experienced before, ever! My feelings for Him when I saw Him, when I saw the look of appreciation He had for me and loved me. He loved me! This magnificent man and He loved me profoundly. His heart was melting at the sight of me. It just completely undid me! I was just totally unraveled! I couldn't even, I couldn't think beyond the next moment.

My angel began to lead me towards my Lord. I realized that the angel was going to give me away to the Lord because the guardian angel and been with me all my life. He had prepared me for this very moment. This was his greatest honor! The pinnacle of his experience to bring me to my Beloved. I looked at him and I was so, so profoundly grateful and so very sorry that I didn't know him better, that I never made the effort to really appreciate him and thank him for... I mean he was with me my entire life, through everything I ever did, guiding me and protecting me and leading me and never ever did I, did I ever give him the kind of thanks that he deserved for what he did for me in my life! I was terribly... I was heartbroken over this! I looked at him and he looked at me, he looked down at me, he was very tall and he said, "Don't worry about it now." And I thought, 'Ok I'll try!' I turned my focus to the Lord who was yet ahead of me and my angel presented me to the Lord.

The Lord had tears running down His cheeks. I had tears running down my cheeks. He was so in love with me! I was so in love with Him! I've never experienced anything like that! It was truly divine. It was totally divine! After we exchanged vows with one another, we turned and faced the pews and the Lord took my hand and all of a sudden we rose up and up and up and up through that rosette window, which now I remember. There was a beam of light coming down from that window and we rose up into that beam of light and I found myself in Heaven!

And we are in Heaven and before me is this glorious fountain. First, there's a palace, there's this huge palace, it must have been maybe 60 or 70 feet high and the entrance was probably about 50-60 feet wide. But there was this beautiful, round fountain outside as you would pass through it to enter into the castle or the palace, actually. Something on the order of the palaces they have in India, the Taj Mahal, something like that. Polished marble floors, this beautiful white marble fountain reminded me very much of Buckingham fountain in Chicago where I grew up. And beautiful colored water flowing out from it all around, flowing out, beautiful! It takes your breath away! This was the introduction to our palace in heaven; the Lord had prepared a place for me!

All I can say is that while I was experiencing this, I was marveling, I was totally marveling. But then after I came down from this experience, after the soaking prayer was over and I started to review it I was shell

shocked for days. I could not, in my wildest imagination understand what I did to deserve this kind of a dwelling in Heaven! I mean, I was beside myself! I knew it was the Lord. I had a conviction. This is God! This truly happened to me. This really is the Lord. I had the conviction and I knew what it was but I was beside myself in wonderment that for the little that I've done in my life for Him. Not only did He give His life and die on the Cross for me, and wash away my sins, but then He goes to Heaven and makes a palace for me? For what?

And this is where I'm saying that this experience in Heaven is a little different than the experiences that I've heard - you know from other people in Heaven. Only because the Lord was trying to reveal to me His love. Not what I did, not my accomplishments, HIS LOVE. You would not believe this place! Everything in that palace really, really made me joyful and happy!

First of all, there were seven waterfalls! I love the number seven to begin with, but there were seven waterfalls! The waterfalls were 30 feet high. There were three going along one side, three going along on the other side and at the end was one very long, 40 or 50 foot waterfall. In between the waterfalls were these beautiful spruce trees and ferns and lilies and oh, my gosh, all the things that I love! There were sparkles of light coming out of the waterfall. Indigo happens to be one of my favorite colors, Indigo and Purple and Pink and beautiful Indigo sparkles coming out of this waterfall down to the choices of the colors. It was so beautiful, so perfect. This is only the first waterfall, right? There's six more to go! To be honest with you, I haven't gotten to... I've gotten past five, I have no idea what six and seven are like... but every waterfall was unique and different. Unbelievable!

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Well, we were asked to share our experiences after the dwelling meeting was called to a halt. I didn't dare share the details because I felt that it was just way out of anybody's reality zone. I hadn't even grappled with it yet, let alone trying to share it with others. It was just so incredible to me.

One of the things that happened that I didn't share was that the Lord gave me a wedding present. Oh, the castle was not enough, the palace was not enough, of course not! Out from between the rocks of the first and second waterfall I saw something black and white moving. And I thought, 'What is that?!' Amidst the fern and the beautiful, beautiful blue spruce, out emerged this absolutely stunning, white tiger!

And he came up to me - at this point we were sitting on kind of a loveseat arrangement, like a wrought iron loveseat with white velvet, facing the waterfall. Just resting, just enjoying it. The Lord was absolutely... He was so thrilled at my reactions! He was so gratified; He was overwhelmed that I was just awestruck! This tiger comes over and starts rubbing up against me, going back and forth and purring and starts to lick my feet. And then, because I was kind of reclining against the Lord, in a loveseat kind of situation, reclined against Him with my feet up and the tiger was licking my feet. Then he came and laid his huge, gigantic head right here, on my tummy. He just looked up at me.

I love cats. I love big cats. It's always been a dream of mine to have big cats. So, this was my wedding present, a white tiger! It was amazing. I was told his name is Simba and don't have many other details about him, but whenever I am called back to Heaven, he is there along with another assortment of animals as well.

So, several different times this happened. Now, on this one particular night when I returned to the palace on the 3rd of January, my husband started having experiences very much like mine in his room at the other end of our house during his prayer time. And what emerged from that was what we call the *Chronicles of the Bride*. The Lord told me probably half way through these experiences that He wanted us

to write a book to draw His Bride to Him. To reveal His love nature and His ability to create for us, for His Brides, and His appreciation, His profound appreciation of us. The littlest details I can tell you about: the beautiful, blue Morpho butterfly that came by, about the beautiful golden eagle that landed gently on my left arm. I mean there were so many things in that first experience.

As I mentioned earlier, my husband at the same time, was having similar experiences, but unique to him - very different in some ways. As a result of these experiences, the Lord asked us again to write *Chronicles of the Bride* which are the chronicles of our experiences in Heaven for a certain time period. There are a whole lot more experiences but what we've put together is a book called *Chronicles of the Bride* and it is available at heartdwellers.org as a free download, free PDF.

And there's also the music that corresponds to that, so we're going to be coming out with more music but it sets the tone of the things that happened in Heaven and more chronicles of the events that happened.

But I have to say, the most important thing for us to understand is that this is all about His love not anything we deserve. The times when you stop to give someone a ride, the times when you worked at a food bank and you fed somebody, the times that you forgave an offense. The times that you took time to explain the faith to someone or just to sit and listen to them and comfort them - you accumulate things like this in your lifetime over and over and over again and we forget about them. You know, we do it as unto the Lord because He says to do them and then we forget. But He doesn't forget! He's forgot nothing that we've done. Everything has been written down.

When He said, I go to prepare a place for you, (John 14:3) he wasn't kidding! The place He's preparing is for YOU, special! It's special for you! I think I might have mentioned earlier if you don't like water, don't worry there won't be any water there. If you don't like cats, there won't be any cats. You'll have an elephant if you want one. Horses, whatever you want. Heaven is full of animals, full of plants, full of creatures, beautiful creatures, friendly creatures!

The rest of the Chronicles, I may go through some more experiences, you know explaining some of them to you and sharing with you - but the reason He is gone to prepare this place for us is because of Him, His nature, His love and His gratefulness. Little tokens for God, but humongous things to us, just gigantic. I turned and looked at the Lord at the end of this experience, after the white tiger, and after the golden eagle. I asked Him, because I was overwhelmed, I had no... I couldn't understand, I didn't understand it. "Does this, does this belong to the Angels, this place?" He's telling me, "*No this is your palace! This is your place. I created it just for you.*"

And I looked up at him (this just this will unravel you, I mean, it unraveled me, it really unraveled me). I was overwhelmed with these wedding gifts and I said in a broken voice, "But I haven't done anything to deserve this Lord!" With a gentle air of finality He said, "*You Obeyed.*"

Magnificent to behold were cascades of water tumbling down, some in gentle sprays, some with great volume. Lavender, aquamarine, periwinkle blue, delicate rose and satiny white ribbons of color gracefully float through the water. Doves flew back and forth, their wings echoing throughout this place of wonder. The Lord turned and looked deeply into my eyes. And I'll close with this. Because I really want you to remember this.

Not being able to control my thoughts I said, "But I have not yet overcome, I mean there are so many faults that I still have. I haven't overcome." And He answered me, "*I have overcome for you. All of this is yours.*"

What an awesome God! What an awesome love! He is hungry for your company. He longs for intimacy with you. He has prepared a place for you. But the one thing that He has for you that's more precious than anything else is His love. And that's Presence, when you dwell in His heart you allow Him to engage you. His presence, His manifest presence is the most wonderful experience anyone on earth can have. God Bless you!

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Beloved, have no doubt that God can do this kind of thing. I mean, Walt Disney can create movies and cartoons that engage our imagination. He's only a man! And if Disney World and Epcott Center and all those places can be put together by a man - what can God do? I mean after all, He holds the whole universe together by His love.

So these things may seem a bit outlandish and wild to some, but ponder it for a moment. We've seen more outlandish things on television and in movies. What He's done for us is unique to Him. It is a love letter; it's an expression of love that doesn't leave out one detail.

Eye has not seen, ear has not heard nor has it entered into the heart of man what God has prepared for those who love Him. (1 Cor. 2:9) That's Scripture you can count on that!

Jealousy & Fear in the Body of Christ



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This message is entitled, "Starving Body of Christ," and tonight I want to share with you some readings from Rick Joyner's book, *Visions of the Harvest*. He's a wonderful prophet of God, has a complete and total heart for the body of Christ, has his fingers on the pulse of the Lord, and is acutely aware of the things that hinder us in the body; the dynamics that go back and forth.

So, I'd like to read this selection; and it's from the chapter called "War and Glory." In this particular chapter, he portrays the church as an island and all the different denominations as different buildings on the island, and around it, of course, is the sea and the ocean. And later in the chapter, you will see they both will start to arrive and they want to get into the island, but there is fighting going on so...

Let me go on with this story and explain to, or just read, to you exactly what he has to say:

"I was in a vision standing on an island in the middle of the sea. There were many types of buildings spread about in groups all around the island that seemed to make up several little cities. Even within each of these little cities, the buildings seemed to clash with each other in color and architecture. There were very old ones next to very modern ones. This made them all seem unattractive and confused.

"There was a war going on between the occupants of many of the buildings and many were already bombed out shells. The people who were still living in the buildings were starving and wounded. At first I thought that I had been caught in the middle of a terrible civil war. Then I realized I was looking at the church.

"As I continued looking, I saw two dark spirits over the island. Together they were directing the battles and the clashes between the buildings. One was named Jealousy and the other one was named Fear."

And that's what we're going to talk about tonight.

"They congratulated each other every time one of the buildings suffered damage or people were killed or wounded. It seemed that no one who was involved in the fighting could see these spirits, though they dominated the island.

"As I was kept looking, two more even powerful and frightening spirits were rising up over the sea. These became great storms. One was named Rage and the other Lawlessness.

"They quickly started causing a stirring up of the seas and causing great waves to crash into the island. Soon these storms became so large that I felt they were going to do even more damage to the island than the war, and maybe even destroy the whole island. Even so, the war had the people in the building so occupied that it did not seem anyone was aware of these growing storms.

"I knew these people in the city had to be warned about these storms. Then I saw some apparent watchmen trying to do this, but no one would listen to them. Those that could hear the watchmen could only debate about whether the watchmen could be trusted. This was remarkable, because if anyone could look up, they could see the storms themselves. But no one would look up."

My words...they were so embroiled in the battles that they weren't looking up.

"These wars had left so many people wounded that the hospitals were quickly becoming the largest buildings on the island. Hospitals were movements or denominations that had given of themselves to healing of the wounded.

Don't you just love that bumper sticker that says, "Christians kill their wounded." Boy, I tell you...

"The very small hospitals seemed to be respected and the warring factions would not attack them. The ones that had grown larger were being attacked as the jealousy of the warring factions would not allow them to have respect. Even in a place where their own wounded were being cared for. Soon the attacks on these hospitals from the other buildings became some of the biggest battles.

"As I watched time pass swiftly before me like pages being turned in a book, the conflict just went on and on and soon everyone was wounded somewhere. But even those who were not badly wounded had the appearance of being either phantoms or grotesquely deformed from starvation and disease.

"Anytime a building received a supply of food which would attract people, it would become a target. I could not comprehend how a war could be so cruel and yet this was the church.

"In the midst of the battle, men were still trying to add to their buildings or start new ones. New ones--but it was futile. Anytime one building would start to rise a little higher than the others, it would become the main target of all the other buildings close to it. When a new building would be started, it would become the focus of unrelenting attacks by all the others around it.

"My thought was that this entire island would soon be like the temple in Jerusalem after it was conquered by the Romans. Ultimately there would be not one stone left upon another."

And I don't think I will go on too much more with this but, he was then carried to a place where the leaders were planning different things and they all had the word "Treasury" written on their foreheads. Treasury.

So he goes on a little bit and says:

"The grief of listening was too much to bear. It was so obvious that if the effort and resources were put into building rather than in what was going into fighting, there could a city build that would be no equal. Yet, they had chosen the way of destruction instead of life."

And here he goes on and speaks about the lights--those who refused to get involved with the conflicts, arguing over doctrine. These are my words now...Arguing over doctrine, wanting to be first, wanting to protect their territory, feeling threatened. Jealousy and Fear are the two spirits over this island that is depicted as the church with all the different people in it.

We go now to 1 Corinthians 3:1-4 and I will read from the NIV.

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"1 Peter 2:1 Therefore, rid yourselves of all malice and all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and slander of every kind. Therefore, put away from you all wickedness, all treachery, partiality, envy and slander." Put these things away.

You know, what is slander, really? I mean, there's telling lies about people, there is telling, disclosing of weak points of people and difficult things, lies of people. They're telling the truth, but things that are not so beautiful to look at, which tend to deprecate the person and put them down. I think we know. I think the Holy Spirit quickens to us when we've crossed a line, when we've said something that is injurious to a person.

One of the standards I like to apply to myself--if the person was standing in the room right now, would you say it that way or would you say it at all? There's a good question. Would you say it if the person was in the room right now? And would you say it that way? So, this is something to look at. How many times do we cross that line in a day? When we're wounded or we're hurt, when we are feeling rejected, unwanted, when we feel challenged, when we feel threatened. Is it just human nature to pull up some dirt and to fight back with wicked claws, tooth and nail, saying things that are injurious to the other person? One day the Lord said to me point blank, *"Look! When you criticize another soul, first of all, you're criticizing Me. I live in that soul. Second of all, I died for that soul."* And as my husband often says, "When a mother has a mentally-challenged child, she doesn't want to hear how mentally-challenged the child is." To her, the child is beautiful. She wants to hear good things about the child because she's helping that child to walk and to adjust to life.

So the Lord has said to me categorically, *"When you say anything negative about anyone, you're actually launching an arrow that goes into that person and wounds them."* They may not hear it with their own ears, they may not understand exactly what it is, but they feel it in their spirit.

And one of the things that Rick Joyner talks about later on in his book is that the Lord was watching this whole scenario, these battles between the churches and between the people and the churches. And at the end, the Lord begins to build His Church. When He does so, He says, *"Tell them anyone who has their brother's blood on his hands will not be used to build my House."* That's pretty serious. That's very serious.

So, if they're not building the Lord's House, whose house are they building? You know, that's a good question. If we have blood on our hands, if we bite and tear at each other, if we find fault with each other, if we gossip and deprecate one another, we have blood on our hands. Just as Cain had blood on his hands and blood that swallowed up in the Earth, "your brother's blood cries out to me," this is all part of jealousy.

And I have experienced this emotion. I understand what it feels like. And when I boiled it down to get to the root of the problem, why do I feel jealousy? It is because I have not applied myself to the gifts God gave me and I haven't used them. So, I look at someone else that HAS applied themselves and HAS used them, and I feel envy. I mean, that in a sense is a very healthy emotion because it tells you that something not right in here (points to heart). Something's wrong with you if you feel envy, if you feel jealousy, there's something going inside of you that's sick. It needs help.

And of course, the Lord is so good, so gentle to come to us and to pinpoint exactly what it is. What does a body look like? What does a healthy body look like? I've been in a couple healthy churches. They've been

very active. They're very positive. The people are upbeat. They may have problems, but the way they act in general is very upbeat.

There are a lot of ministries that are healthy. People are delegated different jobs according to the anointing that God placed in them. People are being trained. People are being raised up and taught so they can go from being a spectator out there and listening to the Word of God to being a messenger of the Word of God; one that has nothing to be ashamed of. As the scripture says, "Show yourself as a workman who has nothing to be ashamed of."

One of the things I have sensed in different churches is that's it is okay to sit in the pews, be quiet and listen, be supportive in very simple ways. But if your ministry begins to rise up inside of you, and there's not some kind of vehicle for training you, then you're gonna feel frustrated. You're gonna feel let down, rejected and frustrated because all the time pastors are talking about how they believe in the five-fold gifts and how they want to raise up prophets and about the anointing.

I mean, people come from different places and they come in and prophesy over different people and the pastor is aware of what is being prophesied over that person. Well, that person needs a place to go. Once they've been prophesied, they need a vehicle to take that dream, that seed-word that's been planted in their heart. They need training and a vehicle to get them launched, to get them to be able to exercise the gift. Otherwise they just sit there and lie dormant. Nobody's happy feeling like they're unused. Nobody feels good about that.

So, what are the signs of a healthy church? Are the ministries, and the people in charge of those ministries, constantly imparting anointing, imparting teachings, and people graduate out of that? They go from sitting and listening to receiving, to being messengers of the gospel in their community.

It may be the start of another church. I mean, is this something to be afraid of? That you've trained somebody under you so well, they can go out and start another church? Aren't there enough people to go around for the gospel?

A sick body that isn't getting this kind of training - they're not getting channeled. They're not getting used. It's like God is constantly, constantly pouring down His Spirit on the congregation. And unless that water, that Living Water is captured and runs through the lines in the plumbing in the House, that water comes in through the roof and begins to rot the roof, rot the floor, go all the way down and rot the foundation.

The anointing has got to go somewhere. The Power of God, the Spirit of God, it's got to go somewhere and if it's not being properly channeled, like plumbing, the water source comes in. Some goes to the kitchen, some goes to the water closet, the bathroom or bathrooms. Some of it goes outside to the hose. In the same way, in a church, a church building, there are different ministries and ministers who serve the flow of the Spirit into the proper channel. And if this isn't happening in the church, it's not healthy.

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In this situation, you have good people, anointed people, committed people. They come and they don't find any place for them to be used, they leave. Because the Spirit won't be mocked. The Spirit will be used.

If you have a heart for God and are praying for the gifts and you're prophesied over that you've got a gift, you don't want to just sit there. You want to be trained in that gift. And you want to be able to be use that gift. You're being called by the Holy Spirit. You will account for that gift. Everything that is given, we will make an accounting to the Lord for.

So, what does a sick body look like? Well, the first of all, the water is just pouring in through the roof and it's getting all the bedding wet. It's getting the ceiling wet; it's buckling. It's getting the walls wet; they're

molding. The floors are beginning to disintegrate. If there's beds in the building, they're soaking wet. And the water is going through to the disintegrating floor to the foundation until that house collapses. This is serious stuff. Very serious. To waste the waters of the Spirit and to waste lives and vocations. People who feel called and to frustrate that and not to nurture it, that's serious.

And you see, the principalities that are over the church right now that are causing these problems are Fear -which I'll get into next, and Jealousy. And jealousy, as far as my understanding goes, is always a function of what am I not doing. That when I find someone else successful at what they are doing, I'm jealous.

If your relationship with the Lord is profound and personal and precious to you, He's going to pinpoint what it is that you're not doing that's causing you to be jealous. But then there has to be a venue for you to work out of that jealousy by being used.

So, there's division, there's stagnation, there's unrest. There's a feeling of hopelessness that prevails. People feel frustrated and dissatisfied with where they are and where they are going. There's a general feeling that "I'm not growing in the Lord, I'm not doing anything. Isn't there more for me, Lord? Isn't there more?"

Because people are good, they don't overstep their bound of leadership. And if leadership doesn't open doors for these people, they're not going to go crashing them down. They make a few suggestions, but hey, if they're not going to be received, they are just going to turn around and leave. They're going to go where they are wanted. They're going to go where they're needed. They're going to go where they can be trained. And that church is going to suffer terrible loss. Plus, in the meantime, the foundation is rotting out from under the building. And it's going to collapse, the building, if someone doesn't do something really quick about it.

What should the body of Christ look like? What should a church body look like? Simple. It should look like Jesus. It should feel like Jesus. There should be joy. There should be levity. There should be commitment. There should be brotherly love that is so sacrificial that if there is a position open in the choir, and two people want the position in the choir, but there is only position open that the one person prefers the other person to take it and the other person prefers for them to take it. You know like a contest over humility. Who's going to win this contest? You go--No, you go--No you go, it's okay--Well...no, no, you better go. I mean, we've seen it so many times. That is brotherly love.

Love, one another. Deeply and from the heart. Tenderly, love them. Brotherly love is such a sign. You know? I'm not talking about smiles, and "Hey, I love you, Brother and how are you?" and "Love you, Sister, and I'm so sorry you're not feeling well, can I pray with you?" I mean, those are all nice signs of affections, but I'm talking about where the rubber meets the road, taking a look at the needs of that individual in the church and seeing, "Are the needs of that person, according the Spirit of God, are they being met?" Or are they being glanced off and pushed aside?

A healthy body looks like Jesus. That's number one. It feels like Jesus--there is joy, there is levity. There is brotherly love. There is no fighting over places. There is no arguing and backbiting, because everyone is so happy with what they have been given to do.

So God gave some (as the Scriptures say as going now to the Scriptures,) "And God gave someto be apostles, and someto be prophets, and someto be evangelists, and someto be pastors and teachers, to prepare God's people for works of service, so the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach the unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the son of God become mature attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

The body of Christ has a FULLness. There is fullness there. There's ligaments. There's muscles. There's bones, there's nerves, there's blood. There are so many different positions for people to fill in the church. You know, addressing this whole topic of jealousy, the Lord once told me, "I have millions of positions for people in churches. No one musician can meet everyone's needs. No one minister can minister

everyone's needs. You know, different strokes for different folks. Some people like this way, some people like that way. They're ministered on a deep level. Some people have this gifting, some people have that gifting.

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All of these giftings, thousands of these giftings fit together in the body of Christ. There is NO room for jealousy, people. No room, because every charism, every single gift and gifting is needed in the Body at one time or another. And if we're too busy pushing people away, you know, because we're afraid or jealous, those poor people are never going to be raised up into the ministry God has for them.

And don't bother trying to send people to the church. "Give me more people, Lord." If you don't have the ministry set up and you're not using what you have the way the Holy Spirit wants you to use it, you don't want to pray for more people. You wanna find out what are the gifts I have overlooked right now and do something about it.

So in God's house, a healthy church, what does it look like? It's full of hustle and bustle and people who are committed, joyful. And sure, they have problems like anyone else, but they're feeling completed, they're on the way. They're happy with where they're at and even happier where God is taking them. It's an exciting journey.

But if they're not moving forward on any journey, then they feel lost. And they are--they are like sheep wandering the hillside. When this happens and we attain unto the fullness of Christ where every member of the Body is being used, the way God intends them to be used, the way the prophets prophesied over them to be used - when this happens, the Body of Christ is healthy and vibrant and alive and able to handle new people. Then the Scripture has it... "Then we will no longer be infants, tossed to and fro by the waves and blown by every wind of teaching, by the cunning craftiness of men, and their deceitful scheming Instead speaking the truth in love. Ephesians 4:14

Now this deceitful scheming thing, this is important. Because that's what Jealousy (whose principality, Jealousy and Fear) are continually, treacherously, scheming deceitfully to separate and divide and cripple the Body of Christ. Constantly. And they will use anyone who is willing to do it, because people who are wounded and not healed from their wounds go out and wound some more. And the thing just cascades. You know, here we are with the book from Rick Joyner, *The Vision of the Harvests*, and all these different buildings and they are all fighting each other, and they're all fighting inside the building. And if someone goes to the hospital to get help, then they start attacking the hospital. You know, how many times have we seen a beautiful movement of God being attacked?

One of the things I think about especially is the woman who wrote the book, *Always Enough*, Heidi Baker. You know, she labored in Africa for 20 years. Twenty years that woman labored and brought forth maybe a handful of churches. Maybe. She went to Toronto and got slain in the Spirit. And they couldn't pick her up off the floor, she was so heavy. The Power of God glued that woman to the floor. And it took several people to get her up from the ground. And she was out, for something like three days.

And yet this Toronto movement got so much bad press that the people, well, the people that actually funded Heidi withdrew and said to Heidi, "if you're going to be involved with those fruitcakes and those nutcases, then we're not going to support you in Africa."

She went back to Africa anyway. What happened? An unprecedented movement on the African continent, an outpouring of the Spirit that is beyond imagining. In the history of the world, an outpouring of the Spirit. Conversions. Healings. Miracles at the hands of little children. And that was a hospital in Toronto. So what happened?

People attacked it and now any form of prayer out of Toronto sometimes gets attacked. For instance, resting in the Lord. If the Holy Spirit touches you and you go out, and you rest in Him, and He works on you profoundly. He does surgery. Major surgery. But people ridicule that. And that's a hospital. People come out of that strengthened and healed. Soaking prayer is another one, because soaking prayer comes out of the Toronto movement. Resting in the Lord. Sure, there's been abuses. Abuses of different movements.

For all of our tongue-speaking brothers and sisters, which I happen to be one of them, look at the kind of bad rap that speaking in tongues got. I mean, that's ridiculous. The Power of God through the Holy Spirit, through the infilling of the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues is a beautiful manifestation of a supernatural movement, through a person's intellect and heart. And yet, it's slandered. Maybe because someone used it and acted really weird. (It) May have been the Spirit or may not have been the Spirit, but then the whole movement of speaking in tongues is tagged and anathema. Is tagged as being bad and shameful. So, you can't blame a movement by a few blunders and things you don't understand.

You have to look at the overall fruit and the fruit is there, folks. The fruit is amazing. But Toronto was a hospital and it came under attack. And it's still coming under attack. So, what Rick said is true. I mean, this was shown to him by the Lord. It's not something he dreamt up. He's a prophet of God. He receives dreams and visions and what he is reporting to us about the state of the church is accurate. This is not something he dreamt up.

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First of all, we need to stop being jealous and to find out what it is that we are not doing to other people. We need to deal with ourselves.

And you know, I think a lot of times we are talking about sloth. We're talking about laziness. We're just too lazy. We don't want to put in that much effort. Or maybe, God help the poor people who do it, but maybe you've been in a church and you were slapped down. You had a gift and it wasn't cultivated, and you were slapped down and told to get back into your seat. And it broke your heart.

You need to get healed of that. Because that gift that God gave you is still alive. He wants you to use that gift. Don't let anyone slap you down. Yes, there is a place for order, for rules of order, and to do everything in order, but if you've been given a gift and you can't be trained in that gift and raised up in that gift where you are, it's time to move on, to find a place where there is room for your growth.

That's very important to the Body. Because you someday will be used as a messenger of healing to other people who need that touch. There's not enough people to go around to touch ones that are wounded. There's not. We need more healers. We need more wounded healers. People who have come from that kind of background and they understand what you're going through. And they cover you with compassion and prayer and lead you in the right direction.

So, I'm all for schools of prophesy and prophetic. I think that's a wonderful thing. That's a beautiful thing. There's far too few. Talking about obtaining a whole measure of the fullness of Christ. Okay. That's what we're talking about. And we're talking about the whole Body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament.

Each individual minister is a supporting ligament to the pastor and to one another. There's no favoritism. There's no division. And the pastor honors the gifts bestowed on each individual by Christ the head. The head is the one who does the bestowing of the gifts. The pastor moves from becoming a pastor and an overseer to becoming a coach to raise those people up and to make sure they are progressing in the

giftings that God has given them. 'Cause each part does its work.

Everyone has an opportunity to use their gifts, and believe you me, there's plenty of room for every gift you can imagine. They're nourished in many different ways, with different talents and abilities. And there's no room for jealousy because everyone's busy being productive and using their gift. Rather, there is a growing sense of new life and excitement.

Things are expanding. People are being added to the Body, daily bringing others in. And people are not only being added, they are being raised up and sent out or they're being added and they stay. They don't move on right away because they're finding the nourishment. Okay.

Let's move on now and talk about Fear. Because the two principalities that were over the island in *Visions of the Harvest* that the Lord revealed to Rick Joyner were jealousy and fear. So let's take a look at the inner workings of fear and what's really at the foundation of fear.

What part of fear makes the body weak and sickly? Fear of the new, the unknown, the different. It becomes a habit. We've used...you know, fear has its place. We use fear to protect ourselves and to protect our interests, to protect our family. In some ways it's a healthy response to something we don't know or we don't understand. But then God has given us an intellect and we can go beyond the points of brushing something aside because we are in bondage to the fear. We can go beyond that. We can take the time necessary to discern, or Is this a threat? or Is this a blessing from God? That takes time and effort. And a lot of us are so busy with the work of the Lord that we don't have a lot of time to look into a person's background - where they came from, what they teach, with an open mind to discern whether or not we should be afraid of that person or whether or not that person is going to be a blessing to us. So we just phsst (hand swipe). I mean many times that's what we do. We just say, "Oh, I'm too busy for that, I can't handle that right now, it's just too much."

I can't tell you how many times I've done that. And you know, Satan is an artist at sending his demons and getting you busy with 'something', Martha, Martha; getting you busy with things. Because he knows some things are coming that's a real blessing, and he doesn't want you to recognize it so he'll get you too busy with things. You'll be so overwhelmed that, when that potential blessing comes, you won't have time to discern it. And you'll miss the Lord. He's done that to me many times.

It takes a while to get onto that trick. The minute you find yourself so busy and overwhelmed with things, it's time to...it's like two thieves in a store. One goes to the cash register and make a big ruckus, you know, makes a scene. And everybody's drawn to that person's scene. In the meantime, his buddy over there is picking up everything in sight, sticking it under his coat and making out the door. And the alarm may go off, but they're so busy watching the guy holler and making a scene, they don't even know it. So, the enemy gets away with theft: grand theft, theft: thieving of life, thieving of gifts. He gets away with it, because we're so caught up in the world and worldly things that we're not paying attention. Close attention to what's in front of us.

There's a lot of virtue to be had with checking with the Lord before we do anything; because anything we do that's going to take time (first of all, we don't waste time--time is a precious gift), it's gonna take time, take resource and attention. And it's going to take effort, which will wear you out. And if you haven't checked with the Lord before you do something, you may be being set up by the devil to miss something else 'cause you're just too tired, you can't deal with everything.

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You just can't deal with everything. There's a lot to be said also for relegating duties and jobs. You know, pastors can't do everything. They need helpers. They need people to do different things so they have the

time to discern and do the really important things when they come along. There is no fear in love, because perfect love casts out fear. Everyone knows this scripture, because fear hath torment and he that fears is not made perfect. I John 4:18

Fear is something we use to preserve and protect, but if we don't take the time, as I already said, to discern something as a threat, we may miss a blessing from God.

Fear of the different and the unknown is one of the most powerful suppressants of the Holy Spirit: fear of being ridiculed, fear of being rejected, fear of failure, fear of loss. There are so many different things that Satan succeeds and causes us to be afraid of. How careful we have to be to not let that happen. So, you know, "I won't speak in tongues because there are some people, well, they just don't believe it that, and I'm just not gonna, you know, ruffle the waters." That's sad.

The gifts that come with the manifestation of tongues are vital to the body. Strike for Satan. He just disarmed a soul that could be used in the Lord's army, in one area at least. According to Mark 9, it says, Whoever is not against us is for us. Well, teacher, said John, we saw a man drive out demons in your name and told him to stop because he's not one of us. Do not stop him, Jesus said. No one who does a miracle in My Name can not in the next moment say anything bad about me. For whoever is not against us is for us. I tell you the truth. Anyone who gives a cup of water in My Name because you belong to Christ certainly will not lose this reward.

Guys, there are water bearers everywhere. There are people bringing a cool, refreshing cup: a word in season, a prayer in season. And because of fear, many times they're not paid attention to. They're overlooked. They're swept to the side. Oh, we don't know that person. We don't know where they're from. We don't know their family history. I mean, you know, they're not related to any of us. I mean, you know. Who knows? Maybe they're running from the law. I'm going to be serious about this, because it is important.

Fear of the unknown and why are we afraid of the unknown? Why do we allow it to control us? Because we don't want to make it an unknown. So, it remains an unknown and it remains in the 'fear' file cabinet. Oh, we don't know about that. And because we are so busy with other things, we don't take the time to find out. That's a shame.

I didn't know this man and I wanted to censor him. When Paul was converted, the work they had to do to get the other apostles to listen to him. They were still afraid that he was going to arrest him. Fear. Fear. Fear is no replacement for discernment. Throwing a name tag on something 'se you don't want to deal with the true nature that it is and sticking it off in a corner is no replacement for painstaking discernment and seeking God with your whole heart to find out: "Is this relevant to me or is this a gift from you, Lord, to me or to my body? Please, Lord, enlighten me on this."

Do we take the time to discern? I know I haven't. I've been guilty about brushing people aside. I mean, the Lord used Balaam's ass to talk. That ass had more sense than Balaam did. So if He can use Balaam's ass, why can't He use us? Why can't He use someone we don't recognize. Someone with a different cultural background, maybe, someone with a different economic background. Educational background? I mean, it's just like the world to pigeon-hole people according to those things.

And yet, what does the Lord say? The Kingdom of Heaven belongs to the poor. We should be listening to the poor because they are simple. Their mind isn't cluttered with all these things - all these games, these social games, all these things that people use to try to impress other people. Their mind isn't cluttered like that. Their mind is simple like a child. And unless we become like little children, how can we enter the Kingdom of Heaven?

So, fear of listening to people from another economic strata, fear of listening to people without an education, without seminary training, without college training in degrees in religion. So, we become afraid. And we don't recognize the Lord's golden vessels sometimes because we are too busy trying to size them up: "Well, they belong to my culture. I don't where they came from, I don't know their

background. Well, they didn't do this school or that school or that seminary or they didn't do this or didn't do that." So, you know... I don't know? (hands raised) You know?

I just, you know, status quo, things are good just the way they are. Let it go. Fear's is no replacement for discernment and the Lord will hold us accountable. I mean, He will say, "Why didn't you listen?" You know, I read from a beautiful testimony today. She wanted so badly to reach a woman who was from a royal family in Europe and she just couldn't make herself to do it. A simple woman, she was a very simple woman, spirit-filled, full of knowledge, full of wisdom, full of understanding, not literate in the sense of a person from royalty that had gone to universities. And you know, it could very have been that that woman's salvation hung on the ability to communicate with her. But fear prevented her from speaking to that woman.

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The Lord was urging her to speak to her, but fear prevented it. Because she was judged to be of a higher social strata, more educated, more enlightened. And yet she wasn't. It was the poor, simple one who had the true wisdom, the wisdom of God. And how many times has the Lord nudged us to do something and we've "Oh, that person won't listen to me", "Oh, oh, they, no... you, oh, you know, I mean, you know, oh, I don't know how to talk to him". Or maybe it's someone on the street. And the Lord wants you to show that person love and affection and what if they steal my wallet? I mean, what if they knife me? Fear. Fear. Fear is such an effective stopper of the Holy Spirit and the anointing. "What if I prophesy that and what if I prophesy to that person and what if they reject it? They're going to think I'm a kook." Well, what if they do? Who do you answer to? We answer to the Lord.

You know, once we're given a message to deliver and we've delivered that message, our work is done. It's not a matter of if they accept it--that's between them and God. I did my part. Now it's between the Holy Spirit and that person. I can pray. That can be part of my part, but I'm not going to blame myself if I am turned away.

I gave a pastor a letter one day that I was going to give a musician. It was a beautiful exhortation and encouragement about spending more time in the secret place with the Lord. So the ministry that poured forth from this beautiful garden, this interior garden, would be richer because the Lord was calling this man to a great depth, a profound depth, a special anointing. And that was the basis of the letter.

The pastor never read the letter because he came back in front of the congregation and said something about that letter. Kinda joking around--that was totally irrelevant. never said what he thought I said. I didn't get that impression. He didn't read the letter. He didn't read the prophecy. He presumed I was saying one thing when, in fact, I had given a beautiful exhortation for this musician.

Why was he afraid to read that? Maybe he was too busy. Maybe he had a lot of things on his mind and reading a page of...babble or whatever, from someone unknown, unproven, and not a lot of credentials, schooling, or whatever. Didn't have enough time for that. Just phsst - tossed it aside. Just go on, I knew what she was going to say anyway 'cause I know where her head's at.

But he didn't know and what I said was not from me.

You see, why are we so afraid to listen to what people have to say to us? What is that shuts the water off, that backs up the plumbing, that stops the flow? It's fear. You don't want to take the time to discern whether or not this person is authentic, just throw them aside. And you go with the people, the usual ones. Well, let me tell you, the usual people get worn out. They can't do everything. They can only get spread so thin and they collapse.

So the Lord gives us all a little piece of the puzzle. I like very much what Rick Joyner said. Basically He

said, "There's no way that one person can fulfill the 'job' of Christian. There are so many different facets of being a Christian and so many different needs, that there's no one person on Earth that could fulfill all those. No matter how great his prophetic anointing, it's just impossible."

And what's so beautiful is, the Body of Christ is like a puzzle. That's why the Lord gives a piece of the puzzle to this one, another piece of the puzzle to that that one, one piece over here, another over there. And when you receive the pieces of the puzzle, they become one whole, cohesive understanding. And you get the whole picture. Until we receive from the different places that the Lord wants to give us, we don't get the whole picture. We may think we have the whole picture, and then things don't go right, and we say, "where did we go wrong?" And the Lord's standing there saying, "I sent you prophets to tell you. I sent you people that had a word for you - but you were afraid to listen to them. That's why this happening to you."

I can look back on my marriage and my husband, you know. Wow... He definitely has a way of communicating with the Holy Spirit. What He has shown him, whether I want to receive it or not. If I'm afraid to deal with it - can't run from it for very long, not when you live with someone that's really anointed. It's going to keep coming back.

I remember once the Lord was dealing with me about providing for myself, when we were in Florida. A woman had...an attorney had come, a woman attorney had come and chained herself to a light post outside of the courtroom. She brought absolutely nothing with her - she had nothing but the clothes on her back.

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Because by the end of the day, she had a tent, she had a sleeping bag, water, (she was fasting,) she had juice. She had a porta-potty. She had everything. At the end of the day - she was there for like a week long vigil protesting a case over the custody of children. And here I was priding myself on not needing a lot of things and needing Jesus only. Well, pride is bad anyway. But, I mean, here I am thinking that I have it all together (air quotes) and this woman comes along and shows me that no, you don't have it all together. You're still insecure, you're still trying to do for yourself. You're not trusting the Lord.

"Look at the way she trusts me."

Yes, Lord, I see that. Guilty as charged.

But, you know, it can be a bumper sticker that convicts you. The Lord is famous for putting a car in front of you, you can't get around, and the message is on the back of the car or on a license plate. You just didn't want to hear it that day because it was confirmation of what your husband was trying to tell you or your pastor was trying to tell you, or even a friend was trying to tell you and the Holy Spirit is dealing with you.

So fear is Huge. Fear blocks the movements of the Holy Spirit through us. Fear quenches the Spirit. Fear deprives of life and cuts off life from people, because we're so afraid we don't want those living waters to flow so we bottle them up or we turn the faucet off in order to prevent damage from being done.

Now, I'm not saying that there aren't cases where we do have to turn the faucet off. There absolutely are cases like that. But what I'm talking about here is the principality of fear working with jealousy, in the church, causing people to kill each other, to wound each other. Causing churches to be destroyed, causing spiritual hospitals to be destroyed because they're afraid. They're afraid of the anointing, they're afraid of the gifting, they're afraid of the new movement of the Spirit.

Fear.

God help us.

We don't want to succumb to fear. I have to laugh every time I think of it (it doesn't really exactly fit in here), but I always think to myself when I get out of bed in the morning, 'Shoot, there might a lion out on the corner, I better stay in my house.' LOL! So, the Lord always deals with me so I ask him, "Help me get out of bed, please!" (looks up heavenward) In this case, you know, again, judgment. Making a value judgment or pigeon-hole judgment, that is no place for discernment and that won't wash.

When we face the Lord and He says, "*Why didn't you listen?*"

Um. "Well, because of this, because of that..."

"No, why didn't you discern? Why didn't you take the time to listen very carefully and discern if that was of My Spirit or of that person's flesh?"

Why is the body of Christ weak and starving for food - emaciated? Fear has a great of do with it.

You have to look for our fruit! Is there fruit in this person's life? Are they peaceable? Are they gentle? Are they humble? Are they helpful? Are they self-sacrificing? How long have they been Christian? How are they serving the community? I mean, these are part of the things we need to look at when we discern whether or not a person has an accurate message for us.

Matthew 7, "For out of the overflow of the hearts, the mouth speaks. A good man brings forth good things of the good stored up in his heart. And an evil man brings evil things of the evil things stored up in his heart. But I have to tell you that man will have to give an account at that day of judgment for every careless word they have spoken. For by your words, you will be acquitted and by your words you will be condemned."

So, if we're criticizing somebody the Holy Spirit has sent and haven't taken the time to get to the bottom of it, and to discern it, we're going to be accountable for that person's blood. Because as I mentioned earlier, to talk about someone is to shed innocent blood, and it cries out to the Lord.

Of course, as the Bride of Christ, we are called to look like the Lord. And the Lord's innocent blood was shed. Not that we're that innocent. But what I'm saying is He was rejected, despised, scorned. And people had contempt for him.

And if you're in the ministry, or want to be in the ministry, you can expect to wear the crown of thorns, the crown of scorns. You can expect that. It's gonna happen. You're gonna have to resemble Jesus. You're gonna go through those trials, those fires, and gonna be wounded. But your intimate connection with the Lord will serve, continue to heal you--to heal you from the wounds. So that you can go back and love, even from the way Jesus loved from the cross. "*Father, forgive them for they know not what they do. Forgive them, Lord.*"

I mean, this is the response that we got to have when people unjustly criticizes us. Eventually, somehow, the Spirit of God has got to bring us to the point where we grieve for those who criticize us when we know that God has sent us. WE need to grieve for those people because they don't know what they are doing. They'll find out someday, but we need to pray for them, forgive them, and move on.

In Matthew, the Lord says, Dear friends, since God so loved us, we ought to love one another for God is love. Whoever lives in love, lives in God and God in him. There is no fear in love, but perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. And the one who fears is not made perfect in love because if anyone...

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...says I love God yet he hates his brother (gossips about his brother, backbites, and pulls down his brother), he is a liar. For anyone who doesn't love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. And he has given us this command, 'Whoever loves God must also love his brother.'"

Fear and love cannot co-exist. One or the other is going to win over. And these demons of fear and jealousy that have so hog-tied the Body of Christ, those two demons can be conquered by love. Certainly jealousy can be conquered by love. But fear can be conquered by love because when you love someone, you automatically want to think of the best of them. You don't want to tear them to pieces. You want to build them up and encourage them. You want to talk behind their backs the way you would talk to their face, building them up...

Fear and jealousy are an unholy pair, and somehow Love has got to triumph over both of those. And through the Spirit of God living in us and the power of Jesus' Love in us, we can choose, make the choice to not allow fear and jealousy dominate us and to dominate our situations in churches. It's a real challenge. But if we want to grow in the gifts, we have to do it, because we can't minister out of fear. We can't minister out of a partisan spirit, a spirit of separateness, name-calling or labeling. We can't minister from that place.

Ministry flows from Love. And the Lord will not entrust his choicest gifts to His Golden Vessels unless they are ministering from a place of love, authentic love, which has no fear. In Matthew 12:30, the Lord says, "He that is not with me is against me and he who does not gather with me scatters." That was what was going on in those buildings, that Christian island. People were being scattered. Inside the church, they were being attacked, and running from each other and being scattered and outside the church. There were even camps... Rick goes into that... were outside of the city walls proper. And the people there were being attacked and were being scattered.

In the meantime, these tremendous storm clouds were building and building and building. And people were coming in ships; fugitives from the world wanting to get on the Christian island. They can't because the fighting is so intense in the church that there is no place for them to land. And if the Lord did - if the Lord allowed them to land, then the people would be conscripted into different groups to fight more battles.

So, the Lord has to put His arm out and basically say, "Wait. They're too busy fighting and being petty right now. When they get it out of their system and things die down, then I can build My Church. Then you can come on the island. Then you can learn about Christianity."

There was a situation where people, you know, were not from the same culture, the same background. Well, let's say we're part of a group. They were outside the group. In Numbers 11:24, "

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Tonight I'd like to talk to you about a subject that is very close to my heart. A subject that causes a lot of pain to people. A lot of different teachings, a lot of condemnation, and simply it's about healing. In our situation, my husband happens to have some medical issues. It's been very difficult for him through the years. People have prayed for us and we haven't seen dramatic results in healing. We had some of the

finest people pray over us. People with very strong healing ministries. The question is always, "Why didn't I get healed?" or "Why didn't he get healed?" Perhaps it's that you don't have the faith.

When Jesus went to Nazareth He couldn't do much, except He could heal a few people because of the unbelief and the hardness of the hearts of the people. I haven't found that to be the case in the majority of situations and I'll explain to you why. For my husband's particular medical condition, he might be suffering pain at the moment and I'll reach over and lay my hand on him and pray for him and the pain will stop. Now this happens a lot, but then there other times that the pain doesn't stop. So, here you have a situation where the gift of healing is in operation and the faith of the recipient of the gift is in operation, but for some reason the healing doesn't take place all the time. Why is that? I believe that it has to do with the Lord's cross.

Going to Scripture, I'd like to show you where that can be found. In [Colossians 1:24](#) (NLT) It says, "I am glad when I suffer for you in my body, for I am participating in the sufferings of Christ that continue for His body the church". In the KJV it says, "Who now rejoices in my suffering for you and fill up that which is behind the afflictions of Christ in the flesh for His body sake, which is the church". One more translation, "I am glad when I suffer for you in my body, for I am participating in the sufferings of Christ to continue in His body the church".

So, addressing this subject as to why some people are healed and some aren't when faith is present and the gift of healing is in operation. Let's take a look at the Cross and what the Lord says about the cross over and over again. He began to teach them the son of man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priest and the teachers of the law and that He must be killed after three days and rise again. He spoke plainly about this and Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him but when Jesus turned and looked at His disciples, He rebuked Peter, "Get behind me, Satan. You do not have in mind the things of God but the things of men." Then he called the crowd to him along with His disciples and said, "If any one would come after me, he must deny himself take up his cross and follow me." (Luke 9:21-23)

What did Christ accomplish on the cross? Our salvation. When we look at the economy of salvation and sanctification, what He did He did once and for all - He opened Heaven and He released the captives from the world below. We were given access through His blood and through His suffering and given Heaven. The most marvelous thing took place. What did He ask us to do while we were here? He said, "Deny yourself and pick up your Cross and follow me." What do we call the Cross? I look at Paul's situation when he was given the thorn in his side. "I now rejoice in my sufferings for you fill up that which is

behind the affliction of Christ in my flesh for his body's sake which is the church." (Luke 9:23) Certainly the Lord suffered in His body and it can never be duplicated and there's no need for it to be duplicated. He asks us to pick up our cross and follow Him.

Not all of us are put into jail. Not all of us suffer stonings and beatings so, what kind of crosses do we have in our life? What I'd like to propose to you is that there's ample evidence in the Scriptures that sometimes our cross is an illness and it's not God's intention to heal us of that illness. That for us, it is a source of fasting and offering unto God. It's denying our self and through that sacrifice graces being released. Hardship and suffering can very well be a cross for us. We don't necessarily suffer the things that missionaries suffer... that martyrs suffer. Certainly dying of cancer is a martyrdom of sorts. That's a very difficult thing. And why does the Lord allow this to happen, aside from the fact that He wants to have us so badly in Heaven with Him? He can't wait to release these earthly bonds so that He can love on us in Heaven and we can receive our reward. So, certainly that's part of His motive for allowing us to die from a disease and not healing us.

There are three people from the healing world: one person is healed and two people aren't healed. The person that's healed may be a new believer and the healing is a sign to them of their salvation. That's a beautiful thing. Maybe another gets healed who is a seasoned believer and they've been praying for a healing for a long time and finally they get their healing. So, let's say two out of the three get healed.

Then there's another seasoned believer, a very deeply committed Christian that prays for his church, prays for missionaries, prays for the world, and he's not healed. He walks out of that building still suffering... why? His attitude - disposition of heart - was the same as the other two people. The other two people were healed and he wasn't - why? There's no answer to that's easy, anyway. When the Lord said deny yourself and pick up your cross. What kind of cross was He talking about? I believe whatever He gives us that is difficult and we are receiving it out of obedience to Him and out of love for Him is a cross. It could be adopting children and starting an orphanage. It could be receiving news that you're very sick and there's no cure for what you got. What do you do in those cases? You pray and of course you want to be healed. Your family wants you to be healed. No one wants to carry that burden of that sickness.

What happens when the Lord doesn't heal you? Do you walk away feeling condemned because you didn't have the faith to receive the healing. I've seen this an awful lot in the body of Christ and it's sad, so sad to see a person who is sick, who comes with a pure heart and has examined their conscious and has no reason at all to believe that he's in sin or done anything that has been displeasing to the Lord. On the contrary, he has reason to believe that the peace the joy and salvation of the Lord are part of his daily life. He knows he's in God's will but God has allowed the suffering of this illness.

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Well we used to live up on a mountain here in New Mexico, in the Sangre de Cristo Mountains and we would have to ride by horseback to get to our mission up in the mountains...to our little chapel nestled in the mountains. My husband would go into Espanola, which is about 50 miles from here, and he would be busy with mission work on the streets. Boy, I tell you we would go through some things. I remember one

winter, when we had sheep and horses, we couldn't give them water because it was so cold the water from the well was freezing. So what did we do? We had to build fires around the well to get enough water melted so that it would go down to the horse pen and the sheep pen and have what they needed. It was unbelievable what we went through for just a few drops ...the biting cold, wet feet, frozen fingers, and different tools to break the ice up and get the fire going around the well. We would just suffer a whole lot from that. My son and I would look at each other and say, "Boy, dad must be having a very productive time in Espanola because this certainly is a cross. Sure enough, he'd come home three or four days later and say, "Honey, you just wouldn't believe what the Lord did. I would say, "If it has anything to do with what we suffered, I totally would believe it."

We began to recognize a pattern and the pattern was simply that suffering would come to us at a time when we were praying for certain people. Sometimes people would come to me for prayer and tell me how much pain they were in and the first thing I would ask them was, "Who are you praying for?" The pattern we've seen is when we are in deep intercession for a person, it doesn't even have to be a sound, fervent prayer. It's consent of the will.

Let's just say that a person comes to us for prayer and they tell us they have loved ones who are caught up in the drug culture. They're really suffering and in very dangerous positions. And then other people will say, "I've been praying for so-and-so, and so-and-so." I have noticed I can take on a prayer burden for someone and not even get into the burden, but just say, "Yes, I'll pray for you," and they can be going through tremendous upheaval and tremendously difficult times and I'll either get a severe headache or something will happen physically to my body that is very painful. I recognize that it's...well I have fibromyalgia. so I don't have to wait long. I will recognize that there is a connection between the cross of fibromyalgia and the person I'm praying for.

I may not even be in prayer. I may not be shedding tears and pleading with Heaven. It's just the consent of my will and the Lord gave me a cross. I received that cross, knowing that it wasn't for me to be healed but for me to use to heal others.

Some people would argue that grace can't be bought. I'm not saying grace is be bought by the cross. What I'm saying is what did the Lord do with His cross? By His suffering He relieved many burdens we have. And when He said, "Deny yourself pick up your cross and follow me." He's expecting us to carry a burden of some kind for humanity, for the sanctification of souls.

He did everything necessary for salvation, but what about those missionaries that are deep in the jungle and are having difficulty getting to the tribes that have never heard the good news? Salvation is coming with those missionaries, but their suffering is through dysentery or maybe malaria and it's very difficult for them to get through. When people are back here in the states praying for them and offering up their crosses for those people in the mission field, the blockades move to the side and those missionaries move in and the hearts of the people are open to receive the Word of God, to receive salvation, and sanctification.

So, we didn't create salvation by our prayers, or sufferings, or our cross, but we certainly aided the missionaries who were carrying the finished work of the cross to those people. That's exciting. That's so exciting. You people out there who are sick, you have no idea the power of your prayers. They're unbelievably powerful.

So many of us who have been in pain are suffering incredible depression, because we're saying we can't do the things we want to do. We want to serve the Lord this way and serve the Lord that way but we prevented from doing it because we're sick. Let me tell you something, people: God gave you a precious, golden cross that is accomplishing so much more than you could possibly accomplish on your own going to those people. You're backing someone up. You're opening a heart. You're defrosting some souls that have been frozen in ice forever. Every single time you receive a cross from the Lord, whether it be sickness, or whether it be a well that's frozen solid and it's now producing water - whether it be a traffic

jam, be it a toothache... we've seen some amazing miracles with toothaches! No matter what it is that God allows in your life, that's a suffering. It is a cross. If He chooses to leave that cross with you, you shouldn't lay under condemnation that you weren't healed.

You see, people don't understand and they beat you and they beat you and they tell you "by His stripes you are healed." Ok, I believe that. So... why didn't He heal me? I'm not saying that's not true. He healed the person next to me. He healed me last week of something else - but why didn't he heal me of *this*? I'm finding out more and more, when you receive a cross like cancer, MS, fibromyalgia... God is using your suffering to release graces to souls. You are in the midst of an incredible fast offering and you should be joyful about it. You shouldn't be beating yourself up and sad because you're not healed and the person next to you was.

God loves you and He sees the strength of your love for Him. Because He sees this, He allows you to carry that cross of that illness, because He knows that you will carry it with love. I do so want the body of Christ to understand that, when you are sick or suffering, you are doing a very profoundly important work for Jesus. The time that you are not healed, to the time that you are healed, incredible things are happening. You won't see them now...well you might...you might see those results in your family and in your children. But if you don't see those results, the Lord is hiding it from you. And some day, when you go to be with Him, you're going to find out just how much good your suffering did, because you received it as a cross. It's been on my heart to share for a long time.

Going back to what we said. He began to teach them the Son of man must suffer many things. We know we're going to be rejected for being a Christian and we know we can get martyred and killed, that can happen. Peter was thinking as a man thinks. The Lord said, "Get behind me Satan. You do not have the mind the things of God but the things of men." Man thinks we should be healthy, prosperous, and happy. The Kingdom of God is not food or drink. It's righteousness, peace, and joy. It's not things that pertain to the carnal body. It's things that pertain to your heart, your mind, and your spirit. That was the purpose of His Cross: to releases graces for us. What He did is far greater than anything we could ever do, but He is allowing us to participate in that. Just as Paul said, "I am glad for you when I suffer in my body because I am participating in the sufferings of Christ." Wait of minute, He wasn't being crucified. Well, he suffered being shipwrecked, being bitten by a poisonous snake. He did suffer being stoned.

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Paul suffered a lot of things but he also had a thorn in his side. 2 Corinthians 12:7 "To keep me from becoming conceited because of these passingly great revelations." He was talking about being transported into the third Heaven, which is the Heaven, Heaven. "...There was given me a thorn in the flesh. A messenger of Satan to torment me. Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me but He said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you. For my power is made perfect in your weakness.'"

You see what I am saying? You're in that wheelchair and you can't get out of that wheelchair and you're suffering that infirmity. God is transforming that cross of that infirmity into power. The more helpless you are to do anything about your condition, the greater the power of the cross that He's given you. He only gives those crosses to those that deeply love Him, and are very strong in their love for Him and they're willing to sacrifice and say, "Your will be done, Lord. If you choose not to heal me, then I understand. It's not because there's something wrong with me or something wrong with the person that prayed for me. It's because you've given me a cross and that cross is working a weight of glory. I can't see it but I believe it because you said it."

"My power is made perfect in weakness, therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weakness so

that Christ's power may rest on me." Here he was talking about his flesh. He was talking this thorn that brought him almost to a state of despair. Three times he begged the Lord, "Please take this away from me!" but the Lord said, "No, that thorn in your side has so much power. You have no idea now, but you're going to see it one day. You're going to see the power that that thorn was working in your life. My grace, in the meantime, is sufficient for you. You don't need anything more."

I can imagine he was very distracted by that. If he called it a thorn in his side, it must have been pretty disturbing. I'm sure he had trouble writing, trouble thinking, he may have had trouble moving around. That's a cross. The man was brilliant. Look what he accomplished? That wasn't him accomplishing it. It was that thorn plus Jesus, working through him. Graces were being continually released through Paul, through his thorn, and through his suffering. So, this is really good news for people who are sick. Because when you feel infirm and you feel helpless - you're not helpless.

Now this is an exception to this, I want to talk about for a moment. Let's say that you go to that healing conference and you do get a healing. Two of you get a healing and the other person doesn't. That cross stays with that person. Then, you all go home, and pretty soon the symptoms start to creep back in on one of the people. For the other person there are no more symptoms. They are totally freed of that infirmity. Here is some news and this is important for us to know. This is a prayer you can pray anytime to maintain your healing. There are spirits that will come and imitate and create symptoms in your body that mimic what you were just healed of. These tormenting spirits are called spirits of Lying Symptoms. Again, bringing to mind my husband's pain. I just prayed for him 15 minutes ago and he was totally relieved of the pain. So, I know he was healed 15 minutes ago. Why is the pain back? I will simply pray, "You lying symptoms, in the Name of the Lord of Jesus Christ, I command you to loose him and don't ever come back, and don't send for reinforcements. Loose him."

Now if I think there's a demon involved *I'll tell him to go to the abyss*, because that's what the Lord has instructed us to do (Luke 8:31). You will be shocked at how you will feel better instantly. Absolutely shocked and amazed that your peace is restored and your body is restored and you feel good again. Can you believe it? Just by praying a simple prayer. "You lying symptom, I was healed and I command you in the Name of Jesus to don't ever come back." Then all of a sudden you feel fine. There's no mystery. We are surrounded in the second heaven by the demons and the first heaven, the spirits of the air, down here where we are. They can't do anything to us without the Lord's permission. They really love to make a Christian lose hope and lose their healing.

What I'm saying here is you can take authority over those demons the minute you recognize the symptoms returning. And you know you got your healing, because the symptoms immediately lifted off when you were prayed for and now they are starting to creep back in. Take authority over them right then and there. Command them in the Name of Jesus to loose your body. Pay attention, because they'll try to come back.

These are things that will really help us to understand the dynamics of healing and for the economy of salvation. Every single person on this planet has a part to play. They have an important part to play in the salvation of souls, whether they are aware of it in their intellect or not. There are things going on in the spiritual realm that we are involved in that we have no clue about. They are still happening. There are amazing things going on.

I will tell you a little story here. We knew some folks and the man had been in Vietnam and he was an alcoholic. One day he confessed to us that thing that caused him more torment and more pain, and caused him to drink. My heart was just rent for this man. I prayed and prayed and prayed for him. What had happened actually, is that he was standing guard at a post in Vietnam and a woman came in with a basket. She was going towards the kitchen to take some things there. She gave the basket to the little boy and told him to take it into the kitchen. She immediately turned and ran in the other direction. The man saw this and this huge bomb went off. It killed the little boy and everyone in the kitchen and dining area. This

horrible thing has haunted him his lifelong.

I went to prayer for him and the Lord showed me something - and I'll never forget this. I saw that I was in New York City near central park and there was a little boy who was a child of a drug addicts. He didn't know who his father was. His mother was an addict and also a prostitute. This little boy was so lost and so confused, and in so much pain. He went into Central Park and he had a red and white striped t-shirt on that was dirty and dirty jeans. He was by one of the ponds there and I saw the Lord Jesus standing there. He came and held the little boy and they talked for while.

In the next scene, the little boy left and he was crossing the street and he was killed and hit by a truck. The Lord spoke to me and He said, "*That little child, that soul, had an agreement with Me to offer his life and to come live in Heaven with Me. Before he was born, he knew - his spirit knew - the conditions he would be born into and that he would not live out his days. But that God would rescue him and take him out of that situation.*"

There are some people who probably won't believe what I'm relating to you. That's alright, I understand. Take it to the Lord. We always have to discern the spirits. What I was given to understand is that the soul, apart from the intellect, was very aware of the circumstances of the life that God was giving them and he knew that he was going to be taken out of his misery. He knew what the misery was and now he is in Heaven. There are things that go on, people, in the spirit realm that are out of this world. Disney has nothing on God. God's ways are not our ways.

Turning to Isaiah 55:8 "For My thoughts are not your thoughts neither are your ways My ways." New Living Translation: "My thoughts are nothing like your thought says the Lord and My ways are far beyond what you could imagine. Eye has not seen ear has not heard neither has it entered into the heart of man what God has prepared for those who love Him." Philippians 3:18 Many live as enemies of the cross of Christ. Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is their shame. Their mind is on earthly things but our citizenship is in heaven."

What's Heaven's agenda? Salvation and sanctification. That's our homeland. So, the Lord said Don't worry about what you're going to eat or what you're going to wear. That's what the pagans run after. Rather seek first the kingdom of God and the things that you need will be added unto you (Matthew 6:31). 1 Corinthians 1:18 Paul said, "For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. 1 Corinthians 3:18 "Do not deceive yourself if any one of the you think he is wise by the standards of this age.

That's the naysayers who say, "That couldn't have happened. That's just a made up story."

"He should become a fool to confound the wise for the wisdom of this world is foolishness in God's sight." (1 Corinthians 1:27)

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Romans 8:17 "Now we are children and heirs of God and coheirs with Christ. If indeed we share in His sufferings in order that we may also share in His glory."

Again, His suffering was the Cross. Well, it was a lot more than just that. He was denied by the very same people He came to save. And yes, we will be denied - that's one of the sufferings. But don't tell me that your sickness isn't a cross. You know your sickness is a cross, and there is so much God is doing with that sickness until He chooses to heal you. The healing could come in the form of you leaving your earthly tent behind, or the healing could come in the form of someone praying over you and all of a sudden, you're healed. And you're freed from that infirmity. Until that healing comes, there's work to do. Things are going on. There are powerful graces being released from that work of that cross. The complications to

your life, your loved ones - all of us feel terrible when we are sick and we're a burden to other people. What could be more miserable? You're a burden to yourself and you're a burden to others? That's a heart cross, but you have to understand there is sanctification going on in that household. The ones who are suffering with you because of all the work they have to do to take care of you are also being sanctified. They are being made complete lacking in nothing as James says (James 1:4). It's through their perseverance. So, even in situations where you feel terrible because you've got it terrible, I've got news for you: you are a cross that is bringing forth virtue into their personality and their character. You are preparing them for Heaven. It's a beautiful thing. Very hard, very difficult, very painful... but a beautiful dynamic.

The other thing about the cross that is so powerful is humiliation. Being humbled, just as I talked about. You're in a household and you're a burden to other people - that is so humbling. Maybe you can't get up and go to the restroom. You have to be helped in that way. That is so humiliating and so humbling. But you see, how humble was the Lord, that any of us ever attain to that kind of humility? Yes, through the cross we can be very much like the Lord. He asks us to be that way. In fact, Paul says, to keep me from becoming conceited Because of his revelations he was given that thorn, right? (2 Corinthians 12:7) How many times when we're sick do we feel like nothing? I mean we're worst than nothing. A deficit. A burden. In Philippians 2:6 it says, "The Lord, who being in very nature of God did not consider equality with God to be grasped at but made Himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant. Being made into human likeness and being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to death. Even death on a cross."

There's nothing in our lives that could be as humiliating as what Jesus went through. Let me tell you, when you have to suffer tremendous, humiliating situations because of a condition of your body, you're very close to Him. You're beginning to look very much like Him. One thing He's continually telling me is, "*My Bride, you must resemble Me. That is the reason for your sufferings. I want you to resemble Me. When you come to Heaven, such glory will be yours for the crosses that you carried.*"

Never mind if you've complained. I hope that I'm giving you a perspective on this, so that you'll stop complaining and start thanking the Lord. This is something He's been working with me for a long time about and my husband, as well.

The glory will be ours, because we received those crosses and we carried them faithfully without becoming bitter, angry, or disillusioned. Maybe we had to deal with depression sometimes. Even that can be a terrible cross to carry. If we know the Lord and we love Him, He will communicate His grace, mercy, love, and His comfort to us and whisper into our hearts, "Beloved, there's nothing wrong with your faith and there's no great sin in your life. I'm sharing the Cross with you. Will you help Me carry it?" You see, the Lord is going to suffer pain until the very day that this whole mess is wrapped up and every soul's destiny has been decided. He's going to suffer, because He has created us. And when we suffer, He suffers terribly. He cries with us, He hurts with us. His compassion is beyond reckoning. You can't understand God's compassion. It is so much higher than anything we could ever imagine.

When you're carrying that cross, He's right there with you. The Lord whispers in your ear, "There's nothing wrong with you, you're not lacking in faith. There's no condemnation, there... was nothing wrong with the gift of healing. This is a cross that I've given you and because you have carried it with love and devotion for Me, I've united your suffering to My suffering on the Cross, and great glory will be yours in Heaven. And you will see all the beautiful things that were accomplished through your suffering."

Relatives that eventually came to the Lord, loved ones that were released from drugs, missionaries that were successful and brought a whole tribe of souls to Jesus. How beautiful. Truly, the Lord's ways are not our ways. Don't let anyone lie to you and tell you there's something wrong with you because you didn't get healed. There's nothing wrong with you.

Jesus is sharing His cross.

God bless you.

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