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From Francis

Dear Friends,

The report has finally come out (apparently after being held up for ages): The Environmental Protective Agency (EPA) has now stated that passive smoking (when someone else smokes and you inhale their effluence) causes cancer. The Agency estimates

that 3000 people a year die because of this (others have estimated that 5000 die), and they put passive smoking in the same environmentally dangerous class as asbestos.

This is not just a medical statistic but has Christian moral implications and also relates greatly to healing.

Christian ethics would now have to say that it's wrong - it's a sin - to smoke. It's against the Fifth Commandment "Thou must not kill" - neither yourself nor someone else.

As you probably know experts estimate that you lop seven years off your life if you smoke several packs a day. That's not a small amount!

I can remember back in high school when the only reason you didn't smoke was that it cut down your wind if you were an athlete. In fact, the school allowed a sales rep from Philip Morris to come to school and address our class on the values of his product and hand out a free pack to each of us.

But now that the evidence is in, why is it that Bishops, District-Superintendents and pastors are not preaching that smoking should stop (without becoming fanatical on the subject)? I'm sure some are, but I haven't personally heard of any statements or sermons issuing from mainline denominations, or preachers, aside from those churches (such as the Baptists - maybe they were right all along) that have traditionally opposed smoking. If the Roman Catholic Church can come out with formal proclamation forbidding artificial birth control, why is it so slow to say something about the morality of smoking, when its moral implications are clearer to most people?

At any rate, now that more and more evidence piles up indicating that smoking is no longer just a medical problem but has clear moral implications, we need to hear (or give) a good sermon on the topic in many churches throughout the land.

The reason we probably don't hear such sermons could be because so many high-ranking church leaders and members still smoke. Many have tried to quit and haven't been able. As Mark Twain once said: "It's easy to quit, I've done it hundreds of times." Truly, smoking is an addiction. Dr. Dean Edell, who has a regular radio and TV talk show, regularly states that we are basically hypocritical: while we wage "a war on drugs" and put cocaine dealers in jail, we have cigarette vending machines standing in our favorite family restaurant, when cigarettes cause many more deaths than cocaine. Why the difference?

That brings us to the healing part. There's no sense in blasting people who smoke and shouting at them if smoking is an <u>addiction</u>. A smoker finds it difficult if not almost impossible to quit. Which is worse, to have a rotten temper when you are off smoking or to smoke a pack and be easier to live with?

What most churches still need to learn is that you can pray for smokers and Jesus will heal them. If we do start to preach that smoking is wrong (Law) we need also to add the grace by offering prayer that asks Jesus to free us from our addiction.

By experience we know this works. Several years ago in England we prayed for a woman who had just lost her heavy-smoking husband to lung cancer. Now her doctor had told her that she, too, had lung cancer, probably through inhaling his smoke. She was furious with her deceased husband and wished he were alive to tell him so. We asked her to try to forgive him and then prayed for her healing. She later wrote an ecstatic letter to tell us that her doctor could no longer detect any lesions in her lungs.

Here at CHM at least three members of our small staff have been freed through healing prayer of a need to smoke. (Not that we don't believe that some people can quit through making a decision or through a non-smoking treatment program.)

Jackie Canepa, our administrator, for instance, had smoked for thirteen years. Then while she was pregnant she got so sick she had to quit but then she went back to it, thinking she could just smoke socially. But then the habit kicked in again. She tried to quit because she started having chest pains and because her children were worried after hearing teaching at school about the dangers of smoking. This time she couldn't quit; she tried all kinds of methods, but none of the advice she received worked. Finally, very discouraged, she prayed alone telling God: "You told me that whatever I would ask in the name of Jesus, I would receive, so now I'm asking you to free me from my need to smoke." Then she went to bed, and when she got up the next morning, she found she didn't need her afterbreakfast cigarette. She put the cigarettes in her pocket, taking them to work for later smoking. But never again did she feel the need for another cigarette. She has never even been tempted.

But it's not always that easy. For Judith it took three days. She had a house guest visiting her home in Kentucky from Israel and when she picked him up at the airport in Lexington she asked if he minded her smoking on the two hour drive. He said he did mind which infuriated her. Then he proceeded to lecture her and pray for her during the course of the next three days. He told her to come to him for prayer any time she was tempted to light up. She did this, but, in addition, she could hear him praying loudly at night in the guest room. When she drove him back to the airport three days later she was very glad to see him off. As soon as he was gone and she was back in her car driving home she lit up.

But the cigarette almost made her sick and she had to put it out. Now, that was more than 15 years ago and she hasn't smoked since!

So God helps us in all kinds of ways. We do need the power of Jesus to free and heal us. When will we ever learn?

Jancis + Judith Rachel + David

From Desk of Francis:

Here are three wonderful testimonies that just came to us this week. The first is from England, the other two happened here in the United States.

From England:

"Somehow life will never be quite the same again. E. woke up on Monday morning to find her arm completely healed and was asked to write up about it for their Parish magazine. D. too, found he no longer had the urge to smoke as soon as he got out of bed and has cut his smoking by nearly half." S.B.

From North Carolina:

"For months I have intended to write to tell you how my life has 'turned around' since receiving the Holy Spirit at your early May conference in Jacksonville. As you prayed in tongues and Judith spoke prayerfully in English, she touched me and instantaneously my head was bathed in a cloud of light. It was as if my physical body disappeared. Of course, I woke up on the floor, never aware of my body falling or a "catcher" gently lowering my form. I began weeping very hard, for about 25 minutes and eventually became aware that I was in someone's loving arms. Many were praying for me, including my son S. It was the most profound experience of my almost 64 years! For the next two weeks, especially, I was totally "unwound" - so completely relaxed, but more importantly, so totally joyful and peaceful - truly the peace that passeth understanding. As I have been a diagnosed "manic-depressive" (or bi-polar disorder in recent years) for 23 years, with 10 years of acute and sometimes suicidal depression before then, the release from the extreme agitation and restlessness has given me a quality of life never enjoyed for over 30 years. My symptoms became unbearable in March and April ('92) with excruciating headaches, as well. I cancelled a trip to England last summer because my loss of concentration would not enable me to plan the trip. Since 1960, I have had the benefits of excellent psychiatric care including over 125 electric shock treatments, psychotherapy, in-patient residence at a hospital in T.K. for 4 1/2 years, plus 6 years of intensive psychotherapy (4x weekly). This week I saw someone I have not seen for 3 years. She said to me, "you look so much younger that I almost did not recognize you." I feel the love and healing of God through the Holy Spirit." With love in Jesus Christ, A.F.

From Florida:

"The healing prayer touched the core of my being. I'd like to share what I experienced. Within the last two years I became aware that I was rejected from the time my Mom realized she was pregnant. As I was resting in the Spirit I was present with Jesus at the time of my conception. I saw the fertilized egg nestle in my mothers womb and Jesus rejoiced. When my Mom realized she was pregnant, Jesus told her she had to reject Him if she didn't want me. She couldn't do it. What a time of great grace and healing for me." Gratefully, S.G.

WAITING

by
Fr. Bob Kerner
with Sandi Kerner

I am sure that there are many of you who are "waiting on the Lord" - for healing, for an answer to prayer, for God's provision, or for God's call. Waiting is a subject about which my wife, Sandi, and I have had much experience. For over two months we have been in a state of waiting on the Lord to open a door to a full-time position for me.

It may be helpful for you to know about our previous experience in extended waiting. I had been a Roman Catholic priest who married. This ushered in a long period of exile from the active priesthood and a season of waiting (for God's open door to full-time ministry) which lasted over 10 years - with many heart-wrenching closed doors in the meanwhile. Finally, that period ended in 1990 when I was restored to priestly ministry in the Episcopal Church. Yes, we know something about waiting!

Waiting is an essential part of the Christian life of walking by faith. It is never easy - especially for those of us who like to know (and control?) what's happening next! It involves not being in control and a daily struggle to walk on the water of faith, trusting in the Lord.

Here are some things about waiting we've learned along the way:

- 1. <u>Keep your eyes on Jesus</u>. Maintain a regular discipline of daily prayer and Bible reading, weekly (at least) worship and sacraments, and participation in a Christian small group. Focus on the Lord and his good will for you. Reject all else.
- 2. <u>Live in the present</u>, not in the future, or the past. Focus on the <u>here and now</u>. Avoid "woolgathering" about what might happen or imaging your future. Get involved and concentrate on present ministry and the needs around you.
- 3. Release control daily. Let go. And let God. This is the key to peace. I once did this symbolically. I took a balloon, which symbolized my priesthood, I went outside on my ordination anniversary day, and I let it go, allowing it to drift higher and higher, out of my grasp. I completely let go any control, any claim on my vocation I gave up trying to make things happen. And then I sobbed. That was the turning point in my sojourn of faith. Then God was free to work! Three years later he sovereignly returned the "balloon" to me in his way, and on his appointed day, in a place far different.

- 4. <u>Don't try to "help" God</u>. Act only as God clearly directs and in his peace, not in desperation! You're not desperate, you're chosen!
- 5. <u>Closed doors are God's blessings!</u> Closed doors are God's protection and guidance allowing for a better way. I have seen this happen over and over again in our journey. Closed doors always hurt. When you can see them as God's blessing, you are healed.
- 6. Waiting is the crucible of the saints. Read the lives of the saints. How many were in prison or exile or in other ways were prevented from doing anything but waiting? Look at Moses, Paul, St. Athanasius, for example.

Sandi reflects:

"They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength." I've always looked at waiting as a <u>draining</u> of strength. For me, waiting has been an experience of a loss of energy - because I wait <u>anxiously</u>.

Yet, waiting has served to make me more tenacious, more determined to get to the goal. It has produced steel in me. My waiting has been rewarded and I have seen the <u>fruit of waiting</u> in my life. I have seen God's faithfulness during the waiting time and I have seen his purpose and faithfulness at the end of the wait as fulfillment came and I could look back over the waiting period with a new perspective through hindsight. Waiting periods have made me look at things from God's viewpoint.

Waiting is also a great opportunity for Satan! We are more vulnerable to temptation, harassment, deception, and accusation during these times. All kinds of fears enter, all kinds of worries and anxiety tempt us. I am so much more prone to fear and to listening to lies and half-truths, prone to wanting to grasp onto a way, a day, a place - any possibility, any resolution that will end the waiting, end the "not knowing".

Fr. Bob:

Waiting is the crucible of development, training, and preparation for God's special time (kairos) and his special solution or placement. but, our <u>security</u> is in the Lord, not in a promise, or the outcome, or the successful resolution. Our focus and peace must rest in him.

A choice is ours. Waiting can be an opportunity for growth

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or a hell of anxiety. It depends on the focus. We can choose life or death. The choice is ours. "Do not, then, surrender your confidence, it will have great reward. You need patience to do God's will and to receive what he has promised." (Hebrews 10:35-36)

We hope this has been of some help to you. Waiting is best when it is shared with a supportive community. Let us wait together. And pray for one another!

INTERESTING BOOKS TO ORDER

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1993 CALENDAR OF EVENTS OF TEACHING AND MINISTRY

Ministry Day: Jacksonville Christian Jan. 16, 1993 Center

Conference: "Healing Marriage & Feb. 4-7, 1993 Family Relationships" held at Airport

Holiday Inn.

Contact 904-765-3332

Guest Speakers: Dr. and Mrs. David

Seamands.

Seminar: "Becoming A Prayer Minister" Mar. 2-5, 1993

> held at CHM Center. Contact 904-765-3332

Seminar: "How To 'Do' Inner Healing" May 4-7, 1993

held at CHM Center. Contact 904-765-3332

Ministry Conference: held at Arlington May 27-30, 1993

Holiday Inn.

Contact 904-765-3332

Ministry Day: Lakewood United June 12, 1993

Methodist Church, 6133 San Jose Blvd.

904-733-8477

Seminar: "Deliverance" held at CHM July 6-9, 1993

Center

Contact 904-765-3332

4th Annual Therapists' Conference held Nov. 5-7

at the Jacksonville Marriott Hotel.

Contact 904-765-3332

Ministry Day: St. Mark's Episcopal Dec. 4, 1993 Church, 4129 Oxford Ave. 904-388-

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BECOMING A PRAYER MINISTER and HOW TO 'DO' INNER HEALING Seminars Now Being Offered

Christian Healing Ministries is offering another "How To" seminar March 2-5, 1993. In our December newsletter we gave you a "birds-eye view" of what this seminar would cover. CHM staff will present teaching on all facets of *Becoming A Prayer Minister*, Tuesday thru Thursday, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., and Friday, 9 a.m. to noon. This will be our most basic teaching seminar. Some of the topics will be: What Prayer Ministry is; The Criteria for Prayer Ministers; Communication Skills; How to Begin Prayer Ministry in Your Church, and much more. Once again it will be a time of teaching and practice, Francis will conduct a healing service one evening.

May 4-7, 1993 will be our second offering of "How to 'Do' Inner Healing". We had wonderful response to the first course in August of 1992 and felt it would be helpful to repeat this seminar yearly for people previously unable to attend. Both of these seminars will give you practical help in doing the work the Lord has called each of us to do, "pray for each other". Both seminar formats are the same.

Since these seminars will be given on the grounds at CHM, attendance will be <u>limited to the first 100 registrants</u>. Registration fee is \$125 for the four days. To reserve space, the full amount is required with the registration form, shown below. Deadline for all registrations will be one week prior to seminar date. A listing of nearby restaurants and motels (with nightly rates included) will be sent upon request as well as a map to CHM. If you need further information, please contact CHM at (904) 765-3332 or Box 9520, Jacksonville, FL 32208.

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INTERCESSORS PRAISE REPORTS

by Joy Lamb



My husband had mouth cancer, and it was necessary to remove his entire tongue. In mid November the doctors decided to make a false tongue from his chest muscle; however, he was told that he would never be able to talk. HE IS TALKING, AND QUITE CLEARLY. THE DOCTORS ARE ASTOUNDED!!!!! (CHM started praying for this person the 1st of December. This man's wife and the man say how grateful they are for our prayers.)

My praise for inner healing from childhood sexual abuse.

My brother-in-law got a job just before Christmas. It was of the Lord.. Thank you for praying.

Thank you for your prayers. My son's fiance has been in remission of Multiple sclerosis since August. Our deepest and most sincere thanks for your prayers.

Our divorce has been stopped. Thanksgiving.

Thank you for the many big and small miracles for Paul and our marriage.

I was scheduled to have breast cancer to have my breast removed! The lump was completely gone. The x-rays showed nothing upon which to operate. Thank you so much for praying.

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CHM MINISTRY CONFERENCE

Presented by

Francis and Judith MacNutt and CHM staff. May 27 through May 30, 1993 at the Holiday Inn East, 5865 Arlington Expressway, Jacksonville, FL 32211

SCHEDULE

Thursday, May 27, 1993 5:30 p.m. - Registration 7:00 p.m. - *1st Session* "Why Jesus Came" Friday, May 28, 1993
2nd Session - "Overview of Inner
Healing
3rd Session - "Healing the Losses
in Our Lives"
4th Session - Healing Service

Saturday, May 29, 1993
5th Session - "Physical Healing and Emotional components of Healing"
6th Session - Deliverance
7th Session - Healing Service, Laying on of Hands

Sunday, May 30, 1993 8th Session - Generational Healing Eucharist

<u>Group ministry</u> will be offered after each session. <u>Individual ministry</u> will be by appointment only.

Registration fee is \$165.00 with a \$25 non-refundable deposit. Full payment is required no later than May 17, 1993.

<u>The meal plan</u> offered includes Friday through Sunday noon (8 meals) and will be presold only, at the cost of \$70.00, which includes gratuity.

Room rate will be \$50. Be sure to mention you are attending CHM Ministry Conference. For further information call Nan at (904) 765-3332.

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