

Transitions

As we close another calendar year, we reflect upon the many transitions Christian Healing Ministries has experienced in the past months.

In June, we grieved the passing of the Right Reverend Steve Jecko. Steve was a member of CHM's National Advisory Board for many years. We also grieved the unexpected passing of The Reverend Marshall Lowell in June. Marshall was a faithful prayer minister at CHM and served as clergyman for ministry events until the time of his death. Additionally, we sadly report the loss of Nelson Chowenhill, who passed away in August, and Tom Green, who passed away in December. All of these beloved servants of God have been and will continue to be dearly missed.

Anne Early, our Intercessory Prayer Coordinator, left Jacksonville in November, heading across country to Washington State. We pray for peace and wish her well as she follows the Lord in taking the next steps in her journey with him.

With Anne's departure, Neona Daugherty, Coordinator of Prayer Ministers, stepped into the position of Intercessory Prayer Coordinator. We welcome this change for Neona and bless her in her work.

To fill the vacancy of Coordinator of Prayer Ministers, Leslie Royalty, from Carlsbad, California, will be joining our staff in January. We welcome her to Jacksonville and to CHM.

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Baptized in the Spirit During the Roenaissance

ay back when I was younger and studying in the seminary, I realized that I tended to be too serious. Then I discovered a Saint who seemed to be the perfect model for how I might change. His name was St. Philip Neri, and he lived in Rome where he became famous for his union with Jesus. He was also a famous joker who tried to hide his holiness by making people laugh at him. He attracted people to him by the force of his delightful personality and then he drew his followers to Jesus. In a time of great difficulty for the Catholic Church—during the Renaissance, with the worldly materialistic model of many popes (Savonarola was burned during Philip's lifetime)— Philip even started a new religious order (the Oratory), which later numbered the famous Cardinal Newman among its members in England. To me in the 1950s, Philip was like a breath of fresh air and a ray of sunshine.

What especially stands out about Philip's life is something I have been realizing more and more in recent years: that God has touched people with the power of the Spirit in every age and in every culture. It is as if Jesus has been trying to reach us to show us how he really intended to transform us and what the Gospel is really all about; but, by and large, we seem to be blind to what God desires for all of us, and we pass on without recognizing the "pearl of great price."

In one of my recent talks, I mentioned Philip and his balancing influence on my life. As a result, one of the kind listeners has sent me a copy of a biography of St. Philip.

I started to read this life of St. Philip and was delighted to discover that he had experienced the Baptism in the Holy Spirit after praying that the Spirit would pour out his gifts upon him. When he was young, he used to spend days praying in the catacombs of St. Sebastian's on the Ap-

pian Way. Here is how the book describes his remarkable experience:

In the catacombs of St. Sebastian something happened that can rightly be called Philip's 'Pentecost.' It was a kind of invasion of the Divine into his life. It is recorded here because with this event the years of waiting and of solitude reached their culmination.

What, then, happened in the catacombs in 1544?

Philip was in a small room of the catacomb, where today an altar and his picture serve as memorials to the event, and was praying with special devotion to the Holy Spirit shortly before Pentecost, as Gallonio, his first biographer, tells us: 'It was habitual with Philip to pray each day to the Holy Spirit, and with great humility to ask Him for His gifts and graces.' As he was thus

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praying again with great devotion one day in 1544, he suddenly felt himself divinely filled with the power of the Spirit with such force that his heart began to palpitate within his body and to be inflamed with such love that, his nature being unaccustomed to such a palpitation of the heart, he indicated that he was completely unable to bear it'...

Philip saw a ball of fire enter into his mouth and then felt his breast expand over his heart. The sensation of inner fire was so strong that Philip threw himself onto the ground and cried out, 'Enough, Lord, enough! I cannot take any more!...His prayer was full of love; ...but he was imploring more and greater love. This prayer was heard: 'The love of God overflowed from his soul upon his body; his blood coursed so rapidly through his veins that his countenance was all lighted up and flushed; his eyes, his cheeks, his forehead, all beamed with a ruddy ... glow.'This experience of God's love gave Philip an unbounded joy, 'a gladness all of divine love.'2

The church historian Ludwig Pastor writes that this Pentecostal event in 1544 remained with him all his life and can be compared to the stigmata of St. Francis.

From that time on, whenever he would pray he would tremble to such an extraordinary extent that, when he was celebrating Mass, he was afraid that he would knock the chalice over and he would have to steady himself by leaning on the altar. He could only calm down this shaking by thinking about ordinary, mundane things.

He was also filled with extraordinary heat and, in the middle of winter, would have to leave his cassock unbuttoned. His heart also radiated an amazing amount of heat, and after he died the physicians found that his ribs were protruding because

Did you know healing was the primary evangelical factor in converting the Roman Empire? See how the Church, throughout the years, tried to discredit this powerful ministry. Francis MacNutt's newest book, The Healing Reawakening, exposes the Church's history on how we started to focus on the intellect rather than the heart as a motive for healing. A read that will challenge your intellect in exposing this nearly perfect crime. Enjoy.

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A number of years ago Israel built a Holocaust museum to help to keep the details of such an unbelievable crime in front of the nations.

Their hope is that by doing so they will prevent the ignorance that gives way to such deception. Francis MacNutt has done a similar service in his brilliant work, The Healing Reawakening (formerly titled The Nearly Perfect Crime). By revealing the tools used by the powers of darkness

to persuade the Church to lay down the ministry of healing and deliverance, he has exposed the damage done by ignorance. At the same time he summons us to return to a full expression of the gospel of Jesus. The end result must be a people that are willing to pay the price to see a full restoration of the ministry of Jesus in His people, now.

> Redding, CA Author - When Heaven Invades Earth

they had been broken and were separated from the cartilage. The physician believed that this was God's providence that enabled his heart to beat so strongly and not be caged in, as it were, so that the heart was not injured by its violent beating and he was enabled to live a long life (1515-1595).

All of this bears out my belief - which I try to convey in my book The Healing Reawakening - that God, over the centuries, has continually tried to show us the need for all of us, in one way or the other, to experience the Baptism in the Spirit and the charisms of the Spirit (such as healing). Cleverly, people have evaded the challenge by saying something like, "Well, I'm no saint," but the clear message of the Gospel is that, while some experience more extraordinary phenomena than others, the promise of John the Baptist still holds true: "Jesus is the one who will baptize you in the Spirit" (e.g. Mk. 1:8).

For Catholics, Philip Neri is a canonized saint who explicitly describes what we would call the "Baptism in the Holy Spirit" and claims that his life was dramatically transformed from that moment on. Not that he wasn't a Christian before then, but Pentecost, 1544, was the basis and heart of his ministry!

Philip Neri, The Fire of Joy by Paul Türks, of the Oratory. Alba House, Staten Isl., NY 1995.

² Ibid., p. 16-17.



"Dear friends, I pray that you may enjoy good

health and that all may go well with you, even

as your soul is getting along well." (3 John 1:2)

by Linda Strickland

y sister Sandra's husband, Robbie, died last year: he was only 57 years old. He fought through a series of health issues that were a part of his long struggle with diabetes, the last of which was a kidney transplant. We thought he had the battle won, but, several weeks after the transplant, his heart stopped.

It was not the news of his diabetes or his transplant, or even his death, that convicted me. It was, rather, at his funeral that I received the conviction - the same conviction I have struggled with for most of my life.

Like most good southern women do, the ladies at the

church where Robbie's funeral took place prepared a wonderful meal for the family. After the service, we all proceeded into the parish hall to dine on the delectable offerings lovingly prepared

by the hands of these sweet Christian women. I filled my plate with such delicacies as fried chicken, macaroni and cheese, and various vegetables, all seasoned well with the other white meat. To top it off, I also included a good portion of my Aunt Margaret's famous layered pudding dessert with whipped cream. As I looked at my plate with a little guilt, I quickly reminded myself that I had skipped breakfast and I had a long trip back to Jacksonville that afternoon.

With plate in hand, I found a seat with my other sister, Joy, and her husband Dave, along with their two boys. I don't get to see them very often, so I was anticipating a nice visit over lunch. As I sat down, I noticed that Dave's plate had only fresh fruit salad on it. I knew he was a vegetarian, so I commented that surely there was more he could find to eat on the buffet than just fruit.

Now, Dave has always been a little uncomfortable with my family and seems to follow a different set of rules and morals. He's a perfectly nice guy, but we all know what he thinks of us, our church and our Christian views.

I'll never forget his comment back to me following my question concerning his "fruit salad only" lunch. He said, "You know, I just got finished listening to people applaud Robbie for never smoking or drinking, and then we come out here to a table with mostly 'junk for your body' food. I only have one question: what's the difference?"

Now here is a man who sees Christians as hypocrites and people who have their values confused. I had to admit, I could see his point: my reply was that I agreed with him and there was no difference. I suddenly saw a man who had a very valid reason for not wanting to be

like us. On this particular topic, we are hypocrites and we do have our values confused.

I actually had a hard time enjoying my plate of food that day, and the conviction lasted for a

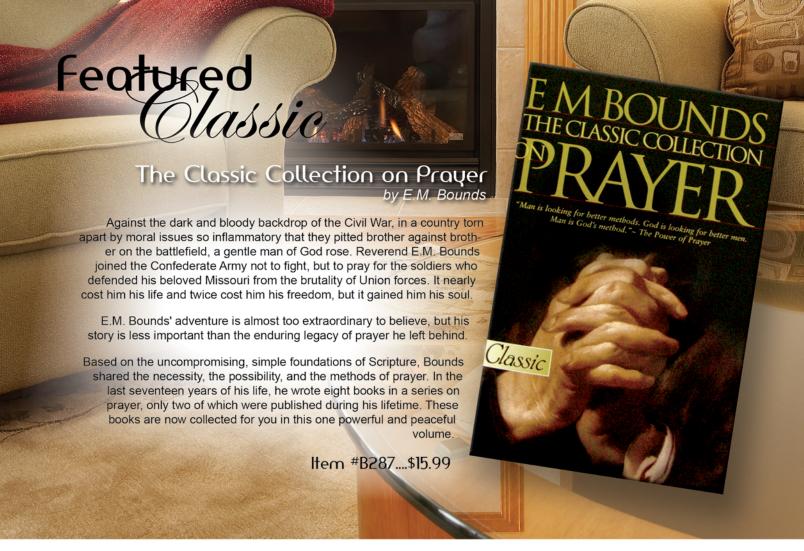
good week – maybe two. Then, as always, I slipped back into my old habits.

Every New Year, as I ponder what resolutions to make, I am met with the same disappointment in myself.

Although I am a beautiful woman of God who is living a life in close relationship with Him, I struggle with getting a grip on consistently eating right and exercising.

Recently, I missed a trip with Judith because of a knee problem. The doctor informed me that I will probably need a complete knee replacement within 10 years. All I could think was "are you kidding me?" Yet here's the truth: my poor attempt at a healthy lifestyle has contributed to the osteoarthritis in my knee. Francis calls it "the used car syndrome." Generally speaking, people are only interested in used cars if they are in mint condition; cars that have been lovingly taken care of and have a good blue book value. Quite frankly, I'm a little worried about my blue book value these days.

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All of this has led me to an even bigger conviction: if we are called to represent the healing power of Jesus Christ to a sick and dying world, then we need to lead by example.

At Christian Healing Ministries, we have begun this effort by taking most of the sugary pastries off of the table at our Schools. We now offer alternative choices of fresh fruit and healthy snacks.

I wonder what would happen if all churches would make a "mostly healthy food" policy for coffee hour and covered dish dinners. It would be tough - I mean, I personally own no less than a dozen cookbooks put together by wonderful Christian ladies groups and churches. I have even contributed to several of them myself, and they are great recipes! All full of flavor...and sugar, and fat.

I am not suggesting that we completely eliminate and never enjoy these wonderful foods. I am merely saying that, at least for my weak flesh, this indulgence should be the exception and not the rule.

Now, I know I have taken the giant leap into meddling at this point, but I'm worried about us. I'm worried by the fact that (we) Christians are statistically as unhealthy and obese as the rest of the world.

In this New Year, I am once again making a commitment to take better care of myself. This includes eating better. Maybe the fear of a knee replacement will help, but what I think is going to help the most is the way I am now praying about it.

Recently, this topic came up in class during our School of Healing Prayer® here at CHM. Judith suggested that, if you struggle with your appetite, ask for Jesus' appetite. What a great idea! This inspired me to ask for more than just His appetite for food. It is my heart's desire to have Jesus' perfect appetite for everything - especially His appetite for His Father.

"You're blessed when you've worked up a good appetite for God. He's food and drink in the best meal you'll ever eat." Matthew 5:6 (The Message)

May God bless you and keep you in this

the word of their testimony...

God's Surprising Love: A Testimony of Healing

Who was surprised? I was. We ran into many obstacles as we prepared for the two-day soaking prayer event September 24-25. The difficulties seemed insurmountable, but staff and volunteers persevered to set a healing atmosphere for 35 people to come to our campus to receive soaking prayer. When we listened to testimonies at the end of the two days, we were overwhelmed by the way Jesus' love penetrated so many hurting hearts during this time. In my position as practicum leader at the School of Healing Prayer®, I always remind students that Jesus ALWAYS shows up, but I was still VERY SURPRISED at the way He came to heal His people. Following is one dramatic testimony:

"When I arrived, I was in the depths of hell. I was depressed and struggling everyday to find a reason not to kill myself. Due to Satan's hold on me, my daughter was also suffering and I had nothing within me to reach out to her. I was so hopeless that it was my priest and my dear friends who sent me here, because I was sure nothing could save me. God had rejected me, just as I deserved.

"I can say now, 'praise be to God,' because I am healed. I am loved, I am God's child, and I am worth it. Jesus reached out his hand to me and I was able to take it.

"Thank you for loving me through Jesus' healing – and giving me my life back!" 👺



If you have attended any of the levels of the School of Healing Prayer® on or off the CHM campus, and/or Emerging Leaders in Healing, we encourage you to join CHM's newest program, the Alumni Network. This network has been created to link together the CHM alumni for the purpose of encouraging and connecting one another in the healing ministry.

What are the benefits of the Alumni Network?

- Each member receives a copy of the alumni newsletter, Branches, which we publish regularly.
- Alumni have the opportunity to communicate directly with fellow alumni via the online forum.
- Each member receives a copy of the Alumni Directory, which provides you with contact information for fellow alumni from around the world.
- All registered alumni receive a 10% discount off any purchase made in the Bookstore.

There is a one-time registration fee of \$50.00 per person to join the Alumni Network. To register, please visit our website at http://www.christianhealingmin.org/alumni.htm or contact Mary Kleist at (904) 765-3332 ext. 223 to request a registration form by mail.

Here is a sample of the types of articles contained in Branches:

A Need to be Free

The Consequences of Freemasonry Involvement by Francis MacNutt

Many people in our country, including ministers, have been involved in Freemasonry. Many who come to CHM for prayer have either been involved directly, and even more have Masonic influences in their ancestry. Scholarly books have been written on the history of the Masonic rites, so this is a brief account of why people need to be cut free from the harmful effects of Masonry.

First, it should be said that many enter a Lodge for reasons of business and to join an association of friends upon whom they can rely. Many of the Presidents of the United States, including George Washington, were Masons and the back of our dollar bill is filled with Masonic symbols (such as the all-seeing eye of the Grand Architect of the Universe). My great-uncle, Francis A. MacNutt, who was in the U.S. diplomatic service, was told by the Secretary of State that he would not advance in the service unless he became a Mason. He refused and left the diplomatic service.

Moreover, the early history of the Masons set them in opposition to organized churches, Catholicism in particular, and the Masons were responsible for various religious persecutions (in the 18th Century, for example, the Jesuits were suppressed in several countries). The opposition was so strong that Catholics were forbidden to join the Masons.

The second reason that Christians have traditionally been against Masonry is that the Church has been against societies that take oaths of secrecy, with dire threats of evil (death) that are incurred for violating the "curse." If you have read any of the initiation rites of the various levels all the way up to the 33rd Degree, you realize that they appeal to fear at a very deep level (at one level, a noose is placed around your neck).

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A Healing Place

Jou now know that we have taken the plunge and purchased beautiful land on the Trout River here in Jacksonville that has 20 buildable acres on which we hope to build a healing center. It is not just that we need more space for our increasing staff (18) and the large number of sick who come seeking Jesus' healing touch. The deeper reason is that we desire a visible destination as a manifest sign that God still heals his sick children. We look forward to a day when, at the mention of the city of Jacksonville, people will immediately say, "Isn't that where there is a healing center?"

Throughout my lifetime, I have known about the Catholic healing shrine of Lourdes, at the foot of the Pyrenees Mountains in France. In 1975, I even had the chance to visit there for three days and see what happens there, as well as to talk with the head physician of the medical bureau there. (I just found out last week that there are 7,000 healing shrines in Europe.) Even at a time when the numbers of faithful are dwindling in Europe, Lourdes (since 1858) attracts growing numbers of pilgrims—up to 10,000 a day in the summer. The very last international trip (out of more than 100) that the late Pope John Paul II made was to Lourdes, when he was hardly able to hold his head up.

Now today, several dear Protestant friends are leaving for Lourdes, eager to join the pilgrims. These pilgrims march in procession, sing hymns, receive group blessings, and bathe in healing springs that come out of the mountain earth there. These pilgrims testify to a remarkable sense

of God's love there and many also testify to bodily healing. The beautiful place itself is a testimony to God's love for the sick and his desire to heal his people.

That's what we believe will happen at our new center—not that we expect to attract nearly as many people, but we believe God has called us to build a sign of his love for his people—a "city of refuge."

There's something deep in people that draws them to go on pilgrimages—it has been going on for thousands of years. "If you build it, they will come," is how they put it in the movie Field of Dreams. Amazingly, people are now making pilgrimages to the farm in lowa where Field of Dreams was filmed, even though the story was imaginary.

But our dream is real. If we pray, the sick will be healed.

And Jesus will show up.

And so, as we begin our building campaign, we ask you to join us.

Francis + Judith

Francis and Judith

With the Board and staff of CHM

Jan	January 2007						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
		New Year Office closed	2	3	4	5	
6	7	Open Prayer Ministry on CHM campus: 1:30 pm Generational Eucharist on CHM campus: 6:00 pm	9	10	11	12	
13	Day of Healing Prayer on CHM campus	15	16	17	18	19	
20	Martin Luther King Jr. Day Office closed	Open Prayer Ministry on CHM campus: 1:30 pm & 6:00 pm	23 Anglican Miss	24 ion in America	25 Conference in	26 Dallas, Texas	
27	28	Open Prayer Ministry on CHM campus: 1:30 pm & 6:00 pm	30	31			

For all Tuesday prayer ministry, be sure to call CHM first at 904-765-3332 to verify there are no cancellations.

February 2007							
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
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3	Asbury Seminary	Open Prayer Ministry on CHM campus: 1:30 pm & 6:00 pm in Orlando, Florida	Ash Wednesday	7	St. Andrews Wom in Myrtle Beach,		
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24	25	Open Prayer Ministry on CHM campus: 1:30 pm & 6:00 pm	27	28	29		

Conference Information

Anglican Mission in America (AMIA) Conference January 23-26

Dallas, Texas

Speaker: Judith MacNutt

Registration: online at www.theamia.org/winter/2008info, or call 843-237-0318.

Asbury Seminary - Restore the Joy: Healing in the Church, Healing of the Church February 4-5

Orlando, Florida

Speaker: Judith MacNutt

Registration: online at www.asburyseminary.edu or call 888-523-3766.

St. Andrews Women's Conference

February 8-10

Myrtle Beach, South Carolina - Crown Reef Resort

Speaker: Judith MacNutt

Registration: www.samp.cc (click on Women's Ministry)

School of Healing Prayer Level II

February 18-22

Jacksonville, Florida - CHM Campus

Speakers: Francis & Judith MacNutt

Registration: online at www.christianhealingmin.org or call Jeff Sampson at 904-765-3332 ext. 203.

Looking Ahead...

March 3-7

Emerging Leaders in Healing Conference - Jacksonville, Florida

Registration: online at www.christianhealingmin.org or call Jeff Sampson at 904-765-3332 ext. 203.

March 17

Day of Healing Prayer

April 3-5

Hawaiian Island Ministries Conference - Honolulu, Hawaii

Speaker: Judith MacNutt

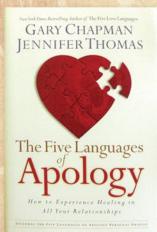
Registration: online at www.himonline.org.

April 3-6

International Colloquium on Healing - Rome, Italy

Please pray for Francis MacNutt as he attends and speaks at this very special meeting.

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The Five Languages of Apology

How to Experience Healing in All Your Relationships

by Gary Chapman and Jennifer Thomas

Real life involves real people who make real mistakes. Sometimes saying "I'm sorry" just isn't enough. The need for apologies impacts all human relationships.

The good news is that you can learn the art of apology. Through their research and interaction with hundreds of individuals, counselor Dr. Jennifer Thomas and Dr. Gary Chapman, author of the revolutionary The Five Love Languages, have discovered five fundamental aspects or "languages" or an apology.

In The Five Languages of Apology, you will learn how to recognize your own primary apology language

while speaking the languages of those you love. Understanding and applying the five languages of an apology will greatly enhance all of your relationships.

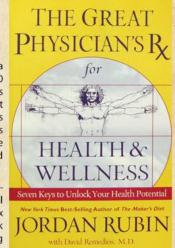
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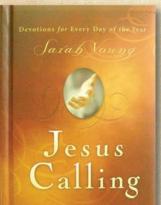
Seven Keys to Unlock Your Health Potential by Jordan Rubin

At the age of nineteen, Jordan Rubin was a healthy 6'1" college student weighing 180 pounds. Shockingly, in a matter of months, his health greatly deteriorated as his body fought more than eighteen serious health conditions and diseases. In a desperate search to save his life, Jordan sought medical advice from more than seventy health professionals from around the world, but none were able to cure him.

Now, ten years later, Jordan Rubin is fully recovered and devoting his life to sharing God's ideal health plan contained in The Great Physician's Rx for Health and Wellness. This foundational book will give you the tools you need to live a long and abundant life.



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Jesus Calling

Enjoying Peace in His Presence by Sarah Young

After many years of writing her own words in her prayer journal, missionary Sarah Young decided to be more attentive to the Savior's voice and begin "listening" for what He was saying. So with pen in hand, she embarked on a journey that forever changed her-and many others around the world.

In these powerful pages are the words and scriptures Jesus lovingly laid on her heart. Words of reassurance, comfort, hope. Words that have made her constantly aware of His Presence and allowed her to enjoy His Peace.

Jesus is calling out to you in the same way. Maybe you share the author's need for a greater sense of "God with you." Or perhaps Jesus seems distant

without you knowing why. Or maybe you have wandered farther from Him than you ever imagined you would. Here is a year's worth of daily readings from Young's journals to bring you closer to Christ and move your time with Him from a monologue to a dialogue.

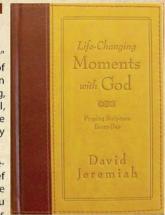
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Life-Changing Moments with God

Praying Scripture Every Day by David Jeremiah

Some people refer to the Bible as God's "love letter" to us. His Word indeed offers detailed accounts of God's "love in action" in every kind of situation we may encounter if life, whether joyful, trying, abundant, painful, redeeming, forgiving, sinful, victorious...the list is all-encompassing. It's His love gift to us to read, to meditate on, to claim for every corner of our lives and ounce of our being.

Within the following pages there are Scripture-based devotional prayers followed by a brief closing prayer that summarizes the theme of the day. My prayer for you is that they will keep you focused on Almighty God, the One who wrote this love letter to you.



Draw close to God by spending time praying these truths revealed in His Word, and in doing so, may you be blessed with a greather understanding of the width and length and depth and height of His faithfulness and never-ending love for you.

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The Way In is the Way On

> teachings and writings on life in Christ

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John Wimber's teachings and writings on life in Christ Foreward by Jack Hayford

John Wimber's impact on the church worldwide is still evident today, even since his passing in 1997. He was an evangelist, worship leader, songwriter, pastor, and leader of the Vineyard Movement. However, he is most renowned for his practical application of the Gospel in order to "do the stuff" that Jesus did.

Read first-hand accounts from Carol Wimber, Jack Hayford, Matt Redman, Jackie Pullinger-To, as well as many other Christian leaders from around the world who have been impacted by John's life.

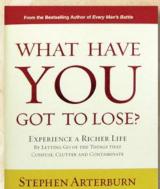
Discover John's passion and zeal for Christ through this collection of his writings and teachings on Jesus.

What Have You Got to Lose?

Experience a Richer Life By Letting Go of the Things that Confuse, Clutter and Contaminate by Stephen Arterburn

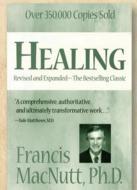
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Healing

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Twenty-five years after its original release, it has been updated! Learn how the marvelous healing touch of God is available to you. The revolutionary yet balanced teaching of Francis MacNutt will open you to the experience of healing for you and those you love. The millions who have benefited from this book testify to its life-changing message. It is considered the classical work on the subject of Christian healing prayer.

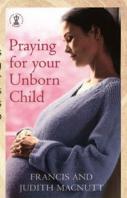
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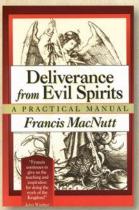
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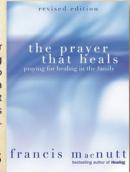
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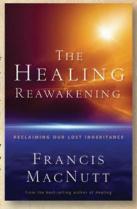
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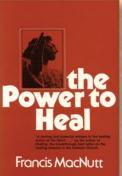
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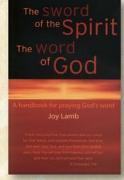


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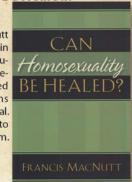
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The most important factor, though, is that false gods, replacing Jesus Christ, are invoked. For example, the Egyptian gods, Horus, Set, and Isis are invoked at the 31st Degree. With each degree, the confusion and idolatry increase, until Lucifer himself becomes part of the initiation. The sin involved in Masonry is ultimately idolatry and involves the rejection of Jesus Christ as our only Savior.

For this reason, if we have ourselves been part of the Masonic religion, we need to repent and to renounce our involvement at each of the levels in which we have taken part. Prayer for deliverance from the effects of Masonry may also be needed. If these prayers seem slow in taking effect, we encourage you to read about the various levels of initiation and their effects so you can pray in greater depth for the effects of Masonry on your life. Some people are freed by a relatively simple prayer, but others need more depth. Prayers will be needed, too, to release you from

generational curses which you, your family, or your ancestors may have incurred.

In addition to men's organizations associated with the Masons, such as the Shriners, women also take part through groups such as the Eastern Star and the Rainbow Girls; and for boys, there is the Order of De Molay. Entire areas of our country where Masonry has been dominant (such as Richmond, Virginia) seem to be resistant to fervent Christianity.

In general, because Masons do so much good work (Shriners' hospitals and circuses), most Christians find it hard to believe that there are any real dangers connected with being a Mason, especially since many seem to join for mainly social or business reasons.

If you want to become more fully informed about the Masons, we encourage you to read books such as Christianity and American Freemasonry by William Whalen, and Masonry Unmasked by John Salza.

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