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# The Struggle to Recover Healing

by Francis MacNutt

If Satan ever convened a conference to figure out how to kill the healing (and deliverance) ministry that Jesus came to bring us, he could not have come up with a more brilliant – and successful – strategy. What had begun in the first 320 years of church history when everyone – clergy and lay, men and women, rich and poor – believed that they could pray for their families and friends gradually withered and nearly died.<sup>1</sup> A sign of how close we came to losing our healing heritage was that in the 1520s, the only one holding healing services in England was King Henry VIII, while in the 1700s, the healing services in France were led by the profligate Louis XIV!

For the past 200 years, God seems to have been trying to restore the healing ministry for which Jesus died (Mt. 8:16). A spark of healing fire would be kindled when God would touch an individual Christian with the realization that healing was part of the Good News. (Usually, this individual was pondering Scripture, such as Matthew 10, when Jesus commissions the Twelve to heal the sick.) If this person had courage, he/she might take a risk and pray with a sick person he/she knew. Then, to everyone's surprise, the sick person would be healed; but later, skeptics – usually leaders within their churches – would intimidate these bold individuals or would encapsulate them so that they could not influence the wider church. From 1750 until 1900 (roughly), this is what happened, even while the Spirit continued to occasionally touch Christians (usually pastors on the lower rungs of the ecclesiastical ladder). Like lights, they would flicker brightly for about twenty years and then disappear.

My particular favorite (and one of John Wimber's heroes, too) was Johann Christophe Blumhardt, a Lutheran pastor

whose church was in the Black Forest area of Germany. He was a very ordinary, normal type of minister who was dragged, as it were, into the healing ministry. Everyone liked him, but Lutheran authorities, together with medical doctors, told him he was not supposed to pray for healing. "Leave healing to the medical profession," they told him. A lot happened in his little town of Möttlingen, but he eventually resigned his pastorate. When he died, his 'contagion' stopped with him. There you have the typical pattern, as, for 200 years, God touched individuals who might have restored a healing ministry to their churches, but they were seen as eccentric (and some were) and their individual ministries died with them.

You all know the famous saying of Lord Acton that those who ignore the mistakes of their past history are doomed to repeat them. We are now discovering some of our historical mistakes and are attempting to escape their influence, but the dead weight of past custom is hard to lift off. Just to give an example, closer to home, there was an Episcopal physician in Boston, Dr. Charles Cullis (1890), who discovered healing prayer and set up a healing home, combining prayer and medical treatment. He was highly respected and was not an extremist, but what lasting influence did he have? Have you ever heard of him? A pebble leaving a splash in the pond.

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Then came the next stage, when the Pentecostals (such as at Azusa Street in Los Angeles in 1906) and entire groups of Christians rediscovered the gifts of the Spirit; so many of them, in fact, that they were enough to start entire churches, such as the Assemblies of God. As happens so often, God touched the poor, the illiterate, the "lower classes." They rediscovered healing and deliverance prayer, the power of the Holy Spirit and the charisms, but their influence did not immediately reach the established churches. It took 50 years, but their discovery finally reached the established churches, such as the Episcopalians in 1959 and the Roman Catholics in 1967. Now the fire could not so easily be put out, but healing prayer was still seen as a side issue by most denominations. The good news is that healing became somewhat acceptable. However, it was not embraced as an essential part of the Gospel that must be taught and practiced. That's basically where we are now and that leaves us with a most important question: how can we restore healing prayer to the church – churches – when:

- 1) There is no time or space given to it on Sunday morning during church services, therefore, it is always seen as optional;
- 2) It is not taught in most seminaries as a key subject; and
- 3) Many theologians (following Bultmann and the Enlightenment) no longer believe in the reality of evil spirits, nor of healing beyond the medical profession?

You do not find these questions taken up in Christian magazines, or even in Pentecostal magazines such as *Charisma*. Nor do they seem to be discussed in denominational charismatic renewal. Perhaps it is because these issues are too sensitive and imply a deficiency in church

leadership: or perhaps it is simply that we do not have confidence that we can come up with any real answers.

The encouraging news is that the situation has radically improved in the past 40 years (a small blip on the screen of history), so that what once was considered odd (or at best unusual)—namely praying with the sick for their healing—is now considered (in some churches) as an acceptable, ordinary Christian activity.

Our mission now is to return the power of the Holy Spirit to the ordinary life of the church as essential and not be afraid of trying to work out such questions as the relationship between "infant baptism" and the "baptism in the Holy Spirit" (i.e. how can an infant receive the baptism in the Spirit?).

We hope that the new Christian Healing Ministries center will become a visible sign that will continue on into the next generation – and the next – as a witness to the belief that God still heals the sick (something like the shrine at Lourdes, France), long after I (and Judith) have gone on – a destination for the sick and discouraged who need not only encouragement, but real healing. The fact that there are 7,000 shrines in Europe is a witness to the deep human longing for God to heal the sick and have compassion upon his people. We, of course, are only one among the many leaders and churches that are trying to restore healing to God's people. The task is vast, and we need an army of harvesters, for the fields are ripe: up until now, very few Christians have been taught that when they pray with expectant faith, God will heal his people. ➡

(Footnotes)

<sup>1</sup> For a variety of reasons that I described in *The Healing Reawakening*



# Bringing the **OBSTACLES TO HEALING** into the Light

*by Francis MacNutt*

Something that really excites me is that there are vitally important frontiers in healing that are still to be explored. We are called to be pioneers in areas that meet the deepest needs of the human race. Whenever the Holy Spirit is most intimately present at one of our conferences, the very leaders who have come to learn to pray for others find that they themselves have unhealed areas of their lives that surface with many tears. Sometimes deliverance from evil spirits also takes place. These are the deep spiritual needs that remain unmet in our ordinary Sunday services and liturgies. Healing services are simply not able to meet most of the deepest needs for healing that we have.

As it developed in the Pentecostal churches, the main way that healing was expressed was in dramatic healing services that featured a celebrity healer. These were marvelous testimonies to God's love and power to heal, but, as in all things human, there were weaknesses. As I have seen them (and led them), I see the following normal imperfections that need to be addressed:

1) Healing services tend to be large, so there is not time enough to minister to individuals whose ailments require more attention; we see great unmet need for counseling and soaking prayer. Prayer in these services has to be quick and results instant. Only a minority of the people who attend actually end up healed. Millions of Christians suffer from Alzheimer's, for example, and yet when have you personally seen it healed at a large healing service?

2) The basic rule of theatre is that you cannot bore an audience or you lose their attention. Therefore, the healing minister must be dramatic. Yet most of the major healings that I witness are deep and interior. They are hidden until later. Even when a tumor disappears, which is truly dramatic, it may take ten minutes.

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# the word of their testimony...

## Healing is Not Meant for Entertainment

by Mary Kleist

Francis often teaches that some of the deepest healing God does for people is often overlooked, because it is not dramatic enough to captivate an audience. Mary Wittke, one of the attendees of our latest School of Healing Prayer® Level II (February 18-22), testifies to the great freedom God brought to her through healing that, to those on the outside, may not sound captivating:

I do not have a prayer ministry (with others), but work as a hospice chaplain. My hope in coming to Level II (after Emerging Leaders in October) was to begin to learn enough to know whether I could (possibly) begin a ministry in Salt Lake City (conducting training there). I did not get this—I got so much more. I discovered that I need a lot more healing and prayer before the Lord will use me in this area (training).

The healing I received was increased patience... really! Francis said receiving healing like this is not exciting to people on the outside. Oh, but on the inside, it surely is exciting! I pray so often for the face of Jesus to shine through me. I feel as though things that prevented people from seeing Him in me lifted this week. I feel the answer to my prayers for the Fruits of the Spirit to ripen in me has come. I have more joy, too! I'm willing to wait for increase.

How did this happen? Numerous inner vows and word curses I had made on myself were revealed, renounced, and the effects lifted in prayer. The Holy Spirit revealed sexual sin I had committed and led me to break, in prayer, any bonds or soul ties with partners. Though I had done this before, I did it at a deeper level this time—another layer. I am free and the blockages in my marriage and in my relationship with God have lifted, for I confessed those to others and to God and the shame of all this sin is healed, too.

My ability to rest in Him has grown. I have greater peace and freedom from worry. I have given my burdens to the Lord. All the sorrow I have carried for the dying people to whom I minister is loosed. My load is lighter, for His burden is light and His yoke is easy. The concern for their salvation (I minister to so many who don't seem to know God) is loosed.

“Numerous inner vows and word curses  
I had made on myself were revealed, renounced,  
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God has increased the love in my heart this week, dissipating the sizing up and judging I've habitually done. He's given me a passion to know and feel his love. He's changed my prayers to prayers for His love to bubble up and overflow. It's not just words, but a deep longing. From knowing His love, He increases my ability to love others and myself.

Oh, the exciting Fruits of the Spirit! That's what I got at Level II. That's what I'll continue to pray for! Hooray! ✨





# *A Beautiful Duet*

*by Linda Strickland*

*I* once heard a story about the great concert pianist Paderewski. One evening a mother took her young son, who had just begun piano lessons, to hear this master play. The stage was set simply, with a spotlight highlighting the beautiful grand piano and bench. The mother and her young son found their seats and were anxiously waiting for the concert to begin. As they waited, the mother became engaged in conversation with the person seated next to her and did not realize that her son had gotten out of his seat. Just as she noticed his absence, "Chopsticks" filled the air of the great hall.

Horried, the mother saw her missing young son on the stage, in the spotlight, seated at the grand piano, smiling as he picked out the tune. "Get him out of there!" came voices from the crowd.

"No!" cried a European accent from the wings, and the great Paderewski strode on stage. "Boy, keep going and I'll help you," he said. As he sat down on the bench next to the little boy, he began adding fabulous improvisations – chords, patterns, runs and additional melodies – as the two of them captivated the audience with "Variations of Chopsticks"!

I love to share this story with the students at our School of Healing Prayer®. It is a great example of how, as prayer ministers, our (Chopstick) prayers are small and pathetic on their own, but when the Holy Spirit is invited to come and "sit down beside us," together we make a beautiful duet.

All through history there have been many great "duets." There were Lewis and Clark, Rogers and Hammerstein, Abbott and Costello, George and Gracie, Sonny and Cher, Fred and Ethel... well, you get the picture. Jesus demonstrated the value of partnership, as well, when he sent his disciples out into the world two by two (Mark 6:7). He knew they would need each other. He knew what they would face, and that "two would be better than one."

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# A Healing Place

by Jim Francis

The Capital Campaign Committee has been meeting regularly for over a year developing the funding plan for the new ministry center. The ministry center has become necessary to meet the overwhelming demand by those seeking healing and training to be prayer ministers. Our vision is that the new ministry center will enable us to satisfy this demand more completely and efficiently by holding many more conferences and healing sessions where our ministry team can teach and bring healing to more people in an environment conducive to healing.

Last year the committee successfully completed the funding for the land with contributions of over \$2 million from the Board of Directors. This led to the purchase of over 60 acres of beautiful land fronting on a tributary of the St. Johns River in Northwest Jacksonville. This land was available for a reasonable price because it was not readily developable, since it had a large amount of wetlands and the river is not practically accessible. The land makes for a perfect ministry center because of our desire to leave it mostly undeveloped.

The Capital Campaign Committee engaged Panas, Linzy and Partners to assess the feasibility of raising an additional \$23 million to pay for improvements to the land and to provide for an

endowment of \$5 million for maintenance and operations. The improvements will include an office and bookstore building, a chapel, an auditorium and prayer cottages surrounded by ancient oaks and beautiful natural foliage.

Panas, Linzy has met with several constituents of CHM and there are plans to have meetings with additional constituents to assess the feasibility of the capital campaign. Based on the information

gathered so far, the conclusion is that a significant amount of the funding will be available from the persons who have participated in the study already. We hope that upon the completion of the study, which we expect later this year, that the complete campaign will be feasible in a single phase. The alternative to a single phase

development will be a multi-phased development which will occur over a few years.

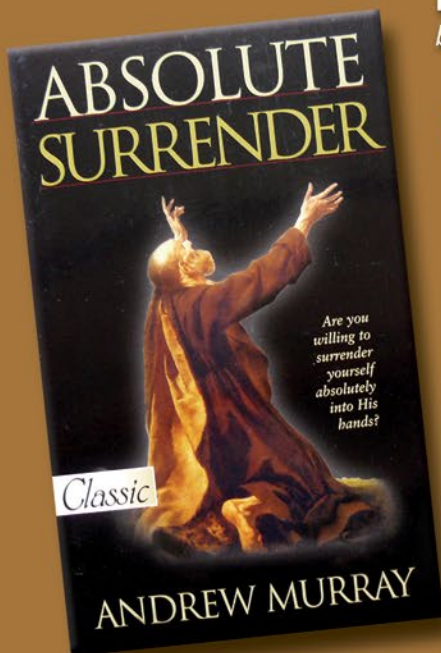
The Committee has also been searching for a development director who will assist the Committee in completing the capital campaign and providing for a more structured development plan than we have employed in the past. We appreciate your continued prayers and support. ✉

Jim Francis is a member of the Board of Directors of Christian Healing Ministries, Inc., as well as the Chair of the Capital Campaign Committee.





# Featured Classic



## Absolute Surrender

by Andrew Murray

"I desire by God's grace to give to you this message – that your God in Heaven answers the prayers which you have offered for blessing on yourselves and for blessing on those around you by this one demand: *Are you willing to surrender yourselves absolutely into His hands?*

"What is our answer to be? God knows there are hundreds of hearts who have said it, and there are hundreds more who long to say it but hardly dare to do so. And there are hearts who have said it, but who have yet miserably failed, and who feel themselves condemned because they did not find the secret of the power to live that life. May God have a word for all!"

– Andrew Murray

This book—simple and powerful—is the result of Murray's passionate exploration of the issue of surrender: why it's seemingly impossible and yet completely necessary.

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King Solomon wrote about this in the book of Ecclesiastes (4:9-12) when he said, "Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their work: if one falls down, his friend can help him up. But pity the man who falls and has no one to help him up! Also, if two lie down together, they will keep warm. But how can one keep warm alone? Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three is not quickly broken!"

My husband and I have claimed this particular passage as our life verse for our marriage. We have found that "two are better than one," but "a cord of three" is even better. Two people make a marriage – but inviting the Holy Spirit to be the third strand of the cord is what makes it work. We've tried it both ways, and as the old saying goes – the proof of the pudding is in the eating.

For most people, life is made up of many seasons and changes. One season may find you with people in your life that you can truly call partners – people who make harmony with you in the duet of life. At

other times you may experience a season of living and working solo, but for each of us, as believers and followers of Christ, we always have a partner: The Holy Spirit. He is the constant living and active presence of Jesus in our lives.

I pray that whether you are singing life in duet or solo, you will always invite the Holy Spirit to come and "sit down beside you" in everything that you do. And in the words of Paderewski, you will hear the Holy Spirit say, "Keep going and I'll help you."

Now that's a beautiful duet! ➦





## Current Events

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### International Catholic Colloquium on Healing

**April 3-6**

**Rome, Italy**

*By invitation only*

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

### Hawaiian Island Ministries Conference

**April 3-5**

**Honolulu, Hawaii**

Speaker: Judith MacNutt (among others)

Registration: [www.himonline.org](http://www.himonline.org).

### School of Healing Prayer Level III

**April 21-25**

**Jacksonville, Florida - CHM Campus**

Speakers: Francis and Judith MacNutt

Registration: online at [www.christianhealingmin.org](http://www.christianhealingmin.org) or call Jeff Sampson at 904-765-3332 ext. 203.

### Day of Healing Prayer

**May 12**

**Jacksonville, Florida - CHM Campus**

Registration: Call Patsy Barr, Receptionist, at 904-765-3332.

## Looking Ahead...

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**June 2-6**

**School of Healing Prayer Level I**

Speakers: Francis MacNutt and Judith MacNutt

Registration: online at [www.christianhealingmin.org](http://www.christianhealingmin.org) or call Jeff Sampson at 904-765-3332 ext. 203.

**June 12-15**

**Healing Reawakening Conference - Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania**

Speakers: Judith MacNutt, Randy Clark, Don Williams

Registration: online at [www.globalawakening.com](http://www.globalawakening.com).

**July 16**

**Day of Healing Prayer**

Registration: call Patsy Barr, Receptionist, at 904-765-3332.

**June 25-28**

**Fishnet Conference - Rutland, Vermont**

Speakers: Francis MacNutt, Judith MacNutt, Neal Lozano

Registration: email [fishnet@sover.net](mailto:fishnet@sover.net).

**July 7-11**

**Emerging Leaders in Healing Conference**

Speakers: Francis MacNutt, Judith MacNutt, Don Williams, Mike Evans

Registration: online at [www.christianhealingmin.org](http://www.christianhealingmin.org) or call Jeff Sampson at 904-765-3332 ext. 203.

**July 21**

**Day of Healing Prayer**

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## Looking Ahead continued...

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### July 28-August 1

#### **School of Healing Prayer Level II**

Speakers: Francis MacNutt and Judith MacNutt

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### August 8-10

#### **Lutheran Renewal Conference - Arden Hills, Minnesota**

Speaker: Judith MacNutt (among others)

Registration: [www.lutheranrenewal.org](http://www.lutheranrenewal.org)

### August 18

#### **Day of Healing Prayer**

Registration: call Patsy Barr, Receptionist, at 904-765-3332.

### August 29-31

#### **Southern California Renewal Communities Catholic Conference - Anaheim, California**

Speakers: Francis MacNutt, Judith MacNutt (and team)

For information and registration: [www.scrcc.org](http://www.scrcc.org)

### September 8

#### **Day of Healing Prayer**

Registration: call Patsy Barr, Receptionist, at 904-765-3332.

### September 16-18

#### **Yale University - New Haven, Connecticut**

Speakers: Francis MacNutt, Judith MacNutt, Randy Clark

For information and registration: online at [www.globalawakening.com](http://www.globalawakening.com)

### September 22-26

#### **School of Healing Prayer Level III**

Speakers: Francis MacNutt and Judith MacNutt

Registration: online at [www.christianhealingmin.org](http://www.christianhealingmin.org) or call Jeff Sampson at 904-765-3332 ext. 203.

### October 20-25

#### **The Francis and Judith MacNutt School of Healing Prayer for Leaders: 2nd Edition - Jacksonville, Florida**

*Co-sponsored by the International Catholic Charismatic Renewal Service and the National Service Committee*

Speakers: Francis MacNutt, Judith MacNutt, Don Williams, Mike Evans

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### November 10

#### **Day of Healing Prayer**

Registration: call Patsy Barr, Receptionist, at 904-765-3332.

### November 14-16

#### **Episcopal Diocese of Albany Deacons Retreat - Greenwich, New York**

Speaker: Judith MacNutt

*Please pray for this conference*

### December 1-5

#### **School of Healing Prayer Level I**

Speakers: Francis MacNutt and Judith MacNutt

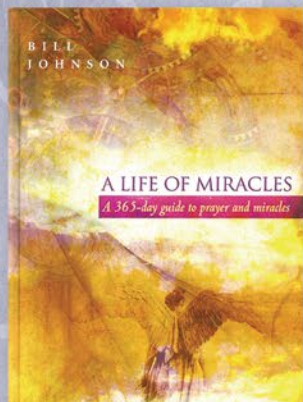
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### December 15

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## A Life of Miracles

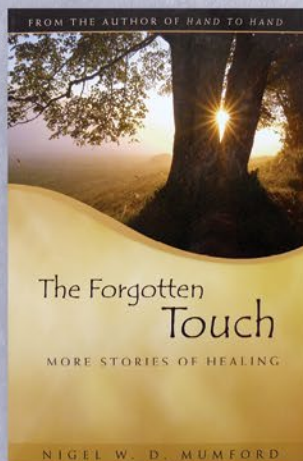
A 365-Day Guide to Prayer and Miracles  
by Bill Johnson

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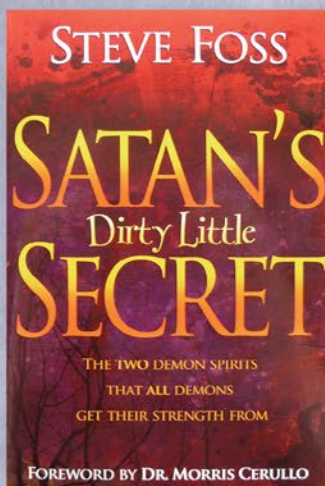
More Stories of Healing  
by Nigel W.D. Mumford

"My journey has transformed me from Royal Marine Commando to lay minister of healing. Twenty-five years ago, I was trained to kill or be killed; now it is my privilege to teach people to heal and be healed."

—Nigel Mumford

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## Satan's Dirty Little Secret

The Two Demon Spirits That All Demons Get Their Strength From  
by Steve Foss

*Satan's Dirty Little Secret*, exposes two of the most devastating yet hidden demons Satan has ever released. From the Garden of Eden until our present day, Satan has used the same secret strategy to bind, oppress, confound, and deceive mankind.

This prophetic revelation given in a vision to Pastor Steve Foss exposes this secret strategy of the enemy and gives readers the keys to total victory. You will understand how this dynamic duo of demonic spirits empowers every other spirit and how you can defeat them.

Leaders from around the world call this one of the most significant breakthroughs in revelation that they have ever had.

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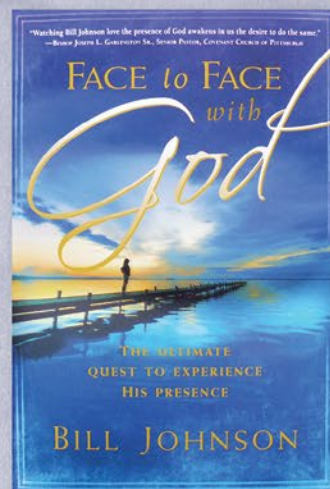
## Face to Face With God

The Ultimate Quest to Experience His Presence  
by Bill Johnson

Bill Johnson pastors a church where supernatural encounters with God happen regularly, miracles are common, and the congregation has an infectious passion for spiritual growth. How does he do it? It's simple; he makes experiencing a deep, intimate relationship with God a priority for himself and the rest of his congregation.

In *Face to Face With God*, Bill Johnson helps you pursue God for greater measures of His presence in your own life, sharing the principles he has learned as well as real-life stories from his church and ministry.

We all want to be a part of something that is greater than ourselves, to know that God loves us and has a plan for our lives. What better way to find our than to stand daily in His presence and ask?

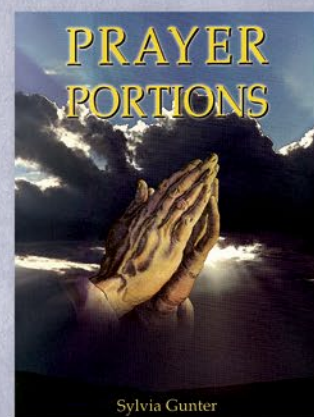


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## Prayer Portions

by Sylvia Gunther

*Prayer Portions* is a 360-page intercessory prayer manual with sections on praise, repentance, warfare, personal devotional life, and intercession. It contains practical resources to use in leading groups as well as challenge and encouragement in developing a well-rounded prayer life with your Father in heaven who delights to answer the prayer of his children.



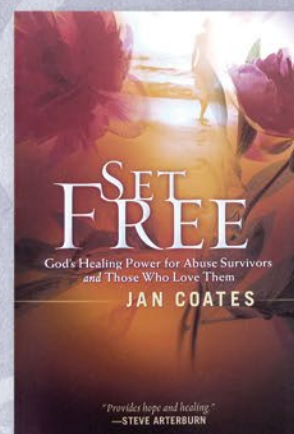
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## Set Free

God's Healing Power for Abuse Survivors and Those Who Love Them  
by Jan Coates

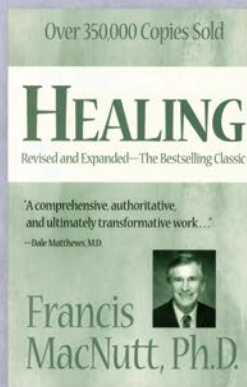
If you – or someone you love – experienced emotional, physical, or sexual abuse as a child, you know something of the brokenness, anger, and helplessness that resulted from it. But there is hope when God reaches down and lifts you up.

Jan Coates will introduce you to real women who were abused, who hit bottom, and now thrive as transformed survivors. Impossible? Improbable? Without God, yes. But there is real hope as you learn to embrace God's love and claim your new identity in Him. In these encouraging, inspirational, and practical pages, you'll meet the One who will set you free.



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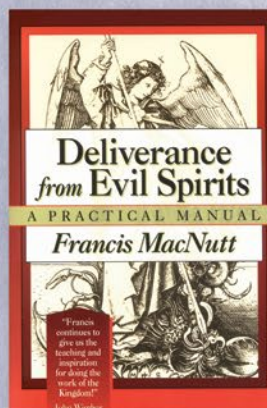


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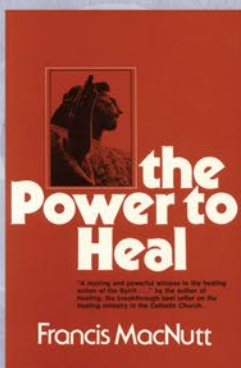


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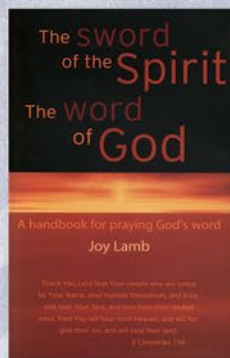


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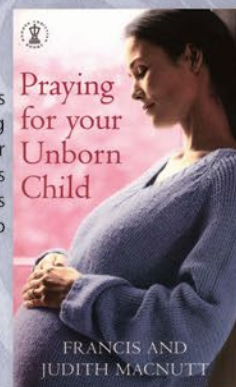
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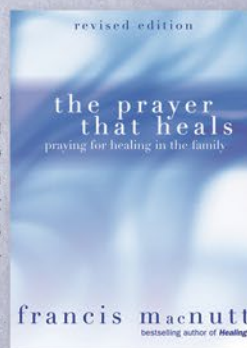


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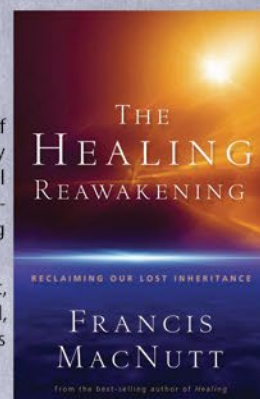
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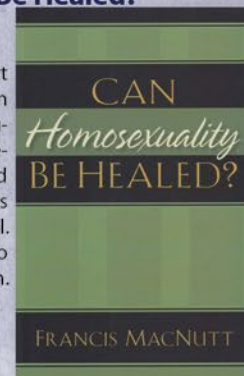


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4) Greed. If the healing evangelist is serious in his study of Jesus’ life, he or she must eventually come to terms with Jesus’ strict warnings not to make money off the healing ministry. Far from heeding these warnings, some healing evangelists preach a wealth gospel that assumes that the preacher’s followers will enjoy financial wealth. Especially among many young people, this creates cynicism, rather than faith, about healing prayer.

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