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THEBLESSING of PERSISTENCE by Francis MacNutt

When you are in the midst of a struggle, it is often hard to last long enough to see that it has all been worthwhile. Like many of you, I worked for years to bring the need for power of the Spirit to the attention of Christians. Like many of you, our (Judith's and my) struggles have been to bring the practice of healing prayer into common use. For me, it has been forty years from the time since I first learned that many of the sick really did get well if and when we prayed. It has not always been an encouraging path and, at times, church leaders who were considered authorities gave me orders to cease and desist-for example, "Stop slaying people in the Spirit." At times the orders came in such a way that healing prayer as a whole was discouraged. For example, have you ever heard the objection that when you get the sick to hope for healing when you pray, you are only setting people up to lose whatever faith they may have if they are not cured? This, of course, is a valid question that we must deal with every day as we lead a ministry that emphasizes faith in healing. All of us who pray for the sick must answer this question in some way. Many of our friends have suffered from cancer and we have been the first to admit they have not all been healed.

What drives us on is the experience, the knowledge that not just a few, but many are cured or at least improved. For me one of the best comparisons for our prayer ministry is the practice of medicine. We go to the doctor when we are sick, full of the human faith that we may be cured through the physician's treatment. If a fourth stage of cancer has even a 10% chance of being cured because of medical treatment we accept that 10% chance with gratitude, hope, and we include

prayer. Even if the curative treatment is painful and has harsh side-effects (e.g. chemo) we are willing to undergo great pain hoping for a cure. No one criticizes you for taking even a slim chance if a cure is faintly possible.

It's very important for us to recognize that skepticism is a normal and common response to proposing prayer as a solution. So many times we have been unbalanced in our presentation and promises that change will take place, but it will take time – maybe a lot of time.

In this road where persistence pays off, Judith and I have a good example of patience. It was about 40 years ago when I first heard about Christians who prayed to heal the sick. Because this was unheard of in most of the Christian groups to which I spoke 40 years ago, I had to make a choice. I was President of the Catholic Homiletic Society (CHS), made up of about a thousand Catholic priests. Our Board of Directors told me that I had a choice to make. If I continued to talk about praying for the sick with the laying on of hands, the Board said they would bless me in this new direction—but if I continued to encourage people to pray for the sick, I should resign as Executive Secretary of CHS because I was moving in a questionable direction. I recognized the Board was right but I also decided that bringing the healing ministry back to the Church was more important than working for an organization aimed at improving preaching. In fact, I was teaching, based on Matthew 10, that the best way to improve preaching was by connecting it with the power of the Holy Spirit, by healing the sick. This was the way lesus himself



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encouraged his followers to proclaim and demonstrate that the Kingdom of God was "at hand."

Without any hard feelings I resigned from my job as Executive Secretary of CHS, and began to speak about the power of the Holy Spirit, combined with healing and deliverance. After my own baptism of the Spirit in 1967 I began to speak about this exciting new topic to any church that would invite me.

These 40 years have passed by quickly and have brought a whole new life. In those 40 years, there has been a remarkable change – perhaps we could call it a revolution. A gentle revolution, but a revolution nevertheless.

Our friend Father Richard Rohr put it very well in his recent book: "I put this down as an encouragement to any of you who have been faithfully working – perhaps for years – to bring in some measure of change in the Church. It is not probably impossible, but it does take Faith and TIME."

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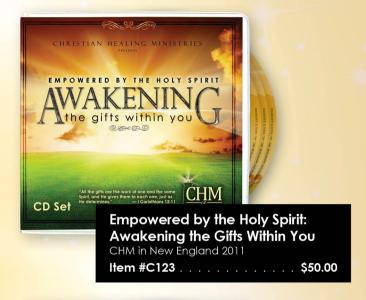




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Tidings of CONFORT JOY by Linda Strickland

When our son Shon was a student at Florida State University, he lived in a condominium with two roommates. He called one day and asked if he could come by that night because he had something he wanted to discuss with his dad and me. Although he came over multiple times a month to eat, get haircuts, and do laundry, I could tell by his voice that he was not asking for a social visit. The fact that he asked permission to come over should have been my first clue that something was wrong. He had never before called ahead.

Shon has always been the joy of my life. It makes me smile just to see him walk in the room. When he walked into our house that night, however, I did not feel like smiling. He looked terrible! As we all sat down in the living room, I could feel my stomach tensing up... What in the world was wrong?

He began to tell us about how he had been going through a hard time. He could not concentrate on much of anything and was having difficulty going to class. He admitted that he had in fact not been to classes in several weeks. I recall him telling us that most of his time was spent in bed, unable to move. Friends would bring him food and try and make him eat. He said he felt like he was falling down a dark hole with nothing to stop the fall. He didn't know what was happening to him, but he knew he was in trouble.

What???? Was I really hearing this from my son whom I knew so well? Impossible! No way! I saw him regularly at least three or four times a week. I would have known...wouldn't I? He had seemed very normal each time I saw him. (At least normal for a college student.)

He told me it was all an act. He would muster every bit of strength he had before coming to our house and then proceed to "act" as though everything was fine. He would even laugh and joke around with me as usual, but it was all a façade. He would then go back to his house and go straight to bed.

I felt like someone had punched me in the stomach. This was my precious son, whom I adored beyond words. How could I be so unaware??

That question haunted me then, and in some ways, it still does.

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I am so grateful that he chose to come to us for help, and after talking, we immediately came up with a three point plan. Number one was to immediately get him into his doctor for a full physical. The second thing was to get him an appointment with a therapist. The third was to get him an appointment with our priest. Body, mind and spirit...we wanted to cover all three areas of his life. It turned out that Shon did, in fact, have a chemical imbalance and was diagnosed as clinically depressed.

Depression is more than discouragement, which is a transient state with an obvious cause and the person is still able to function normally. The symptoms of depression can include prolonged sadness, irritability, extreme worry, sleep disorder, feelings of worthlessness, loss of interest in things that used to be of interest, loss of energy, hopelessness, inability to concentrate, racing mind, and even suicidal thoughts.

Although Shon had many of these symptoms, he did not have them all. His case was considered a milder one. Left untreated, however, he would likely have gotten worse. As prescribed by his medical doctor, he went on medication

for a length of time and improved very rapidly. Although it is still a mystery to me how I did not see the symptoms, I have since learned that depression is far more common than I once thought.

We live in an age that that has been described as the "Age of Anxiety." Currently, clinical depression is the leading cause of disability in North America. According to the World Health

Organization, depression is expected to become the second leading cause of disability worldwide by the year 2020 (after heart disease). Current theories on the causes of depression can be classified into two categories: physiological (genetic disposition) and socio-psychological. Depression is complex, because the brain itself is so complex. As with any form of mental illness, normal brain function has been interrupted for some reason.

Depression can be defined as a medical condition caused by a depletion of certain neurotransmitters, which makes it a medical illness. Anti-depressants may be part of the necessary treatment, just as insulin is needed for diabetes, and individual treatment will vary. Research has shown that we can have a genetic predisposition to depression. (In Shon's case, depression shows up on both sides of his family tree). Under certain conditions, the brain slows down its

manufacturing process of serotonin and norepinephrine. These neurotransmitters are necessary for normal brain function. Depression can also be a result of severe childhood trauma. Recent researchers have discovered that the brain can actually modify its DNA and RNA composition. The good news is that through prayer, counseling and medical treatment, normal brain function can often be restored.

We recently polled a group of students on our campus asking how many of them either struggled with or knew of someone who was struggling with depression. 100% of the room (85 students) raised their hands. And we have the same result every time we ask the question.

Statistics show that just as many Christians as non-Christians suffer from depression, and sadly, the church can be guilty of suppressing or down-playing the need for treatment of what can be a very debilitating disorder. It is common for a church leader to say that medical treatment is not necessary - that one only needs to read scripture or rebuke the "spirit of depression." We have heard this over and over again in our interviews with prayer recipients. This attitude shows a lack of understanding that can hinder healing

and create shame and self-worth issues.

The good news is that depression is a very treatable illness and a disorder from which people can be restored when healing prayer, coupled with the love and compassion of Jesus Christ, is incorporated as an integral part of a doctor's orders.

As we enter into the Christmas Season, I want to encourage you to

reach out with "Comfort and Joy" to your friends and family who suffer with depression, as their feelings of anxiety can heighten during the holidays. Giving someone hope is one of the most incredible gifts you can give. And if you find yourself in a depressed place, please reach out to your loved ones and ask for help.

Merry Christmas, and in the coming year may God provide all that you have hoped for or imagined! \rightleftharpoons

(Taken in part from the teaching Depression in CHM's SHP II)

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— ROMANS 15:13

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by Jay Jakub

OVERALL OBSERVATION

I've never before seen such a strong and diverse move of the Holy Spirit at such an event! There were times, in fact, that my wife Eleni, and I found the power of the Holy Spirit to be so strong that it was hard to remain standing when entering the conference room. Judith MacNutt, Mike Evans, and the prophetic minister Robin Morrison even remarked at times during the three days that they were seeing moves of the Spirit occurring that were new to them. At times during the conference, all manner of Holy Spirit-inspired emotions literally swept through the room like an unseen wind across the assembled group of approximately 500.

These manifestations ranged from boisterous and uncontrollable laughter to weeping; from wild Jewish-type dancing around the room to 'resting in the Spirit' on the floor—some slumped in chairs, and others being 'glued' to the floor for periods of time. From receiving supernatural inner and physical healings to obvious manifestations of the demonic in some attendees, as oppressing spirits were being driven out by the irresistible presence of the Holy Spirit. From unrestrained praise and worship to the memorable "ridiculous men of the huddle,"

as Judith described us and among whom I was privileged to be numbered, packed tightly in a football-like huddle, dancing, singing, rejoicing, and surrendering completely to the will of the Holy Spirit, for what seemed like an hour of unabashed celebration of being one in the body of Jesus Christ. God was there! What a conference!!!

PHYSICAL HEALING

On day 2 of the conference, Mike Evans gave a talk on physical healing that included a remarkable 'on the spot' demonstration. After explaining how he prays for healing, asking for the Holy Spirit to come, then just waiting until he hears something directly from the Holy Spirit about the problem before praying hands on, he got a word of knowledge about people with ankle and foot problems. Mike asked if anyone was suffering from such injuries,

and six came forward for healing prayer. After praying with four of the injured—all of whom claimed some significant healing at the instant time of his prayers for them—Mike asked for a volunteer, someone who has never laid hands on anyone before in a healing prayer situation to come forward to try praying "hands on" on one of the two remaining "ankle and foot volunteers." A man near me volunteered, went up, knelt down, prayed, waited on the Holy Spirit, then just said a few things about the physical problem in the form of a prayer and the person receiving prayer was healed! PTL!!!! How exciting and encouraging! Mike then repeated this with another volunteer. She went up, prayed, waited,

prayed what she heard the Holy Spirit say in her thoughts, and there was another healing, with the subject getting up and walking around to test what just happened. We were all so encouraged to witness this, and we found it impossible to adequately capture the emotion of the moment of Supernatural healing in a written testimonial.

Mike taught us that we are all given the authority to pray to heal the sick, but few of us are bold enough to just go up to a stranger in pain and ask if they would mind us praying for them. This point was very convicting to many of us, and

a woman near the back of the room raised her hand and asked if Mike would pray for her to be free from self-consciousness and pride that might keep her from stepping out and laying on hands in healing situations with strangers. Mike used this as an opportunity to ask all of us in the room if we wanted such a prayer, warning that if we truly want this, Jesus will henceforth expect us to get out there and start praying for people. Nearly everyone (perhaps all, I couldn't tell for sure) rose and awaited this prayer, and Mike again encouraged us saying that God will certainly begin putting people in our path who need healing and will expect us to step out; "perhaps, he will even do so today," Mike said. This "perhaps, even today" part of what he said was ringing in my ears as Mike began to pray this prayer to be set free of self-consciousness and pride over the assembled group, and

my whole body began to tremble, especially my head, in a way I have never before experienced. It was the obvious presence of the Holy Spirit. I knew without a doubt that Mike's prayer for us had been answered Supernaturally with all this shaking I was experiencing, and before I could even sit down, my eyes fixed on a man across the aisle from me. All I could focus on were the hearing aids in both his ears, and this shocked me as I instantly realized I was expected to step out *right this minute*; the Lord wasn't even going to give me a day to process what just happened. "Oh, no! Please don't make me do this right this minute, Jesus," I called out quietly, but He did not let me off the hook. I felt this was a test I would have to pass, lest my inaction be a disappointment to the Lord.

So, with much trepidation, I got up as we were all beginning a break and approached the man with the hearing aids, explaining my belief that Jesus wanted me to pray for the restoration of his hearing and to do so right this minute. He agreed (to my relief), and I asked Eleni to join me. As we discussed his hearing problems briefly, he said he was going to now remove both hearing aids after which time he would be unable to hear what we were saying. I proceeded to lay one hand on one of his ears, while Eleni laid a hand on his other ear and we began to pray and wait for the Holy Spirit to tell us what to do next, just as Mike had instructed. This didn't take long, and after a minute or so, what came in my mind were words like, "eardrum," "perforation," "dark passage," and "rupture." I immediately said these words, praying as I did that the Holy Spirit would open his ear passageways and restore his hearing. Eleni, I think, prayed in tongues and in English. After another few minutes of prayer, we began conversing quietly with the man and I realized by what he was saying to me that he was hearing every word I was saying!!! Praise the Lord! Cautiously, but with great anticipation, I asked if he could hear me, and he said he could, and that his hearing to his obvious amazement was much improved. Praise the Lord again!!! We then asked if we could pray some more, which we did, and he again said his hearing improved noticably. Eleni tested him further by standing behind him and whispering and he confirmed he could hear every word she said! I immediately burst into tears at this extraordinary "workshop" of the Holy Spirit; encouraging us all in this way and providing a measure of real healing to this man's hearing loss. Finally, as we rose to leave him, the man said he was going to keep the hearing aids out the rest of the day to see if he could hear the speakers, and later, during the afternoon, we saw him happily scribbling notes during each of the afternoon talks, no hearing aids in sight! How wonderful!

The only question mark for me came at the very end of the conference the next day, when this man walked into the hall late and I saw him wearing at least one of the hearing aids. He wound up taking the microphone and testifying about significant physical healing of his injured back and legs during one of Mike Evans' sessions, but didn't mention the hearing. I struggled against unbelief for a time at this lack of further confirmation, but still left pleased that he obviously had multiple close encounters with God and perhaps

his hearing was improving, but was not entirely there yet, like many other healing situations we have seen and heard about where such healing is progressive and takes time. Maybe, one day we will know for sure; maybe not. In any case, we praise the Lord.

At the end of the conference, during testimonies, many others took the microphone to praise God for their physical healings. One testimony that stands out was of a man who spoke of a stroke he suffered in 2003 that had made it impossible for him to jog. He missed getting the runner's "high" (endorphin release). He said that on Friday, during the 'Empowering' service, he actually stood up and danced the Hora all around the room!!! He had been healed of the effects of the debilitating stroke. Praise the Lord!!!

INNER HEALING

We heard about many instances of inner healing during the conference, especially during the testimonials, but one situation really stood out for me personally, as Eleni and I were the prayer ministers involved and the gentleman testified before the whole group at the end of the conference about what happened, so I feel free to share it

now in this document. Eleni and I were a two-person prayer team that volunteered to provide individual prayer with multiple other prayer minister teams during set

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times each day of the conference. A man in his fifties was brought to us at one point and he related how he and his wife and family were still grieving deeply for a son lost in a car accident just 9 months before. The grief, it seemed, was still bone crushing, and we sensed the Holy Spirit leading us to pray for Jesus to take the man back to the time of the accident in order to show him where Jesus was at the time his son was killed so tragically. Soon after, it seemed that a big weight was removed from this man's shoulders, as he told us that he got a vision of Jesus there at his son's accident scene, lifting his son up in his arms. This proved to be a deeply meaningful inner healing experience for the man, as he later testified before the whole group at the end of the conference. What a privilege to have been his prayer ministers when this occurred. God is so very tender and loving to show himself to this man in this way. Praise the Lord!

During the testimonies, another woman detailed how skeptical and suspicious she had been about the whole "healing thing," and of her deep wariness of "those charismatic people," being fearful of even attending the conference, lest her friends identify her as one of "us." She attended very reluctantly in the end, and as she detailed her experiences, we all cheered, especially when she said how she had been overcome by the Holy Spirit at the conference, was healed from crippling fibromyalgia, baptized in the Holy Spirit, and given the gift of tongues, with Judith pointing out that she had now truly

become "one of us" as we laughed. The woman described herself as having been completely transformed.

RESTING IN THE SPIRIT

For many attending, the healing service Thursday evening proved to be their first experience with the phenomenon of "resting in the Spirit." Many people being prayed over toppled over backwards onto the floor (laid down gently by the catchers), then lay motionless for some time while the Holy Spirit did whatever healing he was going to do with them. The healing service started at 7pm and went until about midnight, with dozens upon dozens experiencing the resting in the Spirit phenomenon. I was there catching many of them.

At one point, a CHM prayer minister, was laying hands on people who were subsequently "slain in the Spirit" and a rather large man toppled over directly onto her, knocking her to the floor and (according to witnesses) covering her entirely to where she could not be seen! There was much laughing about that as the man was removed without injury to either party. Soon after, she was up praying again, this time for a young woman, when the Holy Spirit decided to overcome her rather than the recipient of her prayers! She collapsed backwards onto her side this time without anyone there to catch her and lay prostrate for about 10 minutes, unable to move at all—the "glued to the floor" experience—as we (and she) roared with laughter! Of course, she was not injured, since this was all the doing of the Holy Spirit, so this just became another example of our Lord's wonderful sense of humor. How fun!

As we got down to the last people of the night, I finally stepped forward for prayer. As a team prayed for me, I soon found myself also on the floor looking up. (It turned out that a very tall nun actually caught all 6'5" of me! Amazing! Thank you, whoever you are!) As has happened once or twice to me in the past when I've been overcome by the Spirit in this way, I was in an unnecessary and inadvisable rush to get up, this time frankly

... there was an enormous hush flowing through the room for a long time as the Holy Spirit just descended on the entire place. because it was very late (most of the other prayer ministers had already gone to bed and I wanted to meet one of the speakers who hadn't yet left the meeting room). While I lay there pondering what to do,

I kept hearing the Holy Spirit saying, "Let me minister to you," "Let me minister to you." This kept me there a bit longer, but my impatience and desire to meet the other speaker got the better of me, I'm sad to say (so sorry, Holy Spirit!!!), and I rose before the Lord was finished with me. The Holy Spirit would soon come back to finish the job, as I discovered the next day.

THE RIDICULOUS MEN OF THE HUDDLE

My unfinished resting in the Spirit experience on Thursday night would in fact be rectified in a very humorous way on Friday. I was a catcher again at the extraordinary Empowering Service that evening, and found everyone between me and the stage at one point having gone down to the floor. I stepped forward to the stage to receive anointing prayer, hands outstretched. Judith MacNutt and Mike Evans both came to me together after a short time and laid their hands on each of my hands. No sooner did this occur then I actually saw through closed eyes what briefly looked like a bolt of lightning, though I felt nothing, and I soon found myself looking up at the ceiling. I was awake and aware of everything going on around me, and there was an enormous hush flowing through the room for a long time as the Holy Spirit just descended on the entire place. I was later told that people were toppling over in their chairs, and Robin, Mike, and Judith could be heard over the next minutes remarking at just how powerful the Holy Spirit was moving in the room at this time of anointing! Wow! I was so very curious and eager not to miss anything, but this time the Holy Spirit had me pinned tightly to the floor. It was as if I could move the muscles inside my arms, legs, and torso, but the outside parts of my body would not or could not respond at all. The Holy Spirit wasn't going to let me go anywhere this time until he was quite finished with me! I was absolutely stuck to the floor, unable to lift my limbs at all! As I lay there, soaking in the palpable presence of the Spirit, I could literally feel the Holy Spirit like a towel wrapped around my head, stretching from ear to ear across my forehead with a gentle heaviness. Something big was happening - I still don't know what exactly, but can't wait to find out - and I quickly gave up any thought of getting up while I felt the Holy Spirit on my head in this way. Wow!

Eventually, I did rise, literally staggering around for a time as I did so, catching glimpses of people having all manner of Supernatural experiences, all very quietly as though in absolute awe of the sheer power of Jesus at this time. That quietness, however, was about to change in a big way. A pastor who had touched my heart the night before was positioning himself near the stage to catch others. He was himself suddenly and abruptly overcome by the Holy Spirit and fell backwards onto the floor (I think without anyone behind him to catch him), just roaring with laughter as he did so and continuing to laugh while down on his back. Recovering my legs, I started laughing at what happened to him once I saw he was ok, as did several other men up at the front, and before long, a dozen or more of us were just roaring with laughter, experiencing the joy of the Holy Spirit without any encumbrance of self-consciousness.

When my new pastor friend arose from the floor finally, he linked arms with several other men, whom I soon joined, and

THE ROLE OF THE SPICE OF THE IN THE PROPHETIC WORD

Discerning the Message

We hear prophetic words given on television and at conferences; we read them in articles and on websites. How do we, as the church and as individual believers, respond to prophetic announcements regarding future events, divine judgments or directions and prophetic comments and perspectives of God that are delivered by high profile figures in the church? My italics indicate that I do not believe that all of these messages are from the Lord. Some of them are, but many of them, I believe, are not. How then do we handle unfulfilled words or competing words that appear in opposition to each other? How do we negotiate the geography of prophetic terminology, coded language, claims of authenticity and validity? The scope of this article is not to debate or denigrate the prophetic gifts or to belittle certain prophetic personalities or their ministries. Let us take a look at the Bible, the Holy Spirit, common sense, and church history. People often ask whose side is God on or endorsing when there seems to be a struggle or "sides" to take. The following verses give credence to the fact that if we are blessed by God, it is for a larger purpose.

This article is Part 1 of 3. Look for the next part in the next issue.

James 4:6—"But He gives a greater grace. Therefore [it] says, 'God is opposed to the proud, but gives grace to the humble."

Isaiah 66:2—"But to this one I will look, to him who is humble and contrite of spirit, and who trembles at My word."

Joshua 5:13-153"Now it came about when Joshua was by Jericho, that he lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, a man was standing opposite him with his sword drawn in his hand, and Joshua went to him and said to him, 'Are you for us or for our adversaries?' He said, 'No;

rather I indeed come now [as] captain of the host of the Lord.' And Joshua fell on his face to the earth, and bowed down, and said to him, 'What has my lord to say to his servant?' The captain of the Lord's host said to Joshua, 'Remove your sandals from your feet, for the place where you are standing is holy.' And Joshua did so."

by Robin Morrison

If we are truly blessed it is to be a blessing to **all** nations.

The Holy Spirit's Operating Function in Prophecy

In order to understand the gift of prophecy or any of the gifts, we need to understand the nature, role and operation of the Holy Spirit. "Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit" (I Corinthians 12:4, NAS). The Holy Spirit manifests himself through us. "But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good" (I Corinthians 12:7, NAS). "God also testifying with them, both by signs and wonders and by various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit according to His own will" (Heb 2:4, NAS). The Holy Spirit is a relational being to us and is relational within the Trinity to the Father and the Son.

He is the Helper/Comforter (John 14:16). He is the Spirit of Truth (John 14:17). He teaches and reminds us of Jesus' words (John 14:26). He searches and reveals (I Corinthians 2:10,12). He is grace (Hebrews 10:29). He is the Spirit of Wisdom and Revelation (Ephesians 1:17). He gives orders/direction (Acts 1:2). He leads us (Romans 8:14). He fills us (Acts 4:8,31). He falls on people while hearing the Word (Acts 10:44; 11:15). He is a Baptism of Power and Fire (Matthew 3:11,Acts 1:8, 2:2-4). He testifies (Romans 9:1; Hebrews 10:15). He appoints offices for the church (Acts 20:28). He is the Spirit of Holiness (Romans 1:4). He gives us the Love of God (Romans 5:5). He sets us free to serve (Romans 8:8). He gives us life and peace (Romans 8:6,11). He helps us put to death the flesh (Romans 8:13). He tells us that we are God's children (Romans 8:16). He helps us pray and intercedes (Ephesians

6:18). He is righteousness, peace and joy (Romans 14:17; I Thessalonians 1:6). He gives hope (Romans 15:13). He sanctifies us (1 Corinthians 6:11; 1 Peter 1:2). He demonstrates the power of God (I Thessalonians 1:5). He gives boldness to speak God's word (Acts 4:31). He dwells in us (1 Corinthians 3:16). He is the seal, pledge and promise (2 Corinthians 1:22; 2 Corinthians 5:5; Ephesians 1:13; 4:30). He gives life (2 Corinthians 3:6). He is liberty and freedom (2 Corinthians 3:17). He fellowships with us (Philipians 2:1). We can be in the Spirit (Revelation 1:10; 4:2). We can be "snatched away" in the Spirit (Acts 8:39; Revelation 17:3; 21:10). We can have visions and dreams (Acts 16:9; Numbers 12:6; Joel 2:28). We are built together and are a dwelling for Him (Ephesians 2:22). He strengthens us with power (Ephesians 3:16). He gives unity (Ephesians 4:3). We worship in the Spirit (Philipinasn 3:3). He speaks and warns (I Timothy 4:1, Hebrews 3:7). The Spirit regenerates and renews us (Titus 3:5). He preaches the gospel through us (1 Peter 1:12). He Speaks to the Churches (Revelation 2:7). He is the Spirit of Glory (1 Peter 4:14). Jesus abides in us by the Spirit (1 John 3:24).

How Does That Involve Us?

We can receive the Spirit through the laying on of hands (Acts 8:17; 9:6, 17). He is the Spirit of Jesus that cries out to the Father (Galatians 4:6). He grows and shows forth His fruit through us. "... The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control" (Galatians 5:22). He is invitational (Revelation 22:17). We live and walk by the Spirit (Galatians 5:5). We can sow to the Spirit (Galatians 6:8). In our pride, sin and rebellion, we can resist Him (Acts 7:51), lie to Him (Acts 5:3), test Him (Acts 5:9), grieve Him (Ephesians 4:30), quench Him(I Thessalonians 5:19); insult Him (Hebrews 10:29). We can be devoid of His Spirit and cause divisions (1 Sam 28:6; Jude 1:19). Biblical and historical symbols of the Holy Spirit are Wind (John 3:8, Acts 2:2), Oil (Revelation 3:18; Hebrews 1:9; Isaiah 61:1), Rain/Dew/Water (John 3:5; 7:38; 4:14), Dove (Matthew 3:16) Fire (Matthew 3:11, Acts 1:8, 2:2-4), Voice (Revelation 1:10; 4:1) and Sword (Ephesians 6:17). These functions, expressions, characteristics, roles and operations of the Holy Spirit are important to understand and live in since the gifts will be imbued and hued with these characteristics as well!

Comunicating Prophetic Words

There is a process regarding how prophetic words are communicated both from the Holy Spirit and through us.

- I. **Revelation:** The manner in which we receive and the content that we receive as a word/insight/revelation from God.
- 2. Interpretation: With the revelation of the word, we use the written revealed word, the spirit of wisdom and discernment, our own experiences and the safety of the counsel of the godly and righteous to understand what is being communicated to us and an interpretation of the word is formed.

3.Application: To whom we say it, how we say it, when we say it and what we actually say becomes the application of the prophetic word. The gift operates through jars of clay with personalities. Therefore, you may find an element of the deliverer's own flavor in the process. Here is where the possibility of a polluting arises. If the deliverer is not in alignment with God, his own desires, agendas, biases, emotional needs and immaturity level can be contained in the process. As earthly vessels, we are in the process of transforming and conforming to Jesus as the Word. My warning is to be merciful to those who, in compassion and care, are trying out their gifts in the local body. Those operating in the gifts need be willing to submit to local leadership and grow through correction, trial and error in a "family" where correction is carried out in love. In the prophetic realm, make offerings, not pronouncements.

Practical Steps in Responding to Prophetic Words

- I. Witness: Is there a *quickening* or yes in the Spirit and your spirit? Do trusted friends and leaders echo it?
- 2. **Wait:** Wait and see what happens. The Lord's timing (fullness of time) is perfect. Perhaps God will give you or someone else more revelation, more confirmation/counsel
 - 3. **Watch:** If the word is good, watch expectantly and with eyes of hope. In watching, there is a process of plowing, planting, flowering and fruiting which allows a refocus, releases faith and renews desires.
 - 4. **Water:** In faith, water the message, pray into it, remind God, remember His faithfulness.
- 5. **Worship:** Worship God for who He is, what He promises, His mysterious ways, his wonderful works.
- 6. **War**: Resist fear and unbelief. Did God really say that? When oh God?
- 7. **Wrestle:** Wrestle against your flesh, your fears/fantasies, striving, desperation, deep desires/dreams.
- 8. **Wisdom:** Wisdom applies and guides, using discretion and discernment for understanding and application.
- 9. **Willing:** Be willing relinquish, release and acknowledge imperfect knowledge/understanding/fears and fantasies in both the giving/receiving of the gift.

Additional Discerning Questions When Filtering a Prophetic Word

Sometimes a word given does not sit well, but we do not know why or what to do with it. Discussing it with someone who knows you and you are accountable to is a great idea, and the following list can be helpful too.

we formed a tight huddle, laughing uproariously the whole time, dancing in a circle back and forth, forward and back, hugging one another unabashedly in love and fellowship, trying not to fall down in a heap, and just feeling (at least from my personal perspective) that we were actually and truly one body in Christ Jesus. One man (who had one arm around my shoulders) pronounced that the effort of this arm motion alone (I am much taller than him) just confirmed the miraculous healing of his formerly damaged shoulder! Praise the Lord! This dancing, singing, laughing, nearly falling, all in a tight huddle continued for a very long time, with other men gradually joining us, breaking into the tight circle. I was vaguely aware at this time of all sorts of wild jubilation spreading around the room, with many dancing in a Jewish type dance in a long line all around the room, while others worshipped with hands raised in the air, and others slumped over in their chairs or onto the floor. So much was happening. I think the praise and worship leaders at some point started playing their great music, which just whipped us all up even more. I could see the leaders up on the stage, their mouths agape at what was happening all around. The power and the glory of the Holy Spirit was just so amazingly evident everywhere. The next day, during her closing remarks,

Judith described our little group of men as the "Ridiculous men of the huddle" that she will "never forget" as long as she lives! HA! I'm so very happy to have experienced this extraordinarily close fellowship with these other men, and when writing to Judith in the future will be sure to use this salutation – A ridiculous man of the huddle!

Thank You, Jesus, for allowing Eleni and me the opportunity to see Your glory and power on display in Vermont on the mountaintop in such a meaningful way! Thank you, CHM, for putting on these events. I can't wait for next year's CHM in New England!!! Praise the Lord!

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(I will use "word" to indicate a word, message or picture delivered.)

- I. Is the word scriptural, beneficial, timely/orderly, or appropriate? Does it confirm what the Spirit has already revealed to you and other godly leaders?
- 2. What is the delivering person conveying with their motive, attitude, body-language, tone, words and general message? Is it a word about me/for me or is it a word that affirms their message/promise/ministry?
- 3. Does the word call me to closer intimacy with Jesus and unity with the Body?
- 4. Does the word release renewed faith and submission to God's will or am I filled with fear and confusion? (Some words will highlight our own fears for God to heal and for us to repent of unbelief. Our own emotions are not the sole measure of whether a word is valid.)
- 5. Does the declarer have a track record of accuracy which includes acknowledging when the words were not fulfilled or wrong?
- 6. Is the declarer under authority and submitted to a local body or board of elders?
- 7. Does that person walk in their humanity? Is he or she a fellow believer, broken and open with their journey of redemption and transformation or are there constant appeals to affirmation of their personhood/ministry via spiritual experiences that no one else has had? Do they present as "weird" and without grace and without giving life to others?

- 8. Does the ministry practice mercy and compassion in word and deed or is it solely focused on being a "trumpet of judgment and warning?" Even in the Old Testament words of judgment always started with Israel (the house of God for their sins; I Peter 4:17 "For it is time for judgment to begin with the household of God.") but also declared hope, healing and restoration. Israel always came under God's judgment for leaving their first love (which God considered idolatry) and miscarriage of justice (crushing, depriving and discriminating against the widow, orphan and alien). ". . . For you who judge practice the same things" (Romans 2:1). "For what have I to do with judging outsiders? Do you not judge those who are within [the church?] But those who are outside, God judges . .." (I Corinthians 5:12-13).
- 9. Does the word foster humility, servanthood and hunger for obedience of God's will and ways in God's people or does it identify a select group/demographic as having God's sole affection/ blessing or vindictive wrath?
- 10. Are words timed to coincide with appeals for money, faith gifts, support, headlines/news already announced via media outlets? (Titus I: I I talks about... "teaching things they should not [teach] for the sake of sordid gain.")
- II.Is it an attempt to get you to obtain a "religious product" to avoid some declared disastrous outcome or obtain the "promise" and blessing of the prophetic word?
- 12. Are the words clear and concise? Can they be measured by Biblical language, imagery, symbolism and doctrine? If predictive is it clear on times, dates, outcomes and meaning? These filters are not all inclusive, but as we learn more about

REDISCOVERING

THE MINISTRY OF BLESSING

by Russ Parker

was the key-note speaker at a conference for Roman Catholic prayer leaders in Italy and was launching my new book Forgiveness is Healing at the same time. When I arrived I discovered that my book had been published without my knowledge into Italian and this version was selling remarkably well whereas my own, official copy of the book remained unsold. Needless to say, I was very concerned and upset. In the middle this discovery, a woman came up to me and not only asked me to sign her copy of the offending book but also to pray for her! I did my best to swallow my pride, signed her book and then laid hands on her head and prayed (in English without a translator), "Lord! Give this woman the biggest blessing she can live with." She immediately rested in the Spirit and was healed. In a matter of moments I had a queue of people clamouring for prayer ministry and as I could not speak Italian, I prayed the same prayer over each of them and in rapid succession. Virtually all of them rested in the Spirit as God healed people from deafness, blindness, physical pain and terminal cancer. It took my breath away! When I sat down with God after three days of almost non-stop praying in this way and reflected on what had happened, the Lord showed me that I was sharing with Him in the power of blessing.

BLESSING IS A MINISTRY

The Apostle Peter reminds his readers that part of their calling and commissioning from God was to exercise the ministry of blessing. "Do not repay evil for evil...but on the contrary, repay with a blessing for it is for this that you were called—that you might inherit a blessing (I Peter 3:9). He tells us that this is not only a holy attitude we cultivate but it is a calling, it is our ministry as believers in Jesus. We all, therefore, have this calling. This ministry was formerly limited as a mandate to the priestly tribe of Levi. Part of their temple ministry

was to stand before the Lord and bless people and things in God's name and authority (Deuteronomy 10:8). Now it is the birthright and calling of all of Jesus' disciples.

BLESSINGS ARE PRONOUNCED NOT PRAYED FOR

Blessings are gifts of grace and prophecy to people; it is faith speech under the authority of God to bring people into the benefits of God's loving-kindness. Jesus pronounced blessings on the poor in the spirit that theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven (Matthew 5:3). God commands the blessing of eternal life on those who live in the unity of spirit (Psalm 133:3). Throughout Scripture we find God, lesus and the saints pronouncing blessings on people and places. We should learn to do the same. Roy Godwin, a retired businessman prayed that God would use him in a new way to bring people to faith in Jesus Christ. He and his wife Daphne had taken on the leadership role of a small retreat centre in the wilds of the Welsh mountains and Roy was being challenged as to how he could achieve his passion in such a remote place. Soon visitors began to arrive, many of them curious to know about this small place, tucked in a remote corner in the Preselli Mountains of South Wales. He would show them around and his last parting moment with them was to pray a prayer of blessing over them. It was this prayer of blessing that seemed to unlock the windows of heaven as people were overcome with the love of God for the first time in their lives. What began as a trickle of visitors has since increased into a huge flow of people from around the world coming to Ffald-y-brenin (Sheepfold of the King) to receive this blessing and find healing and salvation in the most surprising of ways.

THE PURPOSE OF BLESSING

Blessings have a divine purpose. They are not just nice words spoken over people to make them feel good about themselves. Blessings carry heaven's DNA of the Spirit to empower people to connect with God and his purposes for their lives. Here are three main objectives of this ministry:

A. Blessings bring God closer. Remember the familiar blessing of Aaron? It comes after a section of rules on purity and vows to be kept in order to walk closely with God. Moses is then instructed to give Aaron and his sons this commission to bless people so that the blessing has the same and if not more powerful effect of being brought close to God than all the rule-keeping in the world.

The Scripture continues to teach that when this blessing is pronounced it will have the effect of God putting his name on

"The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace." —Numbers 6:24-26

the people (Numbers 6:27). In other words, everyone will see and know that these blessed people belong to God, and he has put the seal of his abiding presence into their circumstances.

B. Blessings connect us with heaven's destiny for our lives. At the beginning of Paul's great letter to the Ephesian church he tells them that Jesus has blessed them with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places (Ephesians 1:2-14). He continues to say how this blessing paves the way for us to take up our destiny as the adopted children of God and live it out in the here and now. All God's blessings are for us to live out God's destiny for us. So, as you pronounce blessing over people, listen to what the Holy Spirit is saying so that you are led to speak specific goals and insights from God so that this high destiny will be embraced and lived out.

C. Blessings are a breakthrough in Spiritual Warfare. Many times in Scripture we are exhorted not to give in to temptation and repay evil for evil or abuse for abuse but rather to do something totally different. We are to bless (Luke 6v:28; Romans 12v:14; 1Peter 3v:9). Too many times we hear of saints who have tried to battle in prayer to overcome or change the heart of someone who has either offended them or a family member who has hurt them because they have rejected the Christian faith in which they were nurtured. They have prayed earnestly but all too often it has been from the perspective of battling with the person. What is sad is that the other person is often aware of how we see them and it has the effect of hardening their hearts. We need to realise that sometimes when we make pronouncements about other people needing to change and do not see the change needed in us, it has the effect of cursing them because a curse is a heartfelt pronouncement. Rather, Jesus says we are to pronounce blessings on them! So if your heart is aching and wounded because someone you love has rejected you or your faith, try asking God to help you pronounce the biggest blessing over their lives that they can live with. I think of my brother-in-law who would summon up all the bad mouthing he could think of when we met. He totally threw me off balance. I realized that when I prayed for his salvation I would ask God to shake up his life and then convert him. Nothing happened except my pain and aggression were disguised as intercession. God challenged me to bless him instead. This I did, reluctantly at first to be honest. However, in time I noticed a change in him and today he is my brother in Christ and he now prays for me.

CONCLUSION

I believe that we need to recover a new respect and practise of the ministry of blessing. It is a heaven-sent resource with powerful effects and I am sure that the King of the Kingdom is waiting for us to take up our calling to be the people who are blessed and who bless everybody else so they too can come to know this King and move on into their heaven-sent destiny.

Editor's Note: We have decided that because Russ is English not to correct or Americanize the spelling of his words to bless his rich inheritance and influence in England.





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have two sons who play baseball and I am therefore a mom who watches a lot of baseball. One thing I have learned as a baseball mom is to be fully attentive to the entire game or I might miss an exciting play, or even just the ordinary stuff that makes a day at the baseball park great. I must be present to the game. Yet, as an easily distracted, busy, working mother of 3, I often struggle with simply being. Many times I've rushed into the game late, become disengaged (usually by the cell phone) during the middle of the game or have left before the last inning, often missing a great play or a funny side note. I have also often overlooked the opportunity to enjoy the beauty of being outside in the stands with family and friends. Being fully present at the game requires a period of time—9 innings per game to be exact—where I must lay down my never ending todo-list, yesterday's baggage, tomorrow's worries, and the endless rushing around in order to be engaged in the moment. If I don't, I risk missing out on the thrill of a homerun, a well played sacrifice bunt, my son's stealing a base, or the sheer pleasure of the game.

This baseball analogy is no different than my need to be fully present to God whom, to my amazement, is always in the state of being present to me. He is always available, completely engaged, 24 hours a day, pursuing me. The question becomes, can I become more fully present to Him? Can knowing the Spirit's Presence be my priority? And why wouldn't it be my

goal, when it is from God's presence that I can experience rest and deal with life's pain; gain perspective and know my life purpose; receive direction and know what the right to-do-list for my day should be? To know and to be known by God in the midst of the everyday game of life is abundant living at its best. It positions us to live into what Jesus states is our highest calling in life: to love God and people (Mark 12:29-31).

So why is it so hard to do? Being present to relationship seems like such a simple concept, yet so tough to walk out! And frankly, in a chronically hurried culture that values 24/7 accessibility and productivity at all cost, just simply being is often looked at as being idle and of no benefit. Even Christians have fallen for the unscriptural notion that we should have it all and be able to do it all, and the enemy of our soul is having a heyday. Author Richard Foster, The Celebration of Discipline, states, "In contemporary society our Adversary majors in three things: noise, hurry, and crowds. If he can keep us engaged in 'muchness' and 'manyness,' he will rest satisfied."

"Muchness" and "manyness" can rob us of the time necessary to invest in relationship with our Father and the people He calls us to love. Loving others cannot be rushed. Listening to them

takes time. Looking someone in the eye while they talk takes time. Sharing of yourself takes time. Sitting at the Father's feet takes time. It is that simple! I recently listened as Anglican Bishop Todd Hunter explained that hurry destroys our capacity to be present and diminishes our capacity to love. Yet, I have found that hurried, overloaded living isn't just a cultural norm, but has also invaded our churches. On

the surface, this could look like a minor issue; however to me this is a spiritual 911 with serious implications. Overloaded lives that lack margin in their calendars and their emotions will more likely shortchange relationships and the ability to hear God speak. When our ordinary day doesn't include living in God's presence as a priority, our spiritual life will suffer. And with that, so will our spiritual influence and capacity to love and know love. It doesn't mean that God stops being present to us, but eventually, our ability to be fully present to God, people, and daily events of life diminishes, as will the winsomeness of our witness.

Overloaded living can leave us merely surviving life, rather than living life to the full. Trying to operate from an empty tank

for extended periods of time without knowing any rest or replenishment can have long-term effects that include anxiety, depression, low anger threshold, forgetfulness, physical and emotional exhaustion, loss of interest in life, compassion fatigue, and relational breakdowns. A red flag for me personally, showing that I am in overload mode, is becoming weepy for no apparent reason. What are your red flags?

Why do we let overload happen? Some of the pain and demands of life can't be avoided due to circumstances out of our control or unavoidable busy seasons. However, I find that overloaded living is more often than not, a consequence of my own choices. My calendar becomes crammed with good things to which I just couldn't say no. Were those commitments and activities God's best for my life? Did I even ask Him? What were my motivations for saying yes? Fear of man's disapproval or disappointing someone? These are often my struggles with overload. What are yours? And do I need my calendar to be jam packed with no empty spaces to feel important and productive by the world's standards? Often my overloaded schedule is a way for me to evade dealing with things I just frankly want to avoid. Is God calling you into His Presence to deal with some tough choices or

truths? Has your packed schedule allowed you to ignore these choices?

Can our ability to be technologically accessible and connected 24/7 contribute to overload? Women often express to me concern that their Facebook accounts and Blackberrys can be unnecessary drains of their time and energy, but fear of missing out or being forgotten keeps them connected. Though technological advances

have many benefits, our cell phones, email and Facebook accounts often take up time and upkeep that could be spent in actual "face" time or simply in much needed quiet. Has the practice of silence and solitude become a place of loneliness and something to avoid, rather than a place to know God's presence and His voice above all other voices?

The truth is that we will never have more than 24 hours a day, and the idea that we should be able to do it all is simply a lie. Dr. Richard Swenson, physician and futurist, writes, "Time and energy are finite resources. When did we start living like we have infinite supply?" (Restoring Margin to Overloaded Lives). Unreasonable expectations of performance that we place on ourselves and others can perpetuate living under the burden of a life without margin, recreation, or even enough sleep. Fear of what people would think if I admitted that I simply cannot keep



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up this frenzied pace of life can keep me in a never ending rat race that ultimately robs relationship. Who or what is suffering in your life right now because of overloaded living?

I believe that those in our everyday realms of influence are dying for someone to point them to a rhythm of life that leads to freedom and a deeper reality of God's presence. And who better to teach us than Jesus, who beckons us "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." (Matthew I I:28-30)

Know Jesus. Study His life and example. He models perfectly a daily pattern that is life-giving, fully present, and committed to relationship. Christ's priority was to do the will of His Father and how He spent His time was not dictated by man's approval or agendas. Because He lived continuously in God's presence, Jesus knew His daily marching orders and had energy, love and time to walk them out.

A journey through the gospels reveals a pattern of engagement and disengagement. He walked among the people, serving, healing, teaching (Matthew 4:23-25), then withdrew to be with His Father (Mark 1:35). He engaged and poured out, then withdrew into solitude and rest (Matthew 14:13). Jesus was able to handle the demands of ministry because He served out of His vital connection with the Father. It was out of this connection that He was refreshed, refueled and could hear His Father's voice.

Jesus lived a life that had margin. Overloaded living was not His pattern, so He was able to be present and serve from a place of overflow rather than emptiness. There was room in each day to love His Father and people.

I sense Jesus saying, "Beloved in Me you have permission to rest. Know the freedom that comes with living under My expectations and purpose for your life. Do not compare yourselves to the world's standards, only Mine. Actively pursue abiding in Me the True vine and source of life. Any other sources are counterfeits that might give temporary relief, but only My Presence can truly restore your soul. Allow me to cut away all the unnecessary things that get in the way of you hearing Me or enjoying abundant living. With the Holy Spirit's help, determine where I am calling you to say no to something in order to say yes to that which is My best for you. Trust that there will be plenty of time in your 24 hour day to do My will. And My will for your life will always include living in my Presence as a priority."

Editor's Note: This prophetic prayer of invitation that Cassie senses in her spirit at the end is an amazing invitation to refuel, redirect and reunite your agenda with God's. Will you accept this invitation?

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prophetic words, they are helpful in the discernment process.

Biblical Understanding and Discerning Personal Prophetic Words

The gift of prophecy in the New Testament is defined and operates in I Corinthians 14:1, 3: "Pursue/Press Forward/Suffer love, yet desire earnestly spiritual [gifts], but especially that you may prophesy. But one who prophesies speaks to men for:

- edification: (the Bible uses the feminine verb)building-up, a dwelling, family, home, house/temple;
- exhortation: encouragement, to call near, invite, implore, console, pray;
- consolation: comfort, to relate near, encourage, to come alongside;
- maturing (katartismos relates to a complete furnishing) empower/equip for service, instruction, learning, maturing (I Corinthians 14:31) to teach/instruct with tenderness;
- conviction (upon unbeliever/unlearned) sign of God among us (1 Corinthians 14:22-25)

(Referenced using Vine's New Testament Words).

Remember that operations of prophetic gifts are:

- Partial (we do not fully know or understand, and we prophesy in part; I Corinthians 13:9);
- **2. Progressive** (God frequently adds understanding, insight, counsel and wisdom as time goes on);
- **3. Provisional** (invite us to faith, action, a response and prayer as God takes action and intervenes.)

We, as the church, are to be a people who respond first and foremost with mercy and acts of kindness, not scales of simplified spiritual formulas that always set us as Westerners apart as the exception with superior spiritual insights and exclusive blessing and protection from God.

Look for Part 2 and Part 3 in the next two issues of Healing Line.

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Speakers: Judith MacNutt, Graham Cooke, and Linda

Strickland

Registration: online at www.christianhealingmin.org or call 904-765-3332

June 13-16

Women's Conference

Jacksonville, Florida

Speakers: Judith MacNutt and team

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September 13-15

Other Conferences

2012

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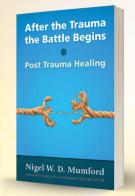
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Speaker: Linda Strickland

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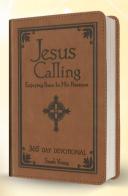
by Nigel W. D. Mumford

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"There are few people that one meets in life who have confronted death as starkly as Nigel Mumford has. This book is a remarkable testament to the triumph of spiritual healing over the despair of illness—physical or mental, real or imagined, or perhaps all four. His journey of understanding, explanation and healing through the pages of this book is underpinned by scriptural authority and inspirational experience.

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excerpts from the foreword,
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by Sarah Young

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Jesus Calling 365 Devotions for Kids

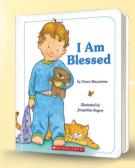
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 Item #N026



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- Measures 12" x 14" x 61/2"
- Available colors: red pink, brown, navy Item #N023B

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