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# SAYING GOODBYE

After a courageous 4-year battle with cancer, our friend and colleague, Jeff Sampson, went home to heaven on January 3, 2012. His beautiful spirit touched so many lives, and he will be remembered forever. Those who wish to express condolences to the family may send cards to:

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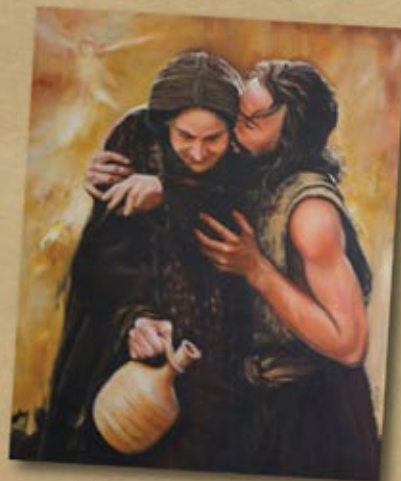
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At the Hearts on Fire Women's conference, a picture of *Embrace at the Well* by Cuban artist Yanier was shown. Due to the overwhelming response for this piece of art to be made available, both the owner and the artist have made this a possibility as a blessing to go toward the new Christian Healing Ministries healing center.

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# ANGELS

*are for real*

by Judith MacNutt

Years ago, in 1990, Francis and I were in London for a conference where John Wimber, founder of the Vineyard Church, was the main speaker. At the end of his talk, John invited us backstage to meet the members of his team. Several of those present were remarkably gifted in the prophetic. John was delighted to bless us by having his team pray over us. Some beautiful and encouraging words from the Lord were spoken to us by his team. I remember one 'word' in particular lodged in my heart! The youngest pastor present that day on his team admitted that he didn't know much about our ministry, but, yet he felt that God wanted to encourage me to write a book about angels. What only a few close friends knew was that a contract to write a book on angels was on my desk back in the U.S. at that very moment!

At that time, Francis and I were traveling extensively and were raising two young, wonderful children while simultaneously involved in a fulltime ministry. As a result of our hectic schedule, that contract was never signed. Two years ago, Jane Campbell, an editor for Chosen Books and a longtime friend who has worked with Francis editing several of his books, asked if I would revisit the possibility of writing that book on angels. This time I signed the contract and we have moved ahead to bring *Angels Are For Real* into print.

Our publisher, Chosen Books, has this to say about the book: "Angels have been and will continue to be, a vital part of God's Kingdom. Throughout the ages, angels have been messengers, protectors, healers, comforters and more to the people of God. Sometimes their presence is as subtle as a whisper of wind, at other times as visible as the sun. Yet many Christians treat the existence of angels lightly or fail to consider them at all.

In *Angels Are For Real* Judith MacNutt pulls back the curtain on the lives of these intriguing heavenly beings, recounting inspiring, true-life stories. She draws on solid scriptural support to explore:

- What angels look like
- What they do
- Why they are important in believers' lives
- The heavenly hierarchy
- What fallen angels are

*Angels Are For Real* is an accessible, comprehensive, encouraging guide for Christians. When believers grasp how important angels are to God—and to themselves—they will better understand God's extraordinary love."

During ministry trips to different parts of the world, I constantly meet ordinary people who have had extraordinary supernatural encounters with God's holy angels. These experiences are *not* rare and for most of these people, are unexpected. A 2007 Gallup Poll found that 75% of Americans believe in angels and 50% believe they have their own guardian angel. At a time when many theologians de-emphasize the supernatural realm (which includes angels), we believe God is raising our awareness that the angelic host is actively involved in our day-to-day lives. Their presence brings comfort and strength by conveying God's love in real and tangible ways. An angel is a stepping stone to the larger reality of God's Kingdom, and ultimately, they point to God Himself.

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In speaking of the angels, scripture says, "he makes his angels winds, his servants flames of fire. Are not all angels ministering spirits sent to serve those who will inherit salvation?" (Hebrews 1:7, 14) These holy companions also escort believers into the Kingdom of

Heaven at death. The first story is from our dear friend and CHM Board member Mrs. Emmy Cervený. The second story serves as a powerful reminder that God's holy angels are actively engaged in spiritual warfare on behalf of God's children.

## *Excerpts from Angels Are For Real*

### **A Mother's Heavenly Escorts at Death**

My mother had been diagnosed with emphysema, and her doctors believed she only had a short time to live. My husband, Frank, was active as an Episcopal Bishop of Florida, and our lives were quite busy. Even so, we wanted to be with her, so we moved her into a lovely condominium near our home.

My mother was an incredible believer, having had her life transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit, and she was excited to live close to Christian Healing Ministries. I would often go into her home and hear Francis MacNutt's voice on tape and wonder if he was visiting her, which, thankfully, he did many times. Because of her deep faith, the MacNutts and many of the community of the faithful, my mother experienced a very holy death. She was not afraid to die. In fact, she looked forward to joining my daddy and others who had gone before her.

My friend Sue would often play her harp, and we would all gather around my mother's bed and sing praise music. Once Mother bolted straight up in the bed and said, "Am I dead yet? This dying is not bad at all!"

One day, Bishop Frank held a Diocesan Convention and wanted to bring Mother Holy Communion before the meeting. When he walked into her bedroom, she said, "Emmy, did you see that angel fly in over Frank's head when he opened the door?" I hadn't seen it, but she clearly had.

Frank gave her communion and prayed with her. A few hours later, Mother called me into her

room and said, "Emmy, do you see those angels in the corner of my room? There's a path of beautiful flowers on either side, and the street is lined with many, many angels." The picture was so vivid to her. As I sat quietly by her bed, she said, "Emmy, the angels—do you see them now? They want me to come and go with them. I believe I am ready to go—please come hold my hand and help me join them. Wait! Honey, call your brother to be with us." As we stood on either side of her bed, she said, "I am ready to join them . . ." Then she quietly departed with the angels.

I remember singing, "This is holy ground." And holy it was—the room was filled with the heavenly hosts. I will never be afraid to die.

I was prepared for this time through teachings we had received from the MacNutts and Father Frank Dearing, a local beloved Episcopal priest. We learned that healing takes many forms. In my mother's case, as in the case of many I have known, death was a friend. Death for her came gently, beautifully and in the presence of the holy angels. Blessed are those who have had the privilege of learning to expect them. Angels are real, if only we have eyes to see them!

— Emmy Cervený

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A couple of year ago, my husband and I developed a close relationship with a precious eight-year-old girl. Her family sat next to us in church every Sunday, and she would draw pictures for us during the sermon.



One day at school, she became very belligerent. She was hitting, yelling and spitting at the other children. This behavior was totally uncharacteristic of her. Because of this, the school asked her parents to take her home. Seeking help, her parents had her evaluated by a child psychologist, who diagnosed her as schizophrenic and admitted her to a children's psychiatric hospital.

As a member of my church's healing prayer team, I met weekly with the group to pray for those in need. One morning as we were praying, I had a vision about this little girl. I saw in my mind's eye a figure who I "knew" was the Archangel Michael. He was standing in the door of the girl's hospital room, guarding her. He was large in stature and was holding a double-edged sword slanted across the open door to her room, barring any entrance. His eyes were fierce. He was dressed like a Roman soldier, with a short tunic gathered at the waist by a leather belt. The "skirt" of his outfit was made of tooled leather strips hanging down to his knees. He wore sandals that were laced and wrapped around his strong legs. The neck of the tunic was rounded, and the sleeves were part of the shoulder seam. I knew he was protecting this child from some sort of evil. I shared my vision with my prayer group as we continued praying.

The next day, a friend called to say that the girl had been released from the hospital. She was perfectly fine and was back at school being the sweet girl everyone loved. Later when I saw her at church, she leaned over and said, "I have a new friend. His name is Michael, and he takes care of me."

I thank God for this beautiful child's healing and for Michael the Archangel, who delivered her and guards her still.

— Prim Brown

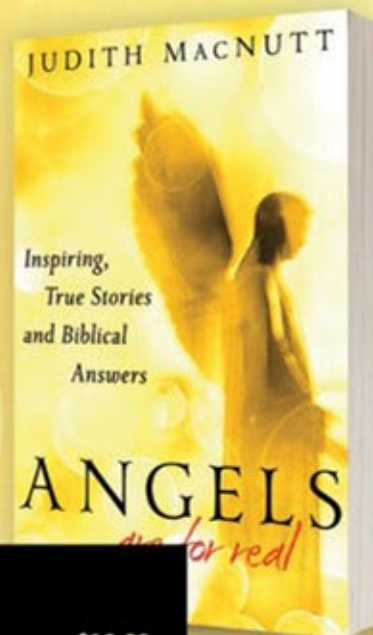
In addition to this child's guardian angel, God had commanded the great Archangel Michael to defend her. Michael is the mighty warrior angel that you will meet again in the section ahead on the classification of angels. Michael leads the battle against evil and will destroy Satan at the end of the age.

These two touching angel stories are representative of these stories submitted by our readers. My prayer is that you will become increasing aware of the angelic realm, as I have, and as you read *Angels are For Real*. God has provided these loving, powerful heavenly beings as our companions.

If you have an angel story to submit for a possible second book, we would love to consider it for publication. Please send it to: [angelstories@christianhealingmin.org](mailto:angelstories@christianhealingmin.org) with your name, address, phone number and email address. ***Angels Are For Real* is available for pre-purchase on our website: [www.christianhealingmin.org](http://www.christianhealingmin.org) for \$12.99 plus taxes and shipping. I will be autographing the first hundred orders of this book, so please place your orders early.** Thank you so much for supporting our ministry by buying our books directly from our bookstore! ☞

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# WHY YOU SHOULDN'T PRAY FOR HEALING

**O**ver the years we have heard many reasons why we shouldn't resurrect the ministry of healing. One of the most persistent, (you have probably heard it yourself) goes like this:

Not everybody gets healed and if you present God as if he wants to heal everybody, you are just setting people up for disappointment. Not just any kind of disappointment, but disappointment in God so that your way of promoting healing prayer may strike at the very heart of our belief in God. If we promote false hopes of healing do we really have faith?

Those of us in the healing ministry are well acquainted with cancer patients in the hospital who are given a grim medical prognosis and then some zealous hospital visitors tell the sick person to have faith that God will heal him, if only he or she really has faith. Then if the sick person doesn't get well his/her faith may be damaged at the very time when he is dying. Not only the sick person can be hurt in his/her faith but all their friends are too – just when they need encouragement the most.

Over the years we have learned to suffer through these unsettling experiences when friends are desperately sick. But let's take one problem at a time and answer the person who says we should not encourage the sick to talk about healing. You are leading them, they say, into disillusionment – not only for the sick person but also for all their friends.

I think that the simplest answer to this attitude is to compare it to our own attitude when we seek medical treatment.

Suppose, for example, I was given a grim medical prognosis. The physicians may then recommend a course of painful medical treatment. And suppose the physicians

suggested treatment only holds out about a 10% hope of being healed of the cancer. Even still, with physical healing having only a minimal success of 10%, I would still grasp at the treatment held out to me. I would take what I could get, and hope to be in that 10% group that would be cured. I wouldn't complain that the hope is no better than 10%, but look at the hopeful side of this life-saving medical treatment, fully aware that the certainty of healing is not being promised to me.

One of our most helpful teachings is that there is *mystery* connected with the healing ministry. I believe that we need to teach optimistically that astonishing things often happen when we pray. I personally believe, although I can't prove it, that I'm still alive at 86 because of prayer. And my eyesight and hearing are still good. On the other hand, my gait is not so good, and is about what it normally should be at my age.

Our ministry is dedicated to the belief that God still is in the business of healing the sick and this makes it much easier – not more difficult – to believe that God loves us.

The healing ministry convinces me more deeply than ever that Jesus and his power surrounds us and enables us to have the strength to continue on. Believing in the healing ministry does not set me up for disappointment. It gives me hope.

In my spirit I am "walking and leaping and – praising God!" (Acts 3:8b) ☞

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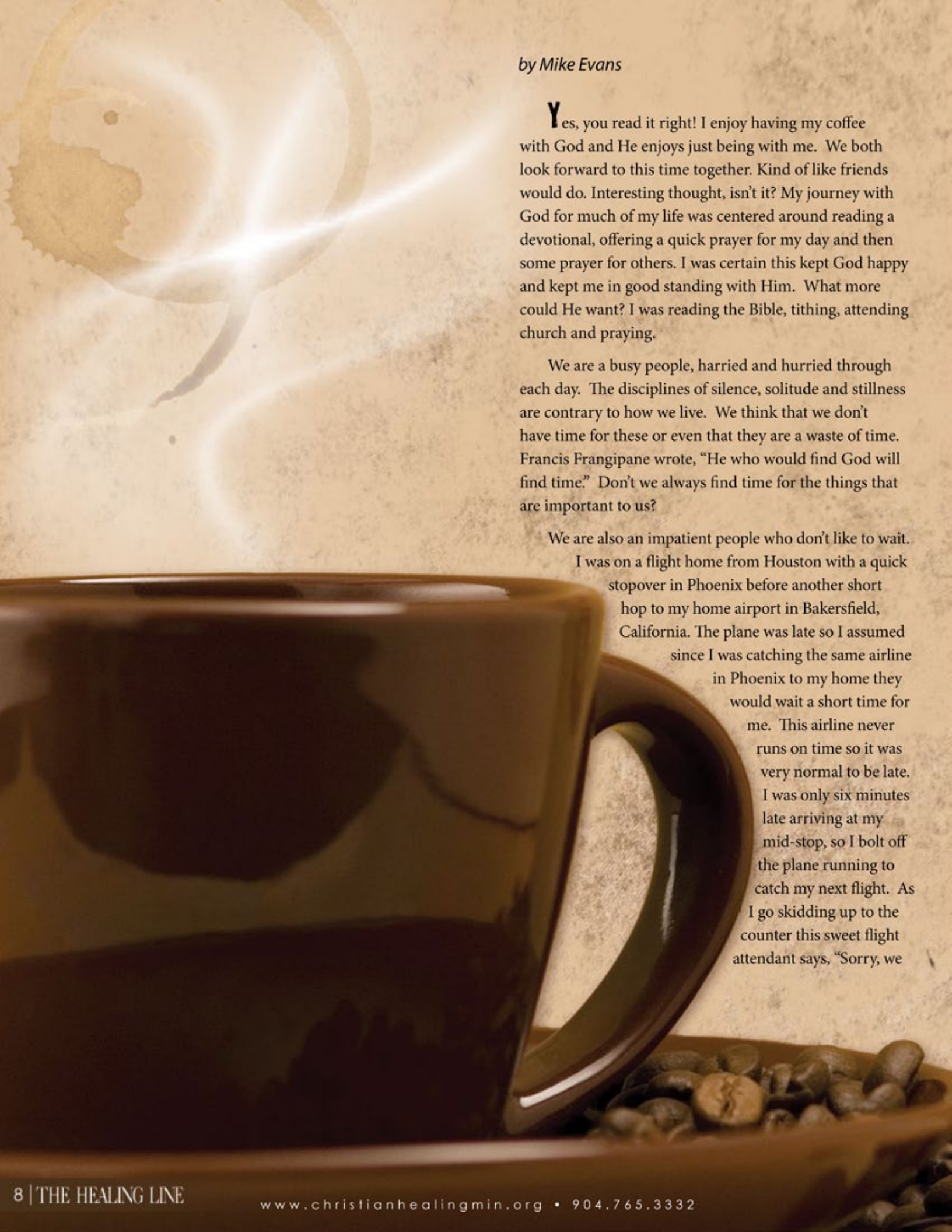


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This is why I remind you to fan into flames  
the spiritual gift God gave you when  
I laid my hands on you. -2 Tim 1:6

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by Mike Evans

**Y**es, you read it right! I enjoy having my coffee with God and He enjoys just being with me. We both look forward to this time together. Kind of like friends would do. Interesting thought, isn't it? My journey with God for much of my life was centered around reading a devotional, offering a quick prayer for my day and then some prayer for others. I was certain this kept God happy and kept me in good standing with Him. What more could He want? I was reading the Bible, tithing, attending church and praying.

We are a busy people, harried and hurried through each day. The disciplines of silence, solitude and stillness are contrary to how we live. We think that we don't have time for these or even that they are a waste of time. Francis Frangipane wrote, "He who would find God will find time." Don't we always find time for the things that are important to us?

We are also an impatient people who don't like to wait.

I was on a flight home from Houston with a quick stopover in Phoenix before another short hop to my home airport in Bakersfield, California. The plane was late so I assumed since I was catching the same airline in Phoenix to my home they would wait a short time for me. This airline never runs on time so it was very normal to be late. I was only six minutes late arriving at my mid-stop, so I bolt off the plane running to catch my next flight. As I go skidding up to the counter this sweet flight attendant says, "Sorry, we



knew you were coming but we couldn't hold the plane so you will have to wait three hours for the next flight." I almost lost it.

Fortunately, instead of yelling at her, I left the counter and began walking around the terminal fuming and mumbling, "Your stupid airline is always late. You couldn't hold the plane six minutes when you knew I was coming? This is a one hour flight and now I have to wait three hours for your next flight which means I won't be home for another four hours." Finally I decided to sit down, put on my headphones and listen to some music. The song that started playing was *Bridge Over Troubled Water* by Simon & Garfunkel. "When you're weary feeling small, when tears are in your eyes, I will dry them all, I'm on your side when times get rough and friends just can't be found..." As I listened to these words, God said, "Michael, look at yourself, you are acting like a spoiled child. Get over it!" I started laughing at myself because I was acting as if this delay was the biggest deal in the world. Dutch Sheets says "We don't wait well. We're into microwaving; God on the other hand is usually into marinating."

Some years back I discovered that God wants to hang out with me. The best way for me to do this is early in the morning. I always get up to have coffee and take a few minutes to wake up. It was quite easy to utilize this time to spend with God. I knew the importance of having a devotional time and I was occasionally good about having my quiet time with God, but I never seriously thought about just hanging out with Him. When I do this I have no agenda other than to be there with Him. For me this is the best way to hear from God.

People will often ask me, "How do you hear from God?" First of all I need to know that it is God I am hearing. This requires that I be familiar enough with His voice that I recognize His voice when He speaks. God

does not speak to me in an audible voice but normally He places thoughts in my mind. Sometimes it's a word or a simple sentence. Occasionally it will be a picture. Because I have cultivated a relationship with Him, in these times of intimacy, I recognize His voice.

My wife Jane and I have been married almost 42 years. We have a deep relationship as a result of our time together. Because of this I know her voice. When I call her on the phone I don't have to remind her that I am her husband Mike. She knows my voice. In the same way, I know God's voice because I have made a conscious effort to spend time with Him doing nothing but just being with Him. Jane and I can be in the same room and we don't have to talk, we just enjoy being with one another. That's the type of relationship God wants with us.

Do you have a friend that you enjoy being with? Why not have that same relationship with God? He wants to have that deep friendship with you. If I want to become someone's friend I must spend time with them. Some of the time we do an activity, but much of the time we just enjoy being together.

When we have our devotional time or our special quiet time with God usually we have an agenda. We want to hear from Him or we want an answer, some direction or affirmation. What if you had a friend and you knew that every time he came to spend time with you, he wanted something from you. No matter what reason he gave for being there, you knew there was always some other purpose. How would that make you feel? Isn't that what we often do to God? Did you ever think that occasionally He would like to be with us when we don't want something from Him? Think about this, wouldn't it be nice if you could just hang out with your friend knowing that there was no agenda other than that they just liked being with you?

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confide with God



# THE ROLE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN THE PROPHETIC WORD

by Robin Morrison

*This article is Part 2 of 3. Look for Part 3, along with the article in it's entirety, on our website next issue.*

**T**he Holy Spirit is very “sensory” and “emotive.” Our culture is also very sense-oriented. Often a cultural addiction to stimulation and the “new and now” (including eschatology end times signs/wonders) as well as intensity toward the “spiritual experience” sets up both the deliverer and receiver of prophetic words to seek and speak that which lacks wisdom, fruit, “unction and authoring” of the Spirit. We as broken people of God can actually check out emotionally and pollute the word that is prophetically given—the deliverer reads the room, “I sense unbelief,” reads our desire, “You are struggling with something,” responds with recycled clichés, “The Lord says it’s a season of new beginnings.” Our own spirits are capable of reading and generalizing another’s emotions and general thoughts. It is what allows us to empathize and intuit with one another.

Hebrews 13:9 “Do not be carried away by varied and strange teachings; for it is good for the heart to be strengthened by grace . . .”

We need to understand that certain mentalities and worldviews frame the operation and interpretation of scripture, the Holy Spirit and prophetic words. We process these words through our own cultural and spiritual filters. This is not to say these are wrong or not profitable, but they are the context in which we live. The cultural and spiritual filters to keep in mind when hearing a prophecy or operating in this gifting are related in the following questions:

- How do we see God’s operation in the larger world? Redeeming, judging, inviting, resisting, restoring, condemning?
- What do we see as the role of church in the world at large both as a culture unto itself and as influencing, interacting with, redeeming, denying culture? (where we live and function on a daily basis) and spiritual reality (the world, the flesh, the Devil 1 John 2:15-17).
- In what church, spiritual climate, theological branch did we come to know Jesus? Where were we Biblically trained, where did we fellowship and participate as well as what are our personality affinities toward certain characteristics of the Holy Spirit?
- What is our view of the “end-times” or eschatology?

I Kings 22:13-15 says “Then the messenger who went to summon Micaiah spoke to him saying, “Behold now, the words of the prophets are uniformly favorable to the king. Please let your word be like the word of one of them, and speak favorably. But Micaiah said, “As the LORD lives, what the LORD says to me, that I shall speak. When he came to the king, the king said to him, “Micaiah, shall we go to Ramoth-gilead to battle, or shall we refrain?” And he answered him, “Go up and succeed, and the LORD will give [it] into the hand of the king.” Verses 19-23 describe a scene in heaven where an evil spirit steps forward, volunteering to entice the king via a lying spirit in the mouth of his prophets. 2 Chronicles 18 repeats this narrative.



As Westerners, we have a cultural need to always be “in the know” with information and the “future.” The “foretelling” (future events) eclipses the “forth-telling” (the Father’s heart revealed now). We make our hearts known in the safe intimacy of fellowship and thus develop a relationship of growth and grace with our Heavenly Father and each other within a caring community. A lack of connection and commitment in a caring community disposes us to seek out recognition “from the front” and identification with certain personalities, para-church ministries and platforms where we will be noticed or spoken to in a prophetic avenue. We want “special” blessings, easy steps to freedom and fulfillment and secret heavenly experiences that set us apart from the “crowd” of Christianity. However, as we grow secure in our sonship with the Father, our affirmation grows deeply from Him. The balance of Words of Knowledge and Words of Wisdom is then cultured in a healthy manner. Our need to garner discretion, discernment, God’s counsel, direction, and divine perspective (Words of Wisdom) will outweigh the need for information given by the Holy Spirit that our natural senses could not know (Words of Knowledge).

## The Challenge

Just as Hollywood seeks to appeal to the inner desires of our human nature, other filters to consider can include those found in our natural human desires. These desires can included but are not limited to emotional catharsis, individualism, escapism, desire for an alternate reality, immediacy, performance, power, unique label, health, wealth, happiness, independence, rebellion, and a lack of submission to authority.

## The Cure

Continue to seek the Lord for His love and truth, asking Him for His interpretation and submitting all wants to Him in order to hear what He is saying.

If you read and listen to Christian mainstream media, there is an identifiable prophetic dichotomy of “bad news” (judgment, wrath, horrific natural disasters, wars, the church under assault, diabolically organized anti-Christian schemes, etc.) and “abundant blessings” (end time revival, power, increased outpouring, miracles, wealth, prosperity, glory) and somewhere in this is a fusion of coming signs and wonders or prophetic

interpretation of present events. Sometimes the deliverer of such words identifies with and appeals to apostolic mantles and Old Testament prophetic offices or secret, divinely revealed keys of third heaven experiences. Just as an aside, it always amazes me that there is one verse ( 2 Corinthians 12:2) where Paul references this experience ( 2 Corinthians 12:1-10). He did not seek it out—it happened sovereignly. His comment (versus 4 & 5): “and heard things too sacred to be put into words, things that a person is not permitted to speak.” And he then concludes with, “but on my own behalf I will not boast, except about my weaknesses.” John was invited up to Heaven. He did not seek to fly there, be transported or regularly make visitations. “Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after these things (Revelation 4:1).

Prophets did get words about natural events/ disasters in the New Testament. Acts 11:27-29 reads “Now at this time some prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. One of them named Agabus stood up and [began] to indicate by the Spirit that there would certainly be a great famine all over the world. And this took place in the [reign] of Claudius. And in the proportion that any of the disciples had means, each of them determined to send [a contribution] for the relief of the brethren living in Judea.” However, there is no prophetic ascription to its symbolism (my people are refusing the food of my word), no time frame given (when the famine will start, how long it will endure or when it will end), no judgment or retribution or secret blessing assigned to a specific people group or region.

There is currently a dangerous trend towards ministers and ministries that lack true relational and biblical accountability, avenues to discern/correct the words and mutual submission to the Body at large (or even a local body where they are not in charge or the source of revenue). We seem to operate in a prophetic system that makes public declarations, but never public retractions nor apologies. Those who speak have a higher level of accountability than those sitting in the pews & parishes. James 3:1 “Let not many {of you} become teachers, my brethren, knowing that as such we will incur a stricter judgment.” Overuse of the prophetic “escape” clause has abounded: “God changed his mind

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I believe it's difficult for us to do this because many of us have been conditioned by our culture to stay busy. If we aren't doing something we are wasting time. Wasting time is not looked upon favorably. Even when we are with people we love we are busy doing or thinking about something else. Consider this, how would you feel as a parent if during a typical seven-day week your grown child came to your house to spend an hour with you? This was your special time together. During the hour they talked with you while reading the newspaper, watching television or texting their friends. At the end of the hour they jumped up, gave you a hug, said, "See you next week," and headed out the door.

If that's the only time you get with them the entire week would you be immensely pleased and thankful that they had spent time with you? Would you consider that quality time? I suspect that while you would be happy to see them and grateful for what little time they did give you, wouldn't you also be a little saddened? There was so much you wanted to share with them but there just wasn't enough time. Isn't that typical of how many of us spend our time with God?

If you have lost that sense of intimate connection with God or perhaps have never had it, you can choose now to change all that. But first you must come to accept that merely being with God has immense value. Theologian Edward Schillebeeckx wrote, "In a revealed religion, silence with God has value in itself and for its own sake, just because God is God. Failure to recognize the value of merely being with God, as the beloved, without doing anything is to gouge the heart out of Christianity." To gouge the heart out... That's stunning!

Part of moving to this place with God is to love ourselves. If we fear God we cannot accept love from God. If we cannot accept love from God, we cannot love ourselves or others. If we cannot accept ourselves in both our strengths and weaknesses, we cannot accept that we are of value to God. To grasp the reality of being "God's beloved" is totally beyond our reach. Someone said, "The sorrow of God lies in our fear of Him, our fear of life, and our fear of ourselves."

What are the benefits? A peace begins to settle over your whole being. You start to grasp how special you

are to Him. The haste and driven pace at which most of us live begins to lessen. Your dependence for approval from man becomes less and less of an issue. The desire for the spotlight fades. You want to be alone because you start to hunger for and enjoy the solitude and silence. You start to see, smell and hear the world around you in a new way. You begin to see others with new eyes. Furthermore, there is an appreciation for every moment of every day. The fears attendant with the future become smaller. There is a fresh passion for God and the things of God. There's a new level of peace in your spirit. You become more at peace with yourself. You begin to realize that God's approval does not depend on what you do or don't do. I discovered that the benefits of hanging out with God far outweigh what I thought was consuming so much of my valuable time. That thinking, in and of itself is absurd. We are, after all, with the God of the universe!

He wants to be a friend. While I hunger to have an intimate relationship with God as my Abba (Daddy in Aramaic), I also need to see Him as friend, one with whom I can be myself and know that He understands and accepts me in my humanness. When I understand that He accepts me, then I can begin to grasp my uniqueness and destiny as a child of eternity.

As you enter this New Year find ways to have some time for coffee with God. It's not a difficult thing to do. You will discover that He is proud of you, wants to be your friend and you will experience what it means to be His beloved.

Consider this: The God who created the universe, who heals the sick, who knows you need food and shelter to survive, against whom all military might and power is but a puff of dust; beside whose power a swirling, raging river is but a trickle in the sand, is the God who wants to spend time with you. ☞



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# SURPRISED BY JOY AGAIN

by Taylor Smith

**W**e were nearing the end of the morning session during day two of the recent *CHM in the Rockies Conference*, and I was dreamily thinking about the hot soup at the hotel's lunch buffet when my phone buzzed. It was a text from my wife, Kathi, asking me to meet her at noon in the hotel's boardroom to pray for a woman who was suffering from "unspecified severe issues." The text triggered a tremor of anxiety. I was slightly fatigued from a combination of travel, work stress and the fast pace of being a part of the CHM conference team, and I always react the same way to an invitation to pray for healing – with some degree of anxiety and doubt. Nonetheless, I obediently made my way to the designated location, arriving a few minutes early to find the room empty and freezing cold. It seemed as though frigid air had been piped from the nearby mountains directly into the boardroom. I shivered involuntarily as I regarded the locked thermostat and thought about how I would rather be in the hotel restaurant. Doubt and uncertainty crept into my mind alongside anxiety, even as Kathi arrived and we busied ourselves preparing the room for the prayer appointment. My thoughts began to form into a unified opposition against praying for the woman who would be arriving shortly: what if we don't correctly discern the source of her issues; what if she isn't fully healed; what if the Holy Spirit doesn't show up; what if nothing happens at all.... My anxiety peaked!

The woman, who was to receive prayer for healing, was led into the boardroom by a prayer minister. She was visibly trembling and unable to make eye contact as we settled into big leather chairs, which we had arranged into a small circle at the end of the conference table. She began to tell us her life's story, which involved extraordinary levels of painful memories. As we listened, it seemed almost impossible for anyone to have suffered so much trauma and still survive. In fact, she had developed coping mechanisms for self-preservation, which had become additional sources of emotional pain. Layers upon layers of "stuff" had built up, and I wondered how many years of secular therapy would be necessary for her to be fully restored. I knew that we had only a few hours to pray with her. Still anxious, we began to pray with her, and suddenly everything began to change.

My thought pattern and state of emotions that day in Denver were actually normal for me. My personal experience in praying for healing has most often been preceded by feelings of anxiety, uncertainty and doubt. Experience with healing prayer, Biblical knowledge and considerable prayer ministry training have not seemed to offset this condition, even though I have personally witnessed and received both physical and emotional healing as well as a release of the Holy Spirit. Almost

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without exception, when I am invited to pray for someone, it is as though the clock is reset to the very first time that I was invited to participate in praying for healing.

Thankfully, God has provided a great gift to me in the form of my wife and a group of prayer ministers who repeatedly encourage me to pray for healing for others. I doubt that I would participate without their encouragement. Tragically, if that were the case, I would fail to experience what I believe to be the most amazing aspect of praying for healing; the wondrous “thing” that occurs each time that I actually begin to pray.

It is difficult to explain, but it seems as though a spiritual transformation occurs in me, albeit sometimes temporary and other times permanent, when I pray for healing. Perhaps it is a release of grace by the Holy Spirit, maybe in response to the simple act of praying for another. My experience includes both a change in my feelings as well as a change in my attitude. The feelings of anxiety, fear and inadequacy that precede the time of prayer fade very quickly and are replaced with a sense of peace, calmness and sometimes even joy, which Webster defines as “the emotion evoked by well-being”. Spiritual gifts seem more “released” and heightened (in my case it is often the knowledge of unspoken facts or circumstances pertaining to the person receiving prayer). While praying for healing, my perspective seems to shift more into alignment with Scripture; for example, Paul’s “love chapter” (1 Cor. 13) begins to appear reasonable and the seduction of the world lessens. The engagement of the Holy Spirit, and sometimes angels, with the person receiving prayer becomes almost visible and definitely perceptible. The authority over the demonic realm is very evident. I am confident in these times of the Holy Spirit’s presence and active participation.

In the hotel boardroom, as we began to pray for healing, we were flooded with knowledge, discernment, love and—most interestingly—patience for the woman. My negative thoughts, anxiety and expectations



evaporated and were replaced with a sense of joy, awe and respect. The Holy Spirit (and Jesus) provided tremendous healing that day, both directly and through us as prayer ministers. She was set free from spiritual oppression and was restored in ways that she previously thought impossible. It was humbling and awesome to be included on the team, and I would not have missed it for the world.

A work associate once commented that a successful business needs to be “sticky” in order to retain customers. Praying for healing in Denver produced sticky joy in me as well as in Kathi, which has lasted well beyond that day and that experience has helped us greatly in our daily challenges. We received so much more than we contributed in terms of time and effort in Denver. We have seen the overflow onto our children as well, with this most recent Thanksgiving being the most joyful family celebration in memory. The joy has also made us eager for more opportunities to pray for healing, although at times I still feel the drag in the opposite direction.

I am definitely one of the Lord’s works in progress. I also know that the enemy doesn’t like anyone praying for healing which contributes to my difficulty in “gearing up” to pray when asked. The other day I was at work when my phone buzzed with a text from Kathi inviting me to pray for a man in our church who is suffering from a debilitating chronic illness. I was tired, stressed and behind on several deadlines at work, and I felt the familiar rise of doubt and anxiety as I considered the invitation to the prayer appointment. I declined her invitation. As I write this article, I am saddened by my decision. What was I thinking? Thankfully, I know that there will be many more invitations to pray in the future. Next time, I plan to accept. ☞



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# Ministry Frontlines

## Things Learned Through Prayer



by Leslie Royalty

## Stones of Remembrance

When the people of Israel passed through the Jordan River on dry ground, God instructed Joshua to have a representative from each of the 12 tribes pick up a stone from the middle of the river. Upon setting up camp in the Promised Land, they formed an altar out of these stones that was to serve as "...a memorial to the people of Israel forever" (Joshua 4:7). Joshua explained to the Israelites, "In the future when your descendants ask their fathers, 'What do these stones mean?' Tell them.... The LORD your God did to the Jordan just what he had done to the Red Sea when he dried it up before us until we had crossed over. He did this so that all the peoples of the earth might know that the hand of the LORD is powerful and so that you might always fear the LORD your God" (Joshua 4:21-24).

The Lord knew the people of Israel would need a very concrete reminder of the miracle He had performed on their behalf. It wasn't enough just to retain the memory in their minds. God knew they would need something tangible. Something visible. Something that the people could return to as undeniable proof that God had set them free from the bondage of Egypt, sustained them through the desolation of the wilderness, and miraculously delivered them into the promised land. Not only would the current generation need to remember this mighty work of God, but as verse 24 declares, this was also to be a sign for "all peoples of the earth," so that they might know the power of the Lord!


This theme of remembrance is repeatedly emphasized throughout Scripture, as God commands his people to recall what He has done, both for their own benefit and for the benefit of others. He knows we are so inclined to forget his powerful intervention on our behalf and to question his faithfulness, especially in times of uncertainty. He knows we need something solid to fall back on, remembering *Who* He

is and what He has done, so that we can trust that He is the same yesterday, today and forever (Hebrews 13:8).

Just as the Lord instructed Israel to perform a specific action in declaration of what He had done, by telling our story and proclaiming to others God's gracious intervention, we too can create spiritual stones of remembrance. We may not necessarily need to build a literal stone altar, but engaging in specific action or creating concrete symbols with personal meaning can serve as a powerful testimony. When we think testimony, the most common image that comes to mind is of someone standing in front of a group of people, whether many or few, and verbally telling their story. It's true that this form of sharing packs a particular punch through the face to face vulnerability and expression of emotion that blesses both the speaker and the listeners. However, sharing one's story is certainly not limited to this traditional concept. There are countless creative ways for people of all different personality types and life experiences to declare "out loud" God's work on their behalf. For example, those with artistic abilities may feel led to create a painting, carving, sculpture, or collage as a depiction of God's work in their life. Someone who loves to dance may use the beauty of physical expression to communicate how God reached them and brought freedom. Others who are more inclined toward using words may choose to write their story, create a poem, or keep a journal. Those whose love for music serves as a language of the soul may communicate through song. Some inclined toward the dramatic arts may testify through a creative monologue or screenplay. The list goes on! So for those who may be too intimidated by the idea of standing in front of other people and bearing the contents of your soul, or who may simply feel like that doesn't quite fit, feel free to be "you" and express yourself in a way that comes more naturally.

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"I waited patiently for the Lord; He turned to me and heard my cry. He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; He set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand. He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God. Many will see and fear and put their trust in the Lord."  
(Psalm 40:1-3) 





or everyone prayed enough so this won't happen now." Or, they utilize words so nebulous and unclear that they leave no avenue to discern or discuss the content nor hold the declarer of such content accountable. When one tries to dialogue about the content or the speaker it is now fashionable to label such a person asking these questions as critical, judgmental, lacking faith and "heavenly experiences," having a spirit of offense or unbelief.

There is a mentality that God always reveals all He plans and does to prophets or people with certain levels of prophetic gifting. Amos 3:7 says "Surely the Lord GOD does nothing unless He reveals His secret counsel to His servants the prophets." The question still remains--to whom does he reveal it--only prophets and only a certain type of person who has access to the public eye? Also, what and how much does He reveal? Does He tell every detail of every plan He has for every people group, time period, national and natural event? I ask you these questions so that you are thoughtful when you hear prophetic words not to assume they are always correct and correctly delivered. There is another verse that puts this verse in Amos in creative tension. 2 Kings 4:25-27 says "So she went and came to the man of God [Elisha] to Mount Carmel. When the man of God saw her at a distance, he said to Gehazi his servant, "Behold, there is the Shunammite. Please run now to meet her and say to her, 'Is it well with you? Is it well with your husband? Is it well with the child?' " And she answered, "It is well." When she came to the man of God to the hill, she caught hold of his feet. And Gehazi came near to push her away; but the man of God said, "Let her alone, for her soul is troubled within her; **and the LORD has hidden it from me and has not told me.**" Not every plan of the Lord is revealed or even for revealing.

. Old Testament prophetic offices ended with Jesus, the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the church and the closing of the Canon. We are under New Testament grace and all believers are urged to operate in the gifts especially the gift of prophecy (1 Corinthians 14:1). The Bible clearly states that we "know in part and prophecy in part" (1 Corinthians 13:9) – it is not at the same level as Old Testament prophets who were God's mouthpieces and scribes of His Word. The Old Testament prophetic was The Word of God. The New Testament prophetic is a word from God (note the use of upper case "W" and lower case "w." Moses himself said: "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD'S people were prophets, that the LORD would put His Spirit upon them!" (Numbers 11:29). The Hebrew words for

"prophetic" (oracle) and "burden" are homonyms. Sharing of the burdens that were on God's heart would be given to lift up in prayer/petition the burdens of the people of God. This is an intercessory position. **This is where the prophetic gifts intersect with the healing ministry.** When we are able to use our God-given prophetic gifts well, the sick, hurt and demonized can receive comfort, exhortation, and eventually healing. Lord, please bless the understanding, use and delivery of your words as given through prayer ministers today.

There are faceless servants who are humbly offering their prophetic gifts in order to assist the local church in growing towards grace and truth. Moreover, they are assisting in fulfilling the Father's commission to seek and save the lost, and make us one as He is One. God bless you faithful ones! God honors the hungry and the humble! There is a lot of rattling and background noise being designated as "profound" and "prophetic"... Let us be wise and discerning. Let us grow in grace and community as we build up the local body of believers and be mission minded with our gifts and talents so as to further His Kingdom! Jesus is the One who is to receive all glory and to whom we must give account on how we steward our gifts and talents.

Please do not read this thinking I am against the prophetic gifting for today. I see lives transformed by the prophetic word. I am all in favor of it, I practice it and I am well aware of the benefits and blessings that it gives to people today. As I hear from God, I am also aware of how the prophetic word is used in a way that not only distresses its hearers, but also leads people astray. May God bless you and give you His wisdom as you discern His word for you today. ☞

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8	9	10 Open Prayer Ministry on CHM campus: 1:30 pm & 6:00 pm	11	12	13	14
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22	23	24 Open Prayer Ministry on CHM campus: 1:30 pm & 6:00 pm	25	26	27	28 St. John the Divine Women's Conference, Camp Allen, Texas
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## February

For all Tuesday prayer ministry, be sure to call CHM first at  
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## CHM Schools, Conferences & Retreats

### Schools of Healing Prayer®

CHM Campus, Jacksonville, Florida  
Speakers: Francis MacNutt, Judith MacNutt, and team  
Registration: online at [www.christianhealingmin.org](http://www.christianhealingmin.org)

**February 6-10 Level II**

**March 12-16 Level III**

**May 21-25 Level I**

**July 9-13 Level II**

**August 6-10 Level III**

**November 5-9 Level IV**

**December 3-7 Level I**

### Journey to Healing Retreat

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**May 10-12**

**August 23-25**

### CHM Internship Program

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Speakers: Judith MacNutt, Graham Cooke, and Linda Strickland  
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**June 13-16**

### Women's Conference

Jacksonville, Florida  
Speakers: Judith MacNutt and team  
Registration: online at [www.christianhealingmin.org](http://www.christianhealingmin.org)

**September 13-15**

## Other Conferences

**January 27-29 ~ St. John the Divine Women's Conference** [Camp Allen, TX]

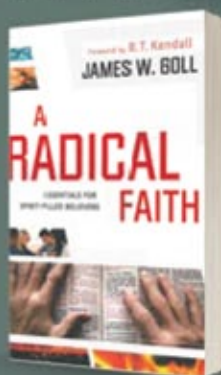
Speakers: Judith MacNutt and Linda Strickland

**April 27-29 ~ First Church of Christ Women's Conference** [Holyoke, MA]

Speaker: Linda Strickland  
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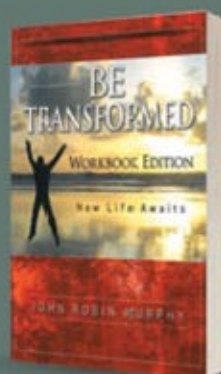
by James W. Goll

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All of us dwell in a world hostile to the heavenly Kingdom. We must constantly battle an enemy who wants nothing more than to destroy us. Under such pressure, cracks can cut into the footings of our faith; beliefs we thought were unassailable seem less solid. We become more vulnerable in the fight against hell and may even collapse under uncertainty and fear.

Just as all strong towers are built on firm foundations, so it is with our faith. Whether you are a veteran spiritual warrior or new believer, this accessible, comprehensive guide lays out the enduring biblical fundamentals that establish the bedrock of belief for every mature Christian.

With a companion study guide also available, this action-oriented handbook will help you build an indestructible foundation of radical faith.



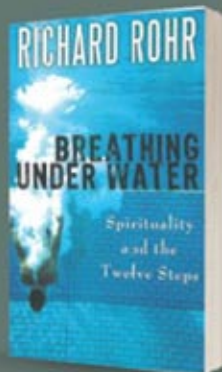
## Be Transformed

by John Robin Murphy

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"The heart is the epicenter of our well-being and our struggles. That is why the victory that God wants is in our hearts. During my last 24 years of Christian ministry, I have seen how key spiritual principles affect the outcome of the heart battle. These principles have been confirmed repeatedly as God has patiently advanced His kingdom in my own heart, transforming places of darkness into places of light. I have also observed this process as it has occurred, or failed to occur, in the hearts of those I have loved and counseled. Through these experiences I have been allowed to see how the battle for the heart is waged. The purpose of this workbook is to advance the Kingdom of God in the battlefield of the heart of Christians."

—from the Introduction



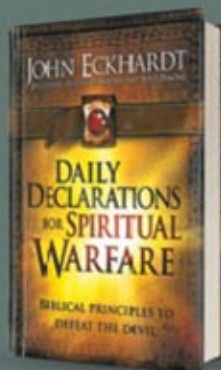
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We are all addicted in some way.

When we learn to identify our addiction, embrace our brokenness, and surrender to God, we begin to bring healing to ourselves and our world. In *Breathing Under Water*, Richard Rohr shows how the gospel principles in the Twelve Steps can free anyone from any addiction—from an obvious dependence on alcohol or drugs to the more common but less visible addiction that we all have to sin.



## Daily Declarations for Spiritual Warfare

by John Eckhardt

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Defeat the devil and rout his demons...every day of the year.

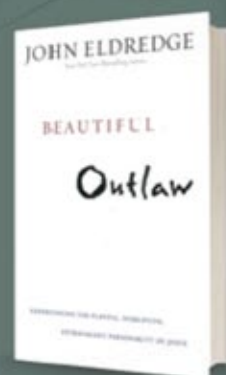
With the same bold, declarative style as the best-selling book *Prayer That Rout Demons*, this daily guide gives you inspiration, understanding, and direction for actively confronting demonic strongholds.

Each day's text is written from God's point of view, giving you the power and wisdom to pray for your needs or the needs of others. Each day includes:

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## Beautiful Outlaw

by John Eldredge

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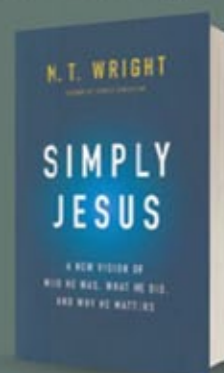
He was accused of nearly everything—breaking the law, keeping bad company, heavy drinking, and being the devil himself. He was so compelling and dangerous they had to kill him.

But those who knew him best loved him passionately. He had a sense of humor. His generosity was scandalous. His anger made enemies tremble. He would say the most outrageous things. And this Jesus has not changed one bit; he is still himself, available to all who would know Him.

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"We need Jesus like we need oxygen," says John Eldredge. "Like we need water. Like the branch needs the vine. Jesus is not merely a figure for devotions. He is the missing essence of your existence. To have Jesus, really have him, is to have the greatest treasure in all worlds. To have his life, joy, love and presence cannot be compared. A true knowledge of Jesus is our greatest need and our greatest happiness."

Come and discover this beautiful outlaw for yourself.



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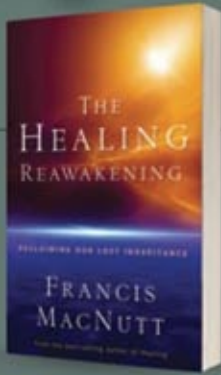
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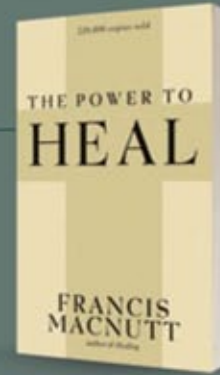
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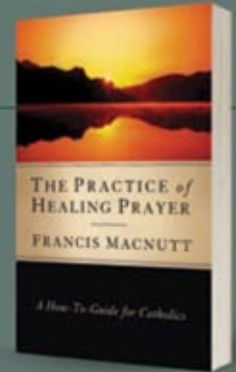
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## THE POWER TO HEAL by Francis MacNutt

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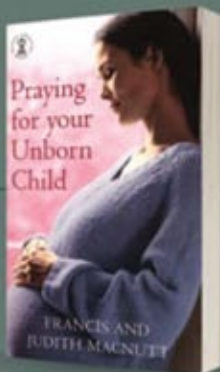
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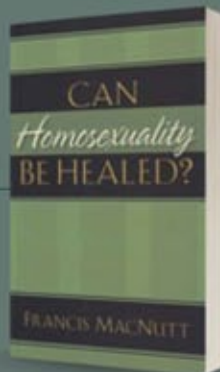
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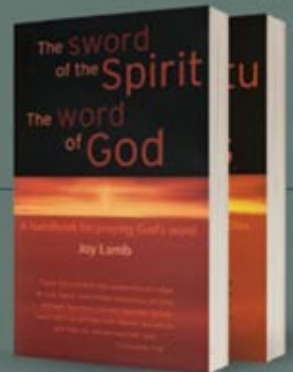
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# New Year New Faces



**C**hristian Healing Ministries is continuing to bring new faces to the ministry, including new local board members. We would like to introduce you to two of them— Dr. Drew Edwards and Mrs. Marchie Surface.

## Dr. Drew Edwards

**Dr. Drew Edwards** is a healthcare researcher, author, clinician and consultant. He is the youth culture expert and consultant for the nationally syndicated realty television programs *Ultimate Choice* and *Real Girls—Real Life*. In 2006 he founded ENNOBLE, Inc., a nonprofit educational foundation created to rescue teens and empower parents. Dr. Edwards is a forensic expert in the neurobiology of addictive disease, and he provides expert testimony in capital cases regarding the effects drugs and alcohol on the brain and behavior. Since 2008 he has served as a clinical and program consultant for the Paul Anderson Youth Home in Vidalia Georgia. Dr. Edwards was formerly Clinical Assistant Professor and Director of the Department of Psychiatry and Health Behavior at the *Medical College of Georgia*. He also served as the Associate Director of Psychiatry at the *University of Florida College of Medicine*. He provides parenting advice twice weekly on 88.1 FM *The Promise*, in Jacksonville and northeast Florida.

### *Why did you join the CHM Board of Trustees?*

I was asked to join the board several months ago and was thrilled to be a part of a ministry that has helped so many. I have been to CHM several times for healing prayer and have referred numerous people for healing prayer. I heard Francis speak at my church 18 years ago and was amazed by his humility and spirit filled words. I finally met Francis and Judith in Colorado at a conference about 10 years ago.

### *How did you become involved in CHM?*

As a counselor I know who does the healing. God is not limited in any way in how he chooses to heal. I have seen the miracles of medicine and those that cannot be explained other than holy intervention. The scriptures tell us to pray for the sick and lay hands upon them and anoint them. Francis and Judith have responded to this calling and been obedient servants.

### *Why is inner healing important to you?*

I believe in inner healing because I believe the scriptures, that is, we are in a war with evil. There is a plan to take us out

and attack us in our most vulnerable places. The lies of the Evil one are powerful if we are not protected by prayer. This ministry understands this and knows that evil cannot stand when confronted by the blood of Christ. So we claim our victory and our inheritance as sons and daughters of God.

## Marchie Surface

**Marchie Surface** was born and raised in Atlanta where she went to the same school from pre-k to 12th grade. She studied at a small women's college in Washington D.C. called Mount Vernon. Marchie taught school in Atlanta, flew for Delta Airlines and met the love of her life over 20 years ago. He brought her to Jacksonville, his home, where she opened Smoothie King stores and had two amazing children, Gracie 11 and King 5. Marchie is involved in her church, St. Marks, and the day to day raising of her children.

### *Why did you join the CHM Board of Trustees?*

I am so honored to be able to participate in such an incredible organization that ministers to people.

### *How did you become involved in CHM?*

The first Bible Study I attended was lead by Emmy Cervený, and for all who know Emmy, after you fall in love with Jesus, you are prone to jump at any opportunity that she may present involving Him. This is how I became involved at CHM.

### *Why is inner healing important to you?*

It was so interesting to me that ordinary folks, just as ourselves, could help people as Jesus did. All we had to do was pray with them and believe. I have much to learn but I am thrilled to be among the MacNutts and fellow board members. ☺



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