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Dear CHM Family and Friends,

A Facebook post popped up today from four years ago - a post of my visit to my dad up in Virginia during his recovery from open heart surgery. I was going through chemo for breast cancer at the time, so we took a "bald eagle" picture with big smiles on our faces. I am reminded of the prayers both of us had covering us during our health crises. I sent out letters asking friends and family to pray before each chemo treatment. Before one treatment, I decided to forego the prayer request email and that was a mistake - the side effects of the chemo were by far the worst I experienced!

The articles and testimonies in this edition of the Healing Line are meant to encourage all of us to learn how to pray and to receive healing prayer. Because I have seen the effects of healing prayer for myself, my heart for intercession has grown. I encourage you, please do not let your loved ones who are sick go without prayer! We have intercessors who would love to pray for you! (Go to www.christianhealingmin.org, and from the menu choose Leave a Prayer Request).

If you want to learn how to pray for healing, please attend our School of Healing Prayer® Levels 1-4. If you are unable to travel, we have our Schools of Healing Prayer® on CD and DVD. Invite a friend to learn too!

If everyone knew that they could join in prayer, we would have more people healed! My children grew up asking for prayer before they asked for aspirin for headaches. And because we were taught to model that for them as soon as we learned, they live out the same lifestyle of praying for healing in their own communities.

It is early 2017 and we have already heard numerous testimonies of forgiveness in families, healing in marriages, healing of the emotional trauma of abortion, freedom from shame, coming into true identity, physical healing, healing from divorce—and many, many more. When we have hands-on practicum in our schools, we always point out that we are practicing, but God is not—He continues to heal even when we "practice"!

Blessings,

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INTERVIEW WITH JOHN ARNOTT

Note from the Editor: John and Carol Arnott, well-known to the world as the pastors who hosted the Toronto Airport Church Blessing, were there on that momentous day in January, 1994 when the Holy Spirit descended with great power—and stayed! We extend our thanks to John and Carol for their commitment to teaching and spreading the good news that God still heals today through the power of the Holy Spirit. John and Carol will be our guest speakers for Ignite 2017, June 21-24 in Burlington, VT.

Q: The Biblical characters we read about had no idea what God would accomplish through them. When did you become aware that He was up to something big with you and your church?

A: We were shocked and surprised at the intensity and the power and presence of the Holy Spirit as He came upon people of our church during the revival. It was not uncommon for people to be out under the power of the Holy Spirit for one or two hours or more. They would get up changed and re-oriented towards a life focused on Christ and the things of God and the Bible. I remember asking Randy Clark, "Randy where is this going?" And he answered "John, I don't know." At that point we decided to keep the meetings going, not to shut it down, and as long as the Holy Spirit continued coming, we would continue. Attendance increased and increased, to where thousands were coming from all over the globe. So, it would have been part way through the year 1994 when we realized that God was up to something amazing.

Q: How long have you been in ministry, and how do you spend your time now?

A: Carol and I went into full-time ministry in 1981. We planted our first church in her hometown, Stratford, Ontario (Canada). I had three years of Bible school in the late 60's, but didn't go into full-time ministry until 1981.

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Now, we are “ambassadors” for all God has done through the revival in Toronto. I’m the president of our church network, Partners in Harvest. Along with Carol, I am a founding pastor of our Toronto congregation, and we travel extensively speaking at meetings and conferences both with our own Partners in Harvest and Catch the Fire churches, as well as many other ministries in the larger body of Christ.

Q: What would you say is the greatest need in the church today?

A: Wow, that is a difficult question to summarize. I’m convinced that the church needs to become a safe place where people can come as they are and be loved, understanding of course that God loves them too much to leave them the way they are. They need to grow in Him by having their hearts and minds renewed. In summary, they need healing and inner healing for their shame, pain, fear, anger, hurt and lack of forgiveness. They need to grow strong in Him and learn to be overcomers. They need to become strong in the Word and in the Spirit, learning how to love—love God, love others, and love themselves, as Matthew 22:37 states.

So the greatest need is love.

Q: When were you first introduced to the power of the Holy Spirit and healing? What kind of changes did those bring to your life?

A: I grew up in a church where the talk of miracles exceeded what I saw demonstrated. But I heard that there was “more” than what I knew about Christianity through some Pentecostals. Learning about the baptism of the Holy Spirit was wonderful and life changing.

Then I was introduced to the ministry of Kathryn Kuhlman. I will never forget my first trip to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania to see her at a ministry event. I was hoping that I would see at least one miracle, but instead there were hundreds of them. People I had spoken to and stood with in line were up at the front to testify as to how God’s warmth and presence had come upon them and their pain had disappeared and their bodies had been restored. It was nothing short of shocking. Not only did she introduce me to powerful miracles by the Holy Spirit, but also to a gentle loving approach to ministry. I loved the way she modeled ministry. We continued to attend her meetings as often as we could up until the time she died in 1977. Meanwhile,

there were others: Bill Prankard from Ottawa, Benny Hinn from Toronto, Father Francis MacNutt from St. Louis and John Wimber from California. These folks all moved in miracles, yet had a gentle and loving approach to preaching and ministry. It was as though there was an attempt to bring peace instead of revving things up for more exuberance and emotional excitement.

Q: Do you have any testimonies about healing from your recent trip to Kenya?

A: Yes, I saw lots of healings during my two weeks in Kenya. We did a leaders’ school with about 150 attendees and we held meetings in the marketplace at night. Many were healed in the school. A paralyzed woman was healed in the marketplace.

My favorite story is from our visit to one of our Harvest Gardens in the northwest part of the country near Kakamega. The people were thrilled with their garden and with the measure of blessing it had afforded them. I asked if any of them was sick or in pain and they said, “Yes, our grandmother.”

They brought her to me. She had been in great pain for two years from multiple back injuries. As we prayed together, the level of pain first went to 50%, and then it was gone completely. The smile on that old woman’s face and her expression of peace were worth the whole trip!

Q: If you could give a piece of advice to every prayer minister in the world, what would it be?

A: Don’t ever stop praying for people! God is moving more and more in North America and around the world. And we are learning more about how to be more effective in ministry. I think that sincerely caring and loving the people you pray for is very important. Also, if your prayer is not answered or is only partially answered, we need to ask what could be hindering an answer. It could be unbelief; it could be anger or shame; but very often there is a block in the area of unforgiveness towards someone who has hurt them or sinned against them in some way. From John Wimber we learned to always get a progress report: How are you doing? Is there any change, good or bad? Is the pain less, worse or the same? And from Francis MacNutt we learned to keep praying until the healing is complete. That was very helpful indeed, compared to a quick prayer expecting all or nothing in a couple of seconds. More people are healed if we pray more.

Q: If you were to give a piece of advice to someone struggling with anxiety and fear, what would it be?

A: Anxiety and fear issues are very often related to generational issues or early childhood hurts and wounds. I would suggest some basic inner healing and deliverance sessions with a trained counselor (Editor's note: or a trained prayer minister at CHM), to be healed and set free from those issues. This is something we recommend to everyone, from our top leadership team all the way down to all of our church members. Life has beaten people up pretty badly. We need to bring that into the light, forgive the abusers and perpetrators, and then choose the way of freedom through healing in Jesus Christ.

Q: If you were to encourage someone who has prayed for years and years for a physical healing and hasn't received it, what would you say?

A: I don't really know what to say to them except, to persevere and keep going. That's what I do; I keep on receiving prayer for myself. I believe that it is totally the will of God to heal me, and that his time is now, in the present. So I act upon that, whether it's a cold, or a seriously painful knee. I long for the days when God will trust us with more power and authority so that no disease will stand before us. Meanwhile, we give it more time and perseverance in prayer.

Q: Who were your mentors and what are some of the things that you remember them teaching you with regard to the Holy Spirit and healing?

A: I learned a lot from Kathryn Kuhlman, watching her and listening to her teaching. I learned a lot from Benny Hinn, who I was close to years ago. He has an amazing anointing and really loves Jesus. I learned a lot from John Wimber, who encouraged us that everyone can do this (John 14:12). I learned from Claudia Friesen in Argentina, who prayed for us to receive an anointing. As I mentioned earlier, I was really helped by Francis MacNutt. I remember attending a meeting that he led for a group of Lutherans in Orlando, Florida. He followed up on people who claimed healing from the night before, only to find that a number of them had lost their healing. I had never seen that before and found it very helpful. He also continued to pray for people over a

protracted period of time to see their healing completed. This was so helpful in the learning process. There were others, like Jack Winter who taught us about the Father's love, Mark Virkler who taught us how to hear God's voice, and John Sandford, who taught us about healing life's hurts. This list is not exhaustive. We keep learning.

Q: What do you encounter most frequently as a block to healing?

A: I often find that there are issues of the heart that can hinder or block the healing God wants to bring. Perhaps the most common in my experience is unforgiveness. For example, if the person has received a partial healing, perhaps 30% to 40% better after prayer, but continued prayer doesn't seem to be moving it on from there, I will ask if there was anyone to blame for their sickness or injury – themselves or another? People will say, "Well yes, it was my fault, I should've known better." I then lead them in a prayer to forgive themselves (or others) and boom - the miracle often happens. I teach that miracles happen through grace rather than at a justice level. If we remove the legal right of the enemy to block the anointing, then miracles can flow.

Q: What are the areas of breakthrough you are seeing now that you weren't seeing before?

A: I think the biggest one is the multiplication of ministers and laborers. The wider body of Christ is receiving the message that healing is for every Christian, to do the miracles that Jesus did—and that this is not just for the professional clergy.

I love that our message and training includes encouragement that every Christian can be a little anointed one, anointed to do the miracles that Jesus did. This is having a profound and effective global impact. ➡

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Founding pastors and presidents of Catch the Fire and overseers of Partners in Harvest Network of Churches, they will be speaking at our Ignite 2017 conference in Vermont.





fear or love: WHICH DEFINES YOUR IDENTITY?

DANNY SILK

I often say that I really only have one message, and I just keep teaching it over and over in different ways: *Lower the fear. Increase the love.*

Fear and love are mortal enemies. They have completely different goals. Fear drives us to protect ourselves. Love drives us to protect others and our connection with them. Every day, we choose which goal we will pursue in our relationships with God and others. Whichever goal we choose determines the spiritual reality we're drawing from, which will ultimately influence our behavior.

Over the years, I have worked with countless people—couples, parents, leaders, employees—who are sitting in the tragedy of huge personal mistakes, betrayals, hurts, and broken connections. My goal in our conversation is always to help them uncover the root issues that have created these problems. Again and again, when we finally identify these issues, I hear the same things:

"I feel scared."

"I feel powerless."

"I'm afraid of being punished."

"I'm afraid of losing something."

"I can't trust people."

"I don't really believe people care about me."

"I just can't forgive that person."

This is the spirit of fear talking. It is also called the *orphan* spirit. These two are one and the same. The orphan believes, "Life is a battle for survival, and I'm alone in that battle. Therefore, I must protect myself at all costs."

Since sin entered the world, every human being on the planet has inherited this orphaned identity. Most of us have grown up never really knowing our Father. We've never experienced a *permanent* safe place, a place where we are accepted, known, and delighted in for who we are. Instead, we've experienced a fallen world full of sin, pain, and alienation, and it has taught us to live in fear.

As long as we remain thinking and living like orphans, we will never experience the beauty and power of real love, God's love. This is exactly why Jesus came to save us. While many Christians think the point of the cross was to commute our sentence to hell and let us into heaven when we die, I see a different theme in the New Testament. Everything Jesus did was to show us the Father, and restore us to the Father. He came to destroy the orphan spirit, the spirit of fear, once and for all, and to give us His Spirit.

Paul explained this in Romans 8: "For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the

Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, 'Abba, Father.'" The Spirit of adoption is the opposite of the spirit of fear. The Spirit of adoption gives us a new identity, and a new set of experiences to go with it. You know the Spirit of adoption is at work in your life when you start to think an entirely new set of thoughts:

"I am loved by the Father."

"I feel safe with the Father."

"Papa delights in me."

"The Father won't withhold anything good from me."

"I'm never alone; Papa is always with me."

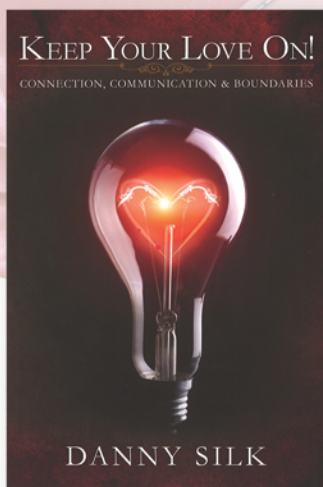
"I trust the Father and He trusts me."

This is the spirit of sonship (and daughtership). The son or daughter believes, "Life is about living in the Father's perfect love. Therefore, my goal is to receive His love and learn to love like He does."

So how do we lower the fear and increase the love? It all comes back to our relationship with the Father. No matter the problem in your life—a broken relationship, a sin issue, or some other kind of emotional or relational pain—the solution lies in your connection with Him. Run to the Father, and let His love overcome all fear in your life.

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RECOMMENDED READING



KEEP YOUR LOVE ON

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THE BATTLE BETWEEN FEAR AND LOVE

How is it that two people who vowed to love and care for one another for a lifetime, ...end up slowly moving away from one another, until the goal and practices of disconnection become entrenched in their relationship? Do people just decide one day to stop loving one another?

The answer, sadly, is yes. But it's usually not a conscious decision. Most often it is a reaction to pain or the fear of pain.

Pain teaches us to react from the moment we enter the earth. The first reaction we have to pain is to cry. As newborns, when someone bigger responds to our cries by doing something to make us feel better, we learn that crying is a helpful reaction to pain or discomfort.

As we grow up, our reactions teach us how to avoid pain. As a child, even though my mother told me not to touch a hot stove, I had to satisfy my own curiosity. "Hot" is bad?

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Then I experienced the blistering effects of a second-degree burn and learned that “hot” was indeed “bad.” After that, my behavior around hot stoves was instinctively driven by the goal of pain avoidance.

Human beings generally develop three classic reactions to the threat of pain—fight, flight, or freeze. All of these reactions have the same goal: *distance!* We want to get away from scary things that can hurt us. Take rattlesnakes for instance. While few of us have ever been bitten by a rattler, we all know what would happen if we were. Unsurprisingly, very few of us keep pet rattlesnakes in our homes. Those who handle rattlesnakes do so with instruments of control and violence, such as cages, prods, guns, and gloves. No one is looking to create a loving, lasting, intimate relationship with a rattlesnake. It’s a basic human instinct—when the threat of harm is high, the level of love is low.

Our relationships with people are a lot more complicated than our relationships with rattlesnakes, because other people offer us both comfort and protection from pain as well as the threat of pain. The mom who fed you and changed your diaper in response to your cries is also the one who yelled at you and slapped your hand away from a hot stove. The dad who taught you to ride a bike is also the one who could never tell you, “I love you.” And the wife or husband who promised you unconditional love is the person who could break your heart with rejection and betrayal.

The question at stake is *how* you will react to the pain you experience in relationships. If you fall back on the classic fear-driven reactions, you will necessarily start treating people like rattlesnakes. You will either run away or try to control people so they won’t hurt you. The problem is that neither of these options will help you pursue and protect the goal of connection in a relationship.

Unfortunately, many people grow up in relational cultures that used “rattlesnake” tools to deal with pain and the fear of pain—tools that control, manipulate, remove freedom, threaten, and withhold love. These are the tools of powerlessness. The message they instill is “It’s my job to control you. If you don’t let me control you, then I will introduce pain to teach you that lesson.” I’m not talking about parents protecting their children from harm or introducing appropriate consequences for their choices in order to help

them learn. I’m talking about parents who believe it is their job to make their child’s choices and to punish them when they don’t comply with their orders. They may have said, “This is going to hurt me more than it hurts you,” but what their children learned was that if they didn’t surrender control, the most powerful adult in their life would get mad, threaten, withhold love, or hurt them in some way. They learned that in any given relationship, only one person at a time gets to be powerful. And ultimately, they learned to believe the lie that drives and protects the cycle of fear, control and punishment, and disconnection in relationships—the lie that we can and should control other people.

Unless they repent from this lie, they cannot help but bring controlling behaviors into their adult relationships. Plenty of people grow up saying, “I am never going to be like my parents. Never!” Yet, the first time they run into a scary or painful relational situation, they find themselves spouting out the same exact words, making the same faces, and dragging around the same manipulative, fear-inflicting tools that once caused them so much pain. They may have *tried* to learn some new relational tools, but the minute they got scared, their real beliefs were unmasked. In the face of pain, they align themselves with the goals of fear—distance, control, and punishment.

Instinctive reactions to pain do not bring out the best in human beings . . . If you want to preserve relationships, then you must learn to *respond* instead of react to fear and pain.

Again, it’s important to remember that fear-based reactions to pain are instinctive, which means that they operate at a very different level in your brain than conscious, rational choices. You execute them without thinking. And because they come so naturally, they seem *normal*.

One expression of this natural, fear-based human “normal” is that you tend to surround yourself with people who feel safe. “Safe” people are those who agree with you and reinforce what you already believe about the world. If you

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were to take a survey of all the people close to you, then you would probably find that they share similar core values, political affiliations, education, and social or economic status. When you get around someone who doesn't support your worldview, it usually triggers your defenses. Whether you know it or not, your brain is saying, "I don't want that person around. They scare me. I want them far away because I want to be comfortable in my beliefs bubble." It's human nature to maintain your comfort zone.

Nevertheless, as natural as it is, this fear-based "normal" is a major problem. Instinctive reactions to pain do not bring out the best in human beings. On a social level, oppression, injustice, racism, war and most other social evils can be traced back to the instinctive fear of people who are different. On a personal level, fear-based reactions cause most misunderstandings and hurt in relationships.

God is continually moving toward you in love and giving you the choice to love Him. He never takes your choice away.

If you want to preserve relationships, then you must learn to *respond* instead of react to fear and pain. Responding does not come naturally. You can react without thinking, but you cannot respond without training your mind to think, your will to choose, and your body to obey. It is precisely this training that brings the best qualities in human beings—like courage, empathy, reason, compassion, justice and generosity—to the surface. The ability to exercise these qualities and respond gives you other options besides disconnection in the face of relational pain.

Powerful people are not slaves to their instincts. Powerful people can respond with love in the face of pain and fear. This "response-ability" is essential to building healthy relationships.

CREATED FOR FREEDOM

In order to begin training yourself to respond in love, the first thing you need to accept is this truth: *You cannot control*

other people. The only person you can control—on a good day—is yourself.

This is a fundamental principle of human freedom. We were designed to be free. How do we know this? God put two trees in the Garden. He gave us a choice. Without choice, we don't have freedom, and more importantly, we don't have love, which requires freedom. God chose us, loves us, and wants us to choose Him and love Him in return. So He gave us a free choice, even though it necessarily meant risking our rejection and the devastation of a disconnected relationship. The tragedy of the Fall actually proclaims that He does not want to control us. He didn't control us in the Garden, and He doesn't control us now.

Many people find this difficult to believe. If you were raised with a powerless, fear-driven mindset based on the belief that you can control people and they can control you, then you will naturally perceive God as a controlling punisher. You will take the laws of the Old Testament—all the verses and stories about wrath, judgment, and the fear of the Lord—and conclude, "See, God wants to control us, and we need to be controlled. Our hearts are desperately wicked and we can't be trusted, so God uses the threat of punishment to maintain the distance between us and Him."

The problem is that the Bible doesn't show us a God who is pursuing the goal of distance between Himself and a bunch of scary sinners. Instead, the Bible reveals a God who is relentlessly closing that distance and paying the ultimate price to repair the disconnection we created in our relationship. God's number one goal with us is connection, and nothing—neither pain nor death—will prevent Him from moving toward us and responding to us with love.

His perfect love for us is absolutely *fearless*. He is not afraid of us, and He never will be. His Gospel message is, "I love you no matter what. I am not afraid of your mistakes, and you don't have to be afraid of them either. You don't have to be afraid of other people's mistakes. They may be painful; many things in this life may be painful. But pain and the fear of pain no longer have the power to control you. You are always free to choose. So, what are you going to do? Remember that I am always here for you, whatever you choose."

God is continually moving toward you in love and giving you the choice to love Him. He never takes your choices

away. 2 Corinthians 3:17 says, "Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty." The more God fills your life, the more freedom you will have.

FEAR IS YOUR ENEMY

While God is not afraid of sin or sinners, most of us are. We're afraid of people's mistakes, and we're afraid of our own. It's no wonder our entire society, including our court system, is set up in such a way that fear and punishment are the solutions to bad behavior. And as long as we operate out of fear, we will inevitably continue to reproduce distance and disconnection in our relationships with God, others, and ourselves. The cycle can only be broken by repenting from the lie that we can control other people and by accepting the truth that *we must control ourselves*.

As soon as you begin to believe this truth and stop trying to control people, you're going to be confronted with a lot of resistance from the old normal. And it won't give way to Heaven's normal without a fight.

[...My friend Dave found it hard to] tell me that he loved his wife. The minute he turned from the goal of distance and disconnection to the goal of connection, he was plunged into a battle against fear. This is because fear and love are enemies. They come from two opposing kingdoms. Fear comes from the devil, who would like nothing more than to keep you permanently disconnected and isolated. Love comes from God, who is always working to heal and restore your connection with Him and other people and bring you into healthy, life-giving relationships.

Fear and love have opposite agendas and opposite strategies for achieving them. They *cannot coexist* in a person, relationship, or culture.

God is very clear that the Spirit He put in you is not the spirit of fear, but the Spirit of love: "You have not been given a spirit of fear, but of power, and of love, and a sound mind." (2 Timothy 1:7) He's also clear that partnering with the Spirit of love is the way to displace fear in your life. John wrote, "There is no fear in love. But perfect love casts out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love." (1 John 4:18) If you want to partner with the Holy Spirit, then you must have a strict "no

tolerance" policy about fear and punishment in your life and relationships. It doesn't matter how long you've used those tools—they have got to go!

Learning to partner with the Spirit of love requires you to become powerful. That is a serious challenge. When Paul told Timothy that the spirit of love is also the spirit of power and a sound mind, he implied that its opposite, the spirit of fear, is a spirit of powerlessness and a weak, divided mind. When you grow up partnering with the spirit of fear, as most of us do, you learn to simply hand over your brain and your power, letting fear take control. But as soon as you decide to partner with the spirit of love, *you have to think and make powerful choices*.

[My friend Dave and his wife] couldn't even remember making a decision to listen to fear and turn their love off. But in order to turn their love back on, they had to marshal their internal resources to think, decide, and act. They had to become powerful and exercise self-control in order to say, "Yes, I love my spouse."

The choice [they] made to turn their love on in my office that day was, in a way, even more powerful than the choice they made to get married in the first place, because they made it *after* experiencing a history of pain with one another. They no longer had illusions about the worst fear and pain could bring out in them. They knew that their choice to love one another could not be conditioned by what the other person did or did not do, and that it had to be strong enough to withstand the fear and pain that derailed them in the past. They understood better than before just how powerful they needed to be to make that choice. And wonderfully, they decided to be powerful, to respond in love and cast out fear in their relationship. They did it—and so can you! ➤

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HEALING WOUNDS caused by the misuse of **SPIRITUAL AUTHORITY**

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When our four-year-old son was healed of a malformed esophagus valve during a fifteen-minute hands-on prayer appointment at Christian Healing Ministries (CHM), it radically changed our family's lives *and* our theology. We had never prayed for healing before, nor received prayers for healing. We only went to the Open Prayer night at CHM out of respect for the mother of my best friend, who had been relentlessly encouraging us to go.

At the time, my wife Kathi and I were very involved in a conservative Bible church. We did not know that the Lord was still physically healing people through hands-on prayers. The healing of our son was like the dawn of a new day; it was as if our Christian faith was a chair with only three legs until that night and had just instantly grown a fourth leg! We were so excited to share the news that the Lord was still healing people!

When we told our pastor what had happened and asked if we could give a testimony in front of the church, we were taken aback by his response. He did not want us to give a testimony nor talk about the "healing" of our son to the church members, because he said our church did not practice that tradition, and he said that there were sick people in our congregation who might be discouraged by our testimony since they would still be sick. Our pastor did not doubt that the healing had occurred, and he was truly pleased for us, but we couldn't understand his decision, and we didn't know how

we could keep such good news “under the table.” We left the meeting hurt and confused, yet feeling obliged to honor him as our spiritual leader. The wound that we received did not go away until we received inner healing years later.

Misuse of spiritual authority (a.k.a. spiritual abuse) can cause wounds when someone in authority within a church, family or faith community takes away our rightful God-given spiritual freedom. Often misuse of authority comes through well-meaning people. David Henke said: “Spiritual abuse has a very prominent place in the Bible, though that terminology has not been used until recently. In the scripture it is called bondage to men and the traditions of men. It is a by-product and outgrowth of legalism, which is bondage to the letter of the law.” [David Henke, *Spiritual Abuse in the Bible?* Watchman Fellowship, watchman.org]

Jesus experienced the misuse of spiritual authority when he healed the man with the deformed hand in the synagogue on the Sabbath.

Another time Jesus went into the synagogue, and a man with a shriveled hand was there. Some of them were looking for a reason to accuse Jesus, so they watched him closely to see if he would heal him on the Sabbath. Jesus said to the man with the shriveled hand, “Stand up in front of everyone.” Then Jesus asked them, “Which is lawful on the Sabbath: to do good or to do evil, to save life or to kill?” But they remained silent. He looked around at them in anger and, deeply distressed at their stubborn hearts, said to the man, “Stretch out your hand.” He stretched it out, and his hand was completely restored. —Mark 3:1-6, NIV

Our spiritual freedom is given to us by the Father, and we are guided by the Holy Spirit, the living Word and our faith communities (i.e. the church). Jesus sets out his unique mandate for Christian leadership within the church: “But Jesus called them to Himself and said, ‘You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great men exercise authority over them. It is not this way among you, but whoever wishes to become great among you shall be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you shall be your slave.’” (Matthew 20:25-27, NIV) We are in relationship with others, including those placed in spiritual authority. The good news is that the Lord uses relationships to fill us with joy and the fullness of life. While leadership and authority are part of God’s plan for his church, the reality is that there are wounded leaders in our churches, our families and in our broader faith communities.

The misuse of spiritual authority can occur in a wide array of situations, some obvious and tragic, such as sexual abuse by leaders, and some more subtle, such as when leaders speak “on behalf of God” and imply that any disagreement with their words or opinions equates to disobeying the Lord. Traditions and family patterns, whether spoken or unspoken, can become catalysts for spiritual abuse, such as conforming to a mandatory dress code or behavior for church attendance. Control and manipulation in the name of “order” and “righteousness” are examples of the misuse of spiritual authority. Self-preservation and pain avoidance are huge motivators and tools of the enemy. Even with the best intentions and love, as parents we often overlap our spiritual authority with parenting and thereby “overstep” our boundaries. Paul reminds us “*Fathers, do not exasperate your children, so that they will not lose heart.*” (Colossians 3:21, NIV)

One of my business partners told me that the reason he had not attended a single church service since his teen years was because his only memory of church was the punishment he received for his youthful behavior in “church” from the leaders who ran his school. Others have been wounded by well-meaning spiritual leaders who connect the degree of God’s love and favor with the amount of money that one gives to that ministry or person. Sometimes we are told that all it takes to be healed is faith, so if we are still sick then it is because of our lack of faith. This form of subtle judgment can wound. Spiritual abuse can occur in public settings in which verbal judgments are pronounced from the pulpit, or even from public humiliation that accompanies the “discipline” of a church member. Other times, neglect during a time of need or crisis can leave one feeling abandoned by their faith community. Some leaders seek power and popularity and a culture of inner circles, attributing holiness with access to the pastor or leader. Followers will seek to please the person in authority but will never be able to please them, which creates a type of bondage.

A person who has been a victim of spiritual abuse may experience a range of feelings and beliefs that can include shame, self-condemnation, a sense of failure, a loss of joy, a sense of confusion or numbness, unworthiness, anger (and even rage) towards their spiritual leader(s), fear of the leader and/or fear of God. They may exhibit various types of physical sicknesses, especially stress-related symptoms.

When I pray for someone who has experienced this kind of emotional trauma, I try to listen and love with patience. The wounds they have received are real. As prayer ministers,

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the word of the

Thank you for your healing ministry. You have been praying for my husband for healing of renal cell cancer. We flew from New Jersey to Jacksonville, Florida a few times. You spent tireless hours praying for us at the CHM campus, at a CHM conference in 2014, 2015 and again this year as we joined the Level 1 School of Healing Prayer you held in New York.

Your CHM ministry not only brings God's kingdom down to earth, but the way that you structure and put discipline and sincerity into the prayer training brings Christ's presence and love to the place in a powerful way. Three years ago, when we first encountered CHM, we were cautious and felt suspicious. We were very touched by the amount of time you spent praying for us during our appointments. Now we are routinely praying for strangers!

As we approach Holy Week, my heart is filled with gratitude to God for his great love for each of us. On a personal note, this Holy Week (Holy Thursday with the Last Supper, Good Friday and Easter Sunday) is especially an important week for my husband and me. We wanted to pause and write you this note to thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your ceaseless prayers for us over the past years. My husband has been healed! You walked alongside us and kept praying for us. God is good! He is such a good, good Father! As of today, my husband has been deemed to be in "very likely" remission for six months now without medical treatment. He is in optimistically observational status right now and the doctors want to watch him for a few years. This is a pure miracle and I give all the glory and honor to our Highest God—Father, Son and the Holy Spirit!!

You see, four years ago on Good Friday, he was diagnosed with this cancer. He was already stage 4, and had a horrible prognosis. We were devastated. God taught us to pray, pray, pray. God showed us the way, and he opened up the road for us when there was no way. He brought YOU and others into our lives to walk beside us. We were in a desert, in the "lands between," and God fed us with his manna each step of the way. It was not an easy journey, but God is so good. We went

through many detours, failing treatment after treatment. My husband's body became intolerant of many of the regimens, one after another, until even our last resort needed to be stopped because of side effects. Then the doctor added an unbelievable statement, "It appears he is cured." He was cured in a miraculous way, through prayer!! There was no treatment available for him medically (and this included research drug options). My husband didn't need any more treatments, because God cured him. God is bigger than cancer!! When man is limited, it is only the beginning of God. Amen! Praise the Lord!!

During this journey we also learned about the discipline and power of prayer in a way we had never known. We grew together in God, learned to be quiet with God, learned to hear God, and to enjoy our relationship with God. Now, we are starting to pray with others as you have taught us at CHM's Schools of Healing Prayer®. Only God could accomplish this! Thank you for your ministry and for your Schools of Healing Prayer®!

We want to thank you for being there for us. You have no idea how much we have appreciated your prayers—and for never giving up on us. We continue to pray for complete healing for him.

Thank you again! And God bless your ministry!! We pray for the CHM ministry, for the new campus and for health for both Francis and Judith.

With much gratitude,
Pam

Pam's husband works as a scientist in research and development pharmacology and Pam is a physician's assistant and a pharmacist. They have signed up for School of Healing Prayer® Level 2 in April, 2017.

their testimony...

Note from the Editor: We traveled to New Mexico last year to encourage a group of prayer ministers at Holy Faith Church who already had an established healing prayer ministry. Since my husband and I were already planning a trip to Santa Fe, we went to encourage them and we took with us a group from the healing ministry at The Falls Church Anglican in the D.C. area. The following testimony is a beautiful story of a changed life!

—Kathi Smith, Senior Editor

My name is Vicki and in 2016 I was invited to attend a conference by a friend who has a second home in Santa Fe and is active at Holy Faith Church.

We had been studying the books written by the MacNutt's from Christian Healing Ministries, and watching the Schools of Healing Prayer in our prayer group at my church (Church of the Incarnation) in Dallas. I was so excited to actually be attending a healing conference in person.

I understood from Holy Scripture that Jesus spent most of his time on earth healing the sick. I was also aware that when the Apostle Paul asked God to heal the "thorn in his flesh," God answered, "My grace is sufficient for you." I did not expect to be completely healed, but I knew for certain that it was possible.

I had suffered with Rheumatoid Arthritis for about ten years. Pain, swelling, and diminished physical function were some of my symptoms. During the conference teaching on Friday, I came to understand how much full repentance of sin and unforgiveness were often blocks to healing.

I always prayed for forgiveness every time I spent time with our Lord in prayer. But on that Friday, the Holy Spirit showed me that I had not really forgiven my stepfather for his physical and emotional abuse. I prayed a prayer of forgiveness with one of the leaders of the group. Now I was able to ask for healing.

On Saturday afternoon, I was prayed for with the laying on of hands by one of the Holy Faith prayer ministers. The

swelling in my knuckles began to shrink immediately after that prayer. I knew that I had been completely healed and was rejoicing and praising God.

It has been a year since I was healed; I have taken no medicine, had no pain, swelling, or lack of mobility since that time. Thanks be to God! All things are possible through Jesus Christ our Lord, who gives us the victory!

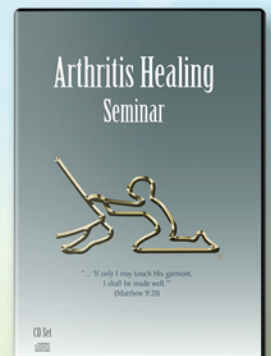
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Vicki H. ✠

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ARTHRITIS HEALING SEMINAR

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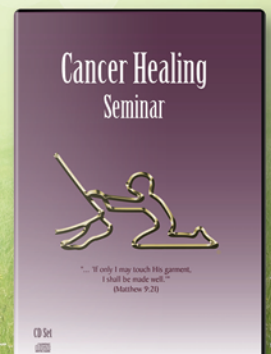
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» a CHM conference

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THE CHM BOOKSHELF Explained



Many people who come to Christian Healing Ministries ask what the differences are between all the books that Francis and Judith have written. The staff, prayer ministers and board members can answer this question, and they do so frequently. For further insight on this topic, I interviewed Francis and Judith to explain the differences. Each book was written in response to the many questions they have received. This article has interesting commentary on each book—what it is about and how they came to write and publish it. —Kathi Smith

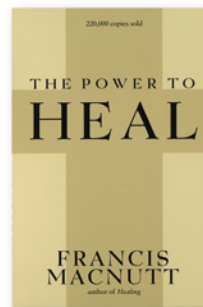
Healing [1974, Ave Maria Press]



I received prayer for the baptism and renewal of the Holy Spirit in August of 1967. I wrote *Healing* for a charismatic renewal conference in 1974. I was chosen to write it because the main topic that year was going to be healing. It was the largest renewal conference to date, with about 30,000 expected to attend. The publisher asked me to write it

because I was a theologian, I was a priest with a little bit of credibility and I was praying for people for healing. It is a theoretical and theological textbook, connecting healing and the gospel.

The Power to Heal [1977, Ave Maria Press]



I wrote this as a practical handbook to compliment *Healing*. The book deals with the phenomena that happen in the healing ministry. It answers questions, such as how to pray for healing, and other practical aspects of prayer. It could be considered an appendix to *Healing*—it is a practical manual rather than a theological discussion.

Overcome by the Spirit [1990, Chosen Books]



This book discusses the phenomenon of “resting” or being “slain” in the Spirit. It was written to explain that the Holy Spirit is in charge of whether this physical response happens, not the person praying, and that its significance and

effect varies among those receiving prayer. Because “resting in the Spirit” was occurring so often and people were concerned, I addressed the topic so that it would not be such a mystery. I looked at the Bible and Christian history and my own experiences in the healing ministry to answer the many valid questions people have about this topic.

The Prayer that Heals [1981, Ave Maria Press]



I wrote this book for the ordinary layperson, as a practical manual to teach about healing prayer. It encourages families to pray together, not only during devotions, but also for healing, both physical and emotional. In our household, we practice that kind of daily prayer.

Deliverance from Evil Spirits

[1995, Chosen Books]

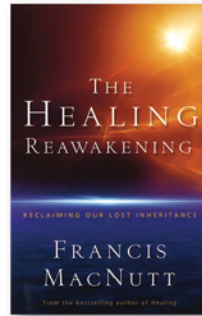


I wrote this book to teach a balanced view of praying for deliverance and to inform the general public about its need. During the editing process, the manuscript actually disappeared in the editor’s computer, and when we prayed for it to be retrieved it

came back onto the screen. We found that coincidental and a sign of spiritual warfare! The book covers the scriptural basis for deliverance, the power of curses and false judgments, and praying for deliverance for people and places.

The Healing Reawakening

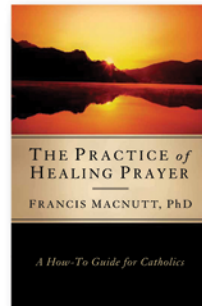
[2006, Chosen Books]



This book was written to give an historical understanding of how prayer for healing, which is our God-given inheritance, was nearly lost. Many people are unaware of the process that caused healing to be almost eradicated. The book was renamed from its original title, *The Nearly Perfect Crime: How the Church Almost Killed the Ministry of Healing* (2005), because major bookstores often shelved it in the Mystery section.

The Practice of Healing Prayer

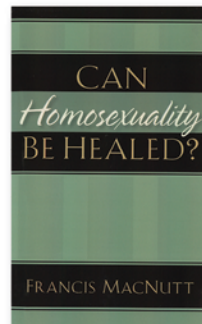
[2010, The Word Among Us Press]



I was asked to write this book as a manual about healing prayer for the Catholic Church, because many Catholics did not grow up learning how to pray with others for healing.

Can Homosexuality Be Healed?

[2006, Baker Publishing Group]



The question, can homosexuality be healed, was sent to me by so many people who were struggling that I wanted to address the subject in a book. Since it was published we have received letters from many people who have read the book, prayed the prayers and found freedom in this area.

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2017


focusing on
Apr/May/Jun

April

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

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chm's calendar of events

2017

CHM Schools, Conferences & Retreats

[SCHOOLS OF HEALING PRAYER*]

Speakers: Judith MacNutt, and team

Registration: online at www.christianhealingmin.org

April 6-8 — Level 2

May 11-13 — Level 3

July 20-22 — Level 1

August 24-26 — Level 2

October 26-28 — Level 3

Nov 30 - Dec 2 — Level 4

[JOURNEY TO HEALING RETREAT]

Doubletree by Hilton, Jacksonville, FL

Speakers: Judith MacNutt and team

Registration: online at www.christianhealingmin.org

Nov 9-11 (Doubletree by Hilton, Jacksonville, FL)

[CHM INTERNSHIP PROGRAM]

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November 7-11

[IGNITE CONFERENCE]

Sheraton Burlington, Burlington, VT

Speakers: Judith MacNutt and John & Carol Arnott;

worship led by Kelanie Gloeckler

Registration: online at www.christianhealingmin.org

June 21-24

[CAPTIVATE WOMEN'S CONFERENCE]*

Hyatt Regency Jacksonville Riverfront, Jacksonville, FL

Speakers: Judith MacNutt, Danny and Sheri Silk;

worship led by Kelanie Gloeckler

Registration: online at www.christianhealingmin.org

NEW DATE!

September 29 - Oct 1

(previously September 28-29)

Due to a situation at the Hyatt that is beyond our control, we are having to shift our dates for Captivate 2017 by one day. Full refunds can be issued for those who have already registered and will be unable to attend due to the changed date. If you have any questions regarding your registration, please email info@christianhealingmin.org.

[CHM IS STREAMING]

All CHM conferences are available for streaming. Not only can you enjoy each conference live from where you are, you will also have access to the archived teachings. Visit our website for more information and for pricing.

www.christianhealingmin.org

**Dates and schedules subject to change.*

Other Conferences

APRIL 1 » Keys to Healing with Judith MacNutt [St. Augustine, FL]

Speaker: Judith MacNutt

CHM BOOKSTORE



PSALMS II

» a CD by Shane & Shane

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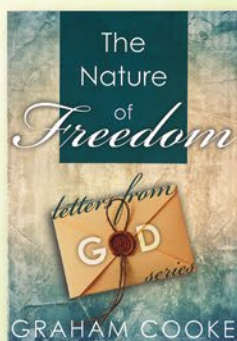
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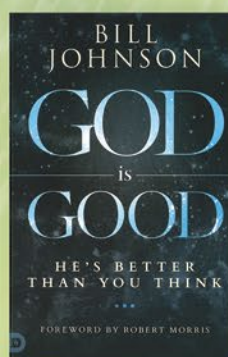
THE NATURE OF FREEDOM

» by Graham Cooke

Read a letter from God explaining how He thinks about common life struggles and the extraordinary depths of freedom available to you. Learn how to see as He sees, think how He thinks and allocate His nature of freedom to all areas of your life!

The Nature of Freedom is a powerful devotional tool that enables people to understand a wide variety of truths purely from God's perspective. The book is deeply relational, highly personal and carries the same simple, practical and profound theology that Jesus used throughout the Gospels.

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GOD IS GOOD

» by Bill Johnson

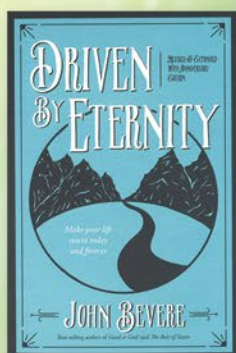
God is better than we think... so it's time to change the way we think about Him.

"God is Good." More than a positive thought, theological concept, or Biblical statement—what you do with these three words defines your reality and determines your destiny.

In a world of fear, disease, crisis, torment, uncertainty, and hopelessness, what you believe about God's goodness reveals how you will respond to the trials and circumstances of everyday life. Your view of God impacts everything!

Respected pastor and bestselling author, Bill Johnson presents his new groundbreaking book that calls believers to build their lives on one unshakeable foundation: the assurance that God is good.

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DRIVEN BY ETERNITY

» by John Bevere

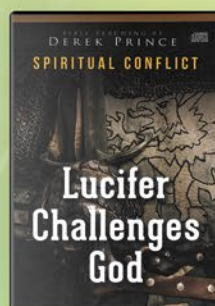
One day you will stand before God and give an account of your life. The most important question you can ask yourself now is, will you be ready?

Most Christians know their response to the cross determines where they will spend eternity. But did you know that how you'll spend eternity is determined by what you do in this life?

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In *Driven by Eternity*, best-selling author John Bevere uses an eye-opening allegory and extensive Scripture to unveil how our daily choices shape our eternal existence.

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- The Rebellion of Lucifer
- Results Produced by Lucifer's Rebellion
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\$29.99 » Item #C316

CHM BOOKSHELF



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» Judith MacNutt » B1624 » \$13.99

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CAN HOMOSEXUALITY BE HEALED?

» Francis MacNutt » B231 » \$16.00

THE SWORD OF THE SPIRIT, THE WORD OF GOD

» Joy Lamb » B467 » \$15.00

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we are not called to render judgment or even to provide advice. When praying, the Holy Spirit will guide us, and he knows what is needed.

It may be important for the wounded person to renounce lies from the enemy such as self-condemnation, guilt or self-judgment. Sometimes the Holy Spirit leads a person to break inner vows by renouncing them and asking forgiveness from the Lord, which has the wonderful effect of freeing us from harmful thoughts and behaviors.

Forgiveness can be a powerful tool, and can provide immediate release and a sense of freedom. Lack of forgiveness, over time, can trap, paralyze and spiritually blind us. Forgiveness shifts the burden of justice from our shoulders to the Lord's shoulders.

As CHM prayer ministers, we also pray for inner healing, in which case we invite Jesus into the memories of abuse, so he can heal and restore. Our constant companion, the Holy Spirit, can lead, guide and bring comfort in these situations.

And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever—the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.

—John 14:16-17, NIV



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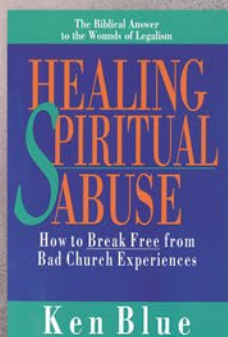
A member of CHM's Board of Trustees and speaker at many of CHM's schools and conferences.

RECOMMENDED READING

HEALING SPIRITUAL ABUSE

» by Ken Blue

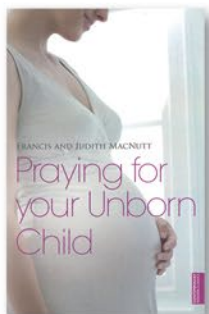
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Praying for Your Unborn Child

[1988, Hodder & Stoughton]

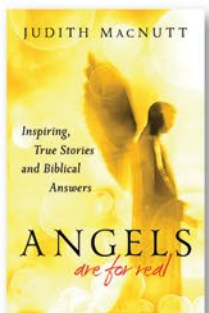


I co-authored this book with my wife Judith to encourage parents to pray for the developing baby in utero, a time period often neglected when we pray. People who have read the book have often been healed of memories of their own

experiences of fear or rejection in the womb. That is why we teach Conception to Birth prayer in our School of Healing Prayer®.

Angels Are For Real

[2012, Chosen Books]

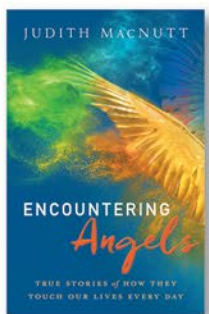


I, (Judith) wrote *Angels are for Real* to explain the biblical teaching about angels, their importance as messengers, protectors, healers and comforters to the people of God. I explore what angels look like, what they do, their place in the heavenly

hierarchy and what fallen angels are. Interwoven are amazing true stories of angels comforting and rescuing people in need.

Encountering Angels

[2016, Chosen Books]



This is the book to read if you are ever feeling lost, afraid, confused or desperate. Each story of angelic encounter is from a person who experienced a supernatural visit at a time when they were caught in grief at the loss of a loved one, worry about

a child in danger, or stuck on a highway with car trouble. Even more important are the biblical accounts, because angels had great significance in the life of Jesus. Angels demonstrate the love of God to his children. ✨

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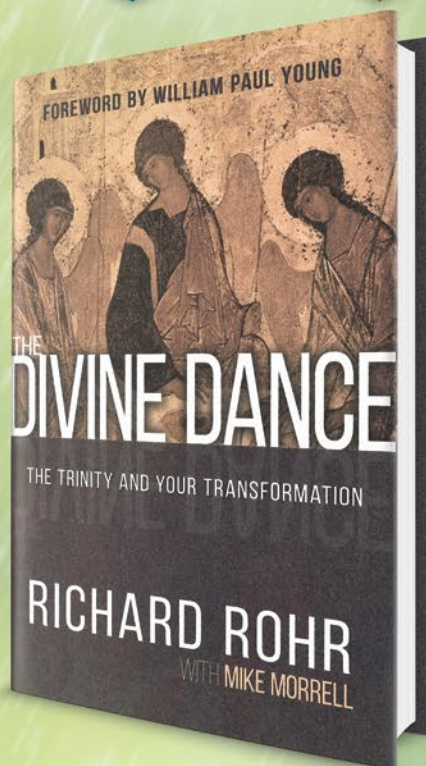
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