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coming into the world."

—JOHN 1:9



May Jesus, the light of the world, fill your families, hearts, and homes with His bright, bright love. May His light extinguish every bit of darkness and bring to you and yours the fullness of His promised Holy Spirit. May He heal your hearts, homes and bodies, and bring peace between you and those you love.

With much love,

Francis + Judith

Letter from the



Dear CHM Friends and Family,

As I go through the journey of my life, I see habits, behaviors and thought patterns that show my need for more healing. What I love about the healing journey is that when I reach out for help and make a prayer appointment, the end result is what I call a "closer still" place in my relationship with my sweet, precious Lord. One of the hardest first steps is making an appointment. I encourage you to make that prayer appointment today or encourage another person in that direction. God loves His "closer still" places with us!

Blessings,

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WALK TOGETHER THROUGH GRIEF

JUDITH MACNUTT

The holiday season is not always joyous and festive for everyone. Many of us are remembering loved ones who have passed away, dear friends that have moved away, or lost dreams and unfulfilled plans that weigh down our spirits.

When we address issues of pain and grief, sorrow and suffering, Jesus encourages us when he says, *There is one coming—the Holy Spirit. He is the Comforter.* From Genesis to Revelation we see a God who loves and comforts!

In Jesus' last discourse from John Chapters 13-16, he told his disciples that he was "going away." Because I am so relational, my first thought is, *What was that conversation like for the disciples?* Christ is their best friend, mentor and leader. They felt safe with him. Suddenly he says, "I am going away. Where I am going you cannot go."

And they say, "Why can't we go there?"

I love the response of Jesus: *"I tell you the truth; it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you."* (John 16:7)

Jesus received the Holy Spirit at the River Jordan—the Holy Spirit came upon him and filled him. He is now telling them that the same Comforter is coming to them. He said, *"I will not leave you as orphans. I will come to you."* (John 14:18)

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I will not leave you alone. Don't worry; the Holy Spirit is coming. He kept reinforcing that message until the time of the ascension, when he "ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said 'you heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.'" (Acts 1:4-5)

We know that we have a God who is faithful. We know when we turn to him he will respond and that he is with us always. He passes his comfort on to us so that we can comfort one another in our losses. The Bible says to "rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep." (Romans 12:15) That means that whatever that friend or relative is going through, we are asked to enter into it with them, until they can return to a place of hope.

Despair arrives when all hope is gone. If I am praying with someone who seems to have lost all hope, I know that healing is needed.

One thing we have lost in our culture is the ritual of mourning. We need a period of time set aside where we can be comforted, sustained, and carried through our grief. I think President Roosevelt was the last one to wear a black armband when his mother passed away. The armband was a visible symbol to alert people to be kind to that person because he or she is going through a hard time.

Remember these scriptural principles as you walk with one another through grief and loss:

It is the Holy Spirit who brings the comfort.

Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, says your God.

—Isaiah 40:1

We have a God and Savior who is not afraid of pain, loss and sorrow.

He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering.

—Isaiah 53:3

He heals the brokenhearted and brings freedom.

To comfort all who mourn, and provide for those who grieve in Zion—to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair. They will be called oaks of righteousness.

—Isaiah 61:3

As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you.

—Isaiah 66:13

Some people feel like their season of grief is never going to be over.

God will wipe every tear from their eyes.

—Revelation 21:4

After Job had prayed for his friends, the Lord restored his fortunes . . . The Lord blessed the latter part of Job's life more than the former part.

—Job 42:10-12

Jesus is the Good Shepherd

In John 10:4, Jesus said, "My sheep hear my voice and follow me." We carry in our minds an image of Jesus lifting a lamb on his shoulders, or the Good Shepherd reaching over the edge of the mountain to rescue the little lamb that is caught. These images touch our hearts.

I put a section in my new book, *Encountering Angels*, about my experience with shepherds in Israel. While there, I learned how much shepherds love their sheep! And the sheep love their leaders. I learned that you can have five shepherds with all their sheep mingling out in the field and if one shepherd gives a certain sound, his, and only his sheep, will separate from the rest and go with him. They literally know the voice of their shepherd.

Remember these tender images when you are with someone who is going through a season of loss. And remember there are many things that we grieve other than death. Let other people know what you are going through. You can't expect to pray grief away. I wish it was that easy. God is not a magician. But as a church, we can help people deal with loss in the context of faith and grace-filled community.

Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

—Galatians 6:2

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does healing prayer have a **DOWNSIDE?**

DARREN WILSON

I am a filmmaker. I have spent the last 10 years of my life chasing after God with a video camera, attempting to capture glimpses of Him moving around the world, and by doing so, hopefully giving both myself and the world a tiny glimpse of His character. After a decade of "filming God," I can confidently say that while I don't know if I understand Him any better, I certainly do love and trust Him more than ever.

The more I get to know God, the less I understand Him. He is obviously the most creative Person in the Universe, which means that He will never be predictable, He will always surprise us, and He doesn't view things the way us "normal" people do. Simply put, He is God and we are not.

While making my films *Holy Ghost & Holy Ghost Reborn*, I traveled to Brazil with evangelist Randy Clark to film at one of his annual "Youth Power Invasion" trips. On this trip, hundreds of young people (roughly ages 15-30) travel to Brazil to learn how to pray for healing. They are then thrown into the fire at a giant crusade, and are pegged to be the ministry team for the thousands of people who come forward for healing prayer.

For my purposes as a filmmaker, I singled out a handful of kids who had hardly ever prayed for anyone in their life. I didn't want to talk to the ones who were old hands at healing prayer, I wanted the frightened ones—the ones who hoped something would happen, but doubted that it would. While talking to them, a few things became immediately clear.

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First, they were all terrified to pray for healing. This terror was rooted in the fear that when they prayed, nothing would happen. This same fear is what kept me from praying for anyone for years. There is a natural tendency to play things safe in life, which is why stepping out in faith-fueled prayer is such a leap for many people. On the one hand, you fear disappointing someone and making him or her doubt whether God loves or cares. But drill down deeper, and I think the true apprehension lies in our own thoughts and fears about God and our own relationship with Him. If He doesn't heal when we pray for someone, what does that say about us? Stepping out in faith and being dropped isn't just embarrassing, but it can also be devastating to our own faith.

Believing in an invisible God is hard enough. But when God is silent, it is almost too much for many people to take. Better to hedge our bets and play it safe when we pray, so that we (the praying team) and the person we're praying for don't get disappointed.

I watched this fear play out with one of the young people I filmed in Brazil. It was both painful and confusing. This young woman had never prayed for anyone before, but she had come to Brazil after hearing amazing stories of how God moves and she wanted to be a part of it. Add on the fact that she was being filmed by the "Finger of God people" and she was more than confident that she would see miracles. But she didn't see miracles. When she started praying for people, nothing happened. Time and again she would pray, and the person would admit that they didn't feel any better. And as I watched her, her face fell, until by the end she seemed to be questioning her own faith in God.

I believe that healing should be a normal aspect of our faith, and that boldness in our faith should be pursued and cultivated. But there appears to be a downside to healing prayer, and it's something everyone must face. Not everyone you pray for will be healed. In fact, for many people, most of those you pray for may not be healed. The question then becomes: what are you going to do about it? Are you going to continue your pursuit of a radical God who loves immensely but cannot be fully understood? Or are you going to shy away because of embarrassment and disappointment and turn to a faith that is built on principles only, with no risk involved?

I think the thing that often gets lost about praying for healing is the fact that, at the end of the day, it's not about us anyway. If we can't take credit for the times when God does move and someone is healed, then likewise, we can't take credit for times when God, for whatever reason, doesn't heal

when we pray. God doesn't need a publicist, He is perfectly capable of defending His own honor. When we shy away from our duty as believers to pray for the sick and broken, we are essentially saying that it's more about us. When we think we need to protect God from Himself, we elevate ourselves to a position of a pseudo godhead where we are claiming to be more merciful than the one who made us.

There is a downside of healing prayer, but it isn't the disappointment that comes when nothing happens. The true downside of praying for healing is the tendency we have to make this prayer more about us than about the one we are praying to...and for. Once you remove faith in God and love for the person from the equation, then you have left the realm of relationship and replaced it with the religion of performance. While it is natural to feel a pang of disappointment when our prayers go unanswered, it should never debilitate us from praying for healing. ✨

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THE MAIN STREAM OF HEALING

in the early church

REV. KEN POLSLEY

I love the story about how John Wimber started to go to church when he was a new Christian straight out of the nightclub scene in Las Vegas with no church background. John was reading his New Testament cover to cover and listening to some great sermons from his pastor about Jesus.

After a few weeks, John got restless and asked a lay leader in the church, “When are we going to do the stuff?”

“What stuff?” replied the leader.

“You know, the stuff here in the Bible; the stuff Jesus did, like healing the sick, raising the dead, healing the blind—stuff like that?”

Then it had to be explained to John that they didn’t actually “do the stuff” anymore. They only did what they do in the church services. Wimber, who was a baby Christian and couldn’t help himself, blurted out, “You mean I gave up drugs for that?”¹ Wimber was reading and hearing God’s word without historical layers of reasons why a follower of Jesus might not do the ministry that the early followers of Jesus did. A simple reading of the New Testament without historical blinders creates an expectation that we might get to do “the stuff.”

Jesus trained the twelve and then the seventy-two unnamed disciples to do exactly what He had been doing: to preach that the kingdom of God was at hand, to heal the sick, and to drive out the demons that oppressed people. When He sent the disciples into the villages in pairs, they were well trained by Jesus by constant observation—practical experience and debrief. They knew what to do because they had seen Jesus do it hundreds of times and they had assisted Him. Training creates the expectation of actually doing the ministry, just as teaching created an expectation in John Wimber to “do the stuff.”

The disciples continued to do what they were trained to do after Jesus ascended to the Father. The healings through the disciples in the book of Acts, like the healings of Jesus in

the gospels, should be considered “the highlights” that contributed to the strategic advance of Jesus’ mission. The healing through Peter and John of the paralytic beggar at the temple gate opened Jerusalem to the good news of the Kingdom. Peter preached to the crowd and many people were added to the faith.

The report about Philip in a Samaritan city (a surprising place for a Jew to minister) was amazing! *“When the crowds heard Philip and saw the miraculous signs he did, they all paid close attention to what he said. With shrieks, evil spirits came out of many, and many paralytics and cripples were healed. So there was great joy in that city”* (Acts 8:6-8). This is how the message of the Kingdom and the demonstration of the Kingdom worked together to open up new regions to Jesus.

In Lydda on the coast of Israel, Peter healed a man who had been bedridden for eight years. All those in Lydda and Sharon saw the formerly sick man and they turned to the Lord (Acts 9:32-35). In Joppa, still on the coast, Peter was used to resuscitate from death a believer named Tabitha. This news spread throughout Joppa and many in that city believed (Acts 9:36-43).

Paul is used to heal a man with crippled feet in Lystra in what is now Southeastern Turkey. As a result they were able to share the good news of Jesus throughout that whole region and planted churches. The disciples did what Jesus trained them to do. Interestingly, we see these same kinds of strategic healings happening throughout the “majority world” today in Asia, South America, Africa and the Middle East. New cities and regions are being opened up to the good news of Jesus.

Jerry Trousdale, who directs international ministries for CityTeam, shares one of my favorite stories about an African minister and his assistant whose motorcycle broke down as they were going to a village. Unfortunately, the cycle stopped just outside another village that they had been warned not to visit because it was very hostile to Christians. They couldn’t fix their cycle, and it was too far to push it to the destination village. As they were agonizing about what to do, they heard loud crying and wailing coming from the direction of the hostile village. They started to walk toward the noise. They asked a passerby what was happening and were told that the chief’s wife had died. They felt a strong urgency to go into the village and see. The woman had been washed, dressed and prepared for burial. One of the two stranded men, although afraid, felt an inner compulsion to pray for the dead woman. He had never done this before, but he went to the body and started to pray. Some people wanted him to be removed,

and others said to let him continue, because maybe God sent him. After he had prayed fervently for an hour and a half, he felt some warmth in the dead woman’s hand. Then he felt a heartbeat. The crowd was getting angrier with him just before the woman opened her eyes, sat up, and asked, “May I have some water?”

The two men explained to the crowd that it was Jesus, not them, who raised the woman from the dead. They were required to stay in the city overnight, but they wanted to leave because they were afraid that the woman might die again in the night. The next morning she was still alive!

In the morning the chief came and thanked the men, and told them that he was not going to change his religion, but that he believed in their Jesus. He was, however, lifting the ban on Christianity that had existed for many years in the village. The chief pointed to a school building and said that if the visitors wanted to use the building to pray for his people, they could use it for prayer sessions. Again, the men were permitted to address the whole village and tell them about Jesus. Today there are Christian communities throughout that region. A postscript to the story is that when they returned to their motorcycle later that day, it started up immediately.²

The point I am making is that numerous strategic healings are being reported today throughout the “majority world,” similar to this African story. They are not always as dramatic, but they mirror the kinds of healings done by those early followers of Jesus. The largest compendium and most reliable contemporary stories are recorded in Craig Keener’s book, *Miracles: The Credibility of the New Testament Accounts*.³

The question is, what happened after the twelve and seventy-two disciples died? Did healing continue in the Christian communities or were the healing gifts discontinued? I used to answer this question incorrectly, but according to my lack of experience. I said that healing died when the last apostle died in approximately 100 A.D. I was ignorant of the history. In reality, healing flourished in the early post-Apostolic churches and the church grew rapidly by means of healing and exorcisms for the next 200 years, even after Christianity was declared illegal in the Roman Empire.

Think about this: Christianity was illegal, so how could it grow? Christians didn’t do preaching events or conferences in those days. They didn’t go door-to-door talking with people; that would be dangerous. One didn’t advertise church. Any neighbor could turn a Christian into the authorities, and one could be thrown into jail, or worse, be thrown to wild

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The historian, Alan Kreider, sums up the experience of the post-Apostolic church like this: “Jesus, through the Holy Spirit, had unleashed unimaginable spiritual power for good in the world. The Christians claimed that they had access to this power. When the Christians encountered what they viewed as

⁶(Alan Kreider, *The Patient Ferment of the Early Church: The Improbable Rise of Christianity in the Roman Empire*, Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Academic, 2016, pg. 107, 111).



Dr. Robert M. Lippman is a man with short, dark hair, smiling at the camera. He is wearing a light blue button-down shirt. The background is a blurred outdoor setting with a building and some foliage.

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GRIEF

LOVE'S DESCENT

SHERRI GRADY

*"The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want.
He restores my soul.
Your rod and staff, they comfort me.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
All the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever."
– Portions of Psalm 23*

Grief is classified as an emotion and a state of being. Grief feels like sorrow or anguish. Spiritually and psychologically its function is to activate us to cry, to help us accept truths of loss, and to engage us in seeking support from others and God. These are ways that the pain of grief can be comforted. Grief, as a state of being, is sorrow and other similar emotions we are immersed in for a period of time.

Grief has been one of my closest companions for many, many years. My mother died in 2004, which was near the beginning of a ten-year season of significant losses for me. There was an ache that moved in and remained. Over time, I began to realize that to grieve is actually a gift from God. We grieve because we have the desire to love which has been placed in us by Him. We are made in God's image, capable of deep love and joy. Therefore, by design, we are capable of experiencing deep, deep sadness and pain upon loss. When we love someone or something, the experience is felt within every part of our being. Perhaps the most beautiful, powerful experience of life is found in being known and loved as well as knowing and loving another.

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We grieve when we experience the sorrow of loss. The sorrow and suffering may be experienced in the physical sense in tears, difficulty with energy, confusion, and heaviness. The emotions may be a flood of sadness, sorrow, despair, anger, hurt, loneliness, and fear that come in waves. It is also important to realize that individuals grieve differently. Everyone's process is unique.

In general, people tend to live in the midst of tension between the desire for love and the fear of pain. However, the two are not mutually exclusive. We cannot enjoy love without experiencing pain. Seeking pleasure and avoiding pain is a worldly belief inherent in humankind. One of the most challenging calls for the Christian is Jesus' bid to come and die to self (Luke 9:23-24). Dying to self means a willingness to accept painful experiences. Growth in the capacity to navigate and process loss is necessary to mature in Christ. However, it is not necessarily something we are "taught" very well.

Our perception of the grief process is that it is something that happens *TO* you. The typical belief is that when you have a loss, you experience "grief" and it is not something you have any responsibility for or control over. That is a myth. Part of the grief process is voluntary. It is the intentional journey each of us takes in our deep sorrow. Time and distance do not heal wounds. Father Richard Rohr says, "*Pain that is not transformed is transmitted.*"

The process of grieving the loss of my mother, father and others has strengthened my capacity to embrace suffering, and this embrace has been a gift from God. I am sad that I wasted much of my life being afraid of and avoiding one of the most prominent companions we must meet on the road as a disciple of Christ. It is often during suffering that we experience the beautiful descent of love with Christ. We usually only surrender control when we realize we cannot get ourselves out of the mess or the pain or whatever discomfort is swallowing us up. For me, the times that I seemed to be most capable of surrendering deeply were in the middle of the heartache of losing the people I loved the most. There was no one else to turn to and nowhere else to go. I am grateful that God led me there and met me there with his full support. It put me in a position where relying on my defense mechanisms no longer worked. I knew I needed to depend on Him. It wasn't until I was at this place in the grief process that I realized how much I relied on myself and not on Him. His invitation to me was a step of faith, like plunging into murky water not knowing what was underneath.

Part of the grief process is God's responsibility, and part of it belongs to us. To understand God's part, we look to His Word. He promises to comfort you; to never change but to change all things; to never leave you; to love you; to give you strength; to give you a garment of praise instead of despair; to give you peace; to give you the oil of gladness instead of mourning; to bring joy; to bring help; to bring you hope. He promises these things to His children, and He is faithful. The Holy Spirit is faithful to minister these Truths to our hearts and minds when we call upon Him.

What is your part? First, be willing to identify and acknowledge your suffering and losses. Explore with God what those are, even if there are historical ones you have not honored. Some examples to help you in the process are: create a timeline of your life, use a workbook as a guide, allow for solitude and space to be with God, or engage in the spiritual practice of lament. You might be thinking, *WHY?* When we do not intentionally grieve, we often unknowingly allow our hurts to become the centerpieces of our life, or we construct walls to keep ourselves protected. When healing doesn't begin or finish, our choices often become defined by trying to fill emptiness or numb pain with other things or people (and we might not even be aware of it!)

We are changed through suffering. We have a choice whether we are willing to participate in being transformed more into Christlikeness or move away from Christ. In a grieving process that is intentional, we reach a point where we can take a small step of faith with courage into the real condition of our soul. We can let go of the belief that it is God's job to protect us from all pain and hurt. In our deepest pain, we are given the invitation to look to our Savior, Jesus, for healing.

Grieving allows a person to move from the aches of "goodbye" to accept something new. There is freedom to shift from sadness to remembrance accompanied with joy. At some point, there is a desire to comfort others with the love of Christ as you have been comforted. When we intentionally grieve, over time we are relieved of the piercing anguish of heart. There still may be sorrow, but your heart is free also to experience joy.

Jesus took this beautiful journey along the descent of love. Just like Him, we get to choose whether we step on the path and whether we will walk until the end. Grief is a voluntary journey and suffering is a critical process in the transformation into the likeness of Christ.

Romans 5:4 is one of the best explanations of how that happens: *"We rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us."* It is the option of the narrow road where we choose to respond to suffering the way Jesus did. It is the hardest road, full of anguish and agony, and it is one that leads to life. *"And He said to all, if anyone would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it. For what does it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses his own soul?"* (Luke 9:23)

I have begun to think of grief as love's descent. A characteristic of love is humility. "Humility, the place of entire dependence upon God, is from the very nature of things the first duty and the highest virtue of His creatures." (Andrew Murray, *Humility*) It is the joyful surrender of self-denial. It is the stance that believes that God alone is worthy of our sacrifice and praise. That means a willingness to give up things and being open to not having what you want at times. That means trusting God with every part of your soul and your life—the past, the present, and the future. It means leaning into God in the deepest suffering. Jesus said, *"I tell you the truth, you will weep and mourn while the world rejoices. You will grieve, but your grief will turn to joy. Weeping may last for a night—but joy comes in the morning."* (John 16:20)

During Jesus' life on earth, the phrase He chiefly used when talking about the relationship between He and His disciples was "Follow Me." When He was about to leave for heaven, He gave a new word. That chosen word was "Abide in Me." You cannot expect to abide in Him unless you give Him time. He is your manna for each day. We must feed on Him if we are to live in Him and Him in us. As we share in the fellowship of Christ's suffering we are made more into His image; that is part of the gift of the experience of grief.

In my experience of losses, it often felt like my soul was being pierced by nails of pain and anguish of heart. We do not just "get over" or "move on" from the pain and suffering of loss. It is necessary to intentionally carve out time to deal with the condition of our soul with God. It is important to value solitude and guard against the temptation to isolate. Support from companions and friends who love you is crucial. Taking the time to allow God to minister to you through the Holy Spirit, whether through His Word, the

Eucharist, prayer ministry, praise, worship or others, is vital for healing. When coming alongside others who are grieving, listen, love, and pray as God leads you.

Suffering for Love's sake is the journey Jesus took as He took on flesh. It is the descent He walked when He carried His cross and laid down His life for all the sins of the world so that you would be reconciled to the Father for eternity. Participation in our suffering is a critical part of being transformed into Christlikeness. It is a beautiful, necessary part of your spiritual journey that will yield much fruit. Friend, take courage—you are not alone. ☞

*"Lord, high and holy, meek and lowly,
Thou hast brought me to the valley of vision,
where I live in the depths but see Thee in the heights;
hemmed in by mountains of sin I behold Thy glory.*

*Let me learn by paradox that the way down is
the way up,*

*that to be low is to be high,
that the broken heart is the healed heart,
that the contrite spirit is the rejoicing spirit,
that the repenting soul is the victorious soul,
that to have nothing is to possess all,
that to bear the cross is to wear the crown,
that to give is to receive,
that the valley is the place of vision.*

*Lord, in the daytime stars can be seen from
deepest wells,
and the deeper the wells, the brighter Thy stars shine;
let me find Thy light in my darkness,*

*Thy life in my death,
Thy joy in my sorrow,
Thy grace in my sin,
Thy riches in my poverty,
Thy glory in my valley."*

—Arthur Bennett, *The Valley of Vision:
A Collection of Puritan Prayers and Devotions*

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LOOKING BACK AT 2017

LIZ BAILEY

As I reflect back on an amazing year of CHM events, the words of Paul to the church in Philippi come to mind: *"I thank God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the Gospel from the first day until now."* (Phil. 1:3) Coming together as a body of believers from all denominational backgrounds unites us in ways that are hard to explain; it is simply something you have to experience for yourself. For our team at CHM, our sole reason for hosting events is to provide a place where there can be an individual and corporate encounter with the person, the presence and the power of the risen Christ. Experiences like these are what draw us together as a body and strengthen us for the work of the Gospel—and 2017 was no exception! With a total of seven (at capacity) Schools of Healing Prayer®, two Journey to Healing Retreats, Ignite, Captivate, numerous DHP's (Day of Healing Prayer) and IPM's (Intensive Prayer Ministry) we literally met thousands of people who were hungry for an encounter with God. Jesus met us in powerful ways this past year and we have all been blessed to witness His power and love poured out among us. We saw people healed physically, emotionally and spiritually; individuals were set free from oppression and strongholds; sons and daughters of God were empowered, equipped, trained and released into who He created them to be. When we encounter a move of God as we did at our 2017 events, we can again echo Paul's words to the Philippians: *"I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ."* (Phil. 1:6) What joy comes when we can look at one another and say, "The Lord is doing something amazing in you; I cannot wait to see how it unfolds!"

There is something else that Paul says in verse 7 that is very interesting: *"...it is right for me to feel this way..."* He is referencing his feelings of love toward the Philippian church because of their partnership in the Kingdom of God. There is an expression that is currently trending in pop culture, which is "all the feels." It essentially means that something has made us feel good. For

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example, "that wedding gave me all the feels," or "this song makes me feel all the feels." We live in a culture that is ruled by emotions and feelings. This is not always a negative thing, but as Christ-followers, we must be wise in this area. Our feelings and emotions are God-given and are meant to move us. They help us know when and how to react and respond to the world around us. They are meant to guide us but not rule us—this is where wisdom is so important.

I believe, however, that an exception to this rule is given to us by Paul in verses 7-8: *"it is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus."* As followers of Christ and defenders of the Gospel, there is a love for one another and a bond that is created that should, in every

way, give us "all the feels." This type of community among believers is crucial as we go about Kingdom work. This year at our many events, we witnessed people from all over the world find one another and develop connections that will last into eternity. We are praying that what the Lord did in 2017 would extend into 2018. Please take a look at our 2018 event calendar on page 19 and pray about joining us for an event. We look forward to meeting you! ✈



LIZ BAILEY

Events Coordinator for CHM.



the word of their testimony...

HEALING FROM CANCER

Twenty years ago I was treated for breast cancer. I thought I was cancer free until three years ago, when a CAT scan showed that my liver was peppered with innumerable small breast cancer tumors. Treatment was started (a small daily anti-estrogen pill).

I attended the first Journey to Healing at St. Christopher's (South Carolina). During one of the prayer sessions, I had a vision of God using a brand new pencil with an eraser. I could see a map of my liver with many tiny cancer spots and God was erasing them. I rejoiced and shared this vision with others and have continued to thank God for the work that He was doing in me.

Since I had that vision, CAT scans have been done every six months and they have showed that the cancer is "stable" (the tumors have not gotten bigger nor more numerous). I thanked God but wondered when He was going to erase them completely.

On December 9, 2016, I received my answer for the "when." My June 2016 CAT scan had shown that the cancer was stable; the December 2016 CAT scan showed that the cancer was gone completely from my liver! Praise God! He is so faithful!

— Ardy R

LEUKEMIA: FROM ACTIVE TO DORMANT

a testimony from Audrey H. by Kathi Smith

In March of this year, Judith was speaking at a church in front of about 300 people. The priest announced that there was a woman in the audience who had been healed of leukemia years before when Francis had prayed for her. I was so excited to meet her; I got together with her to give her a hug and hear her story.

In 1991, Audrey was diagnosed with leukemia. Three years later she went to a service in St. Augustine where Bishop John J. Snyder and Francis MacNutt were presiding over a healing service. She remembers Francis holding her hands and asking her what she wanted Jesus to do for her that day. When recalling the story, I watched her eyes tear up and her lips curl into a beautiful smile.

"I told him that I was OK if the Lord wanted me to keep leukemia, but if He was OK to heal me, I would prefer that." I smiled. "Then he just asked the Lord to heal me and he prayed in tongues for a bit," she recalled. "I went back to the doctor for my bloodwork and although the leukemia was still there, it had gone dormant."

That was in 1994—and today, in 2017, 23 years later, she still gets her bloodwork done every six months and the leukemia has stayed inactive. Praise the Lord!

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		JOURNEY TO HEALING DOUBLETREE BY HILTON - Jacksonville, FL				
		I N T E R N S H I P P R O G R A M				
12	13	14 Open Prayer 1:30 pm Generational Healing Service 6:00 pm	15	16	17	18
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26	27	28	29	30 SHP LEVEL 4 DOUBLETREE BY HILTON Jacksonville, FL		

December

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10	11	12 Open Prayer 1:30 pm & 6:00 pm	13	14	15	16
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24	25 MERRY CHRISTMAS Office closed	26 Office closed	27 Office closed	28 Office closed	29 Office closed	30

January

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	JOURNEY TO HEALING Seabrook Island, SC					
	MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY Office closed	Open Prayer 1:30 pm & 6:00 pm				
21	22 Day of Healing Prayer	23 Open Prayer 1:30 pm Generational Healing Service 6:00 pm	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

February

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11	12	13 Open Prayer 1:30 pm & 6:00 pm	14 Happy Valentine's Day	15	16	17
18	19 Day of Healing Prayer	20 Open Prayer 1:30 pm & 6:00 pm	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28			

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[SCHOOLS OF HEALING PRAYER®]

Speakers: Judith MacNutt, and team

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Nov 30 - Dec 2 — Level 4

[JOURNEY TO HEALING RETREAT]

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

[CHM INTERNSHIP PROGRAM]

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November 7-11

chm's calendar of events

2018

CHM Schools, Conferences & Retreats

[SCHOOLS OF HEALING PRAYER*]

Speakers: Judith MacNutt, and team

February 1-3 — Level 1

March 1-3 — Level 2

April 5-7 — Level 3

May 31 - June 2 — Level 1

July 19-21 — Level 2

September 13-15 — Level 3

Nov 29 - Dec 1 — Level 4

[JOURNEY TO HEALING RETREAT]

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January 15-17 (Seabrook Island, SC)

May 3-5 (Doubletree by Hilton, Jacksonville, FL)

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May 1-5

July 30 - Aug 2

[IGNITE CONFERENCE]

Sheraton Burlington, Burlington, Vermont

**Speakers: Judith MacNutt and J. Lee Grady;
worship led by Kelanie Gloeckler**

June 20-23

[CAPTIVATE WOMEN'S CONFERENCE]

**Hyatt Regency Jacksonville Riverfront,
Jacksonville, Florida**

**Speaker: Judith MacNutt; worship led by
Kelanie Gloeckler**

October 4-6

[MEN'S CONFERENCE]

Information to Come

November 9-10

[DAY OF HEALING PRAYER]

CHM Campus, Jacksonville, Florida

January 22

February 19

March 12

May 14

July 9

September 24

October 22

December 10

[GENERATIONAL HEALING SERVICE]

CHM Campus, Jacksonville, Florida

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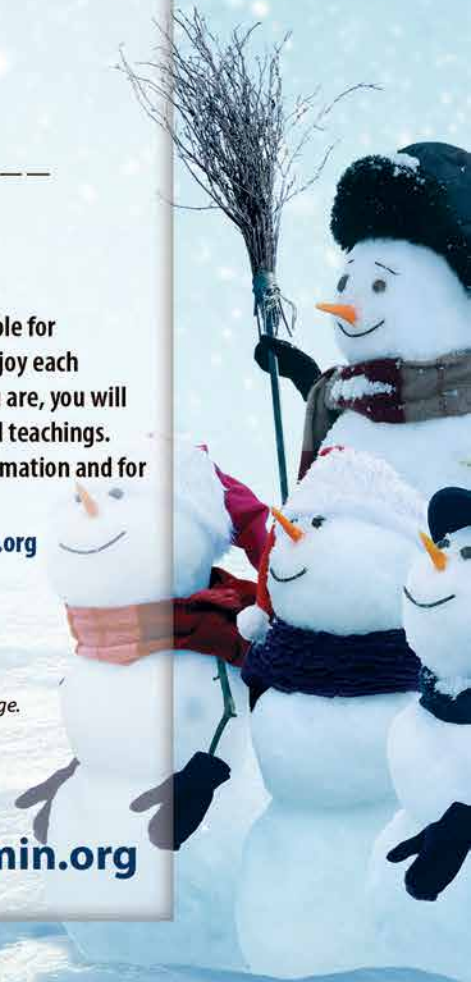
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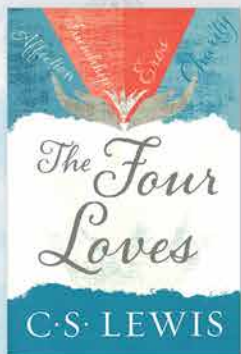
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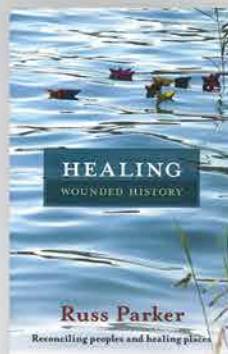


THE FOUR LOVES

» by C.S. Lewis

How does love work in our daily lives? "The human loves can be glorious images of Divine love. No less than that: but also no more." In *The Four Loves*, C.S. Lewis explores the four kinds of human love in one of his most famous works of nonfiction. He identifies these kinds of love as *affection*, the most basic form; *friendship*, the rarest and perhaps most insightful; *eros*, passionate love; and *charity*, the love of God. With his characteristic warmth and lucidity, Lewis examines how love works in our lives and allows us to be closer to God.

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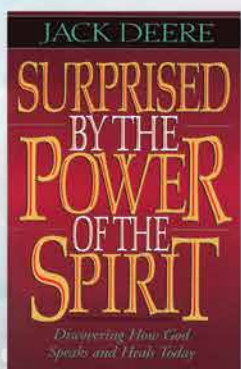
HEALING WOUNDED HISTORY

» by Russ Parker

Russ Parker explores the power of wounded group stories and reveals how they affect the people and places where they first occur. He shows how history repeats itself until we find ways to listen to it, locate where it is happening, and find healing for its consequences.

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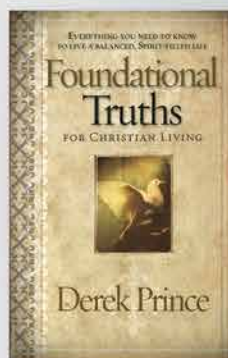
» by Jack Deere

What caused a former Dallas Seminary professor to believe that the miraculous gifts of the Holy Spirit are being given today? What convinced someone skeptical about miracles that God still speaks and heals? A dramatic change took place in Jack Deere's life when he took a fresh look at the Scriptures. He discovered that his arguments against miraculous gifts were based more on prejudice and lack of personal experience than on the Bible.

As soon as Deere became a seeker instead of a skeptic, the Holy Spirit revealed himself in new and surprising ways. In *Surprised by the Power of the Spirit*, Deere provides a strong biblical defense for the Spirit's speaking and healing ministries today. He also describes several reliable cases of people who were miraculously healed or who heard God speak in an unmistakable way. Finally, he gives sound advice for using spiritual gifts in the church.

Written in a popular style, with the care of a scholar but the passion of personal experience, this book explores: the real reason Christians do not believe in miraculous gifts, responding to charismatic abuses, whether miracles were meant to be temporary, and why God still heals.

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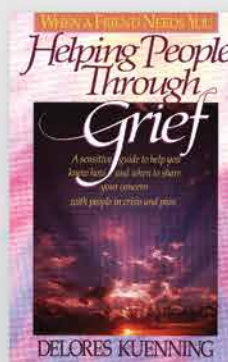
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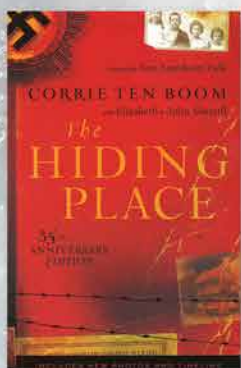
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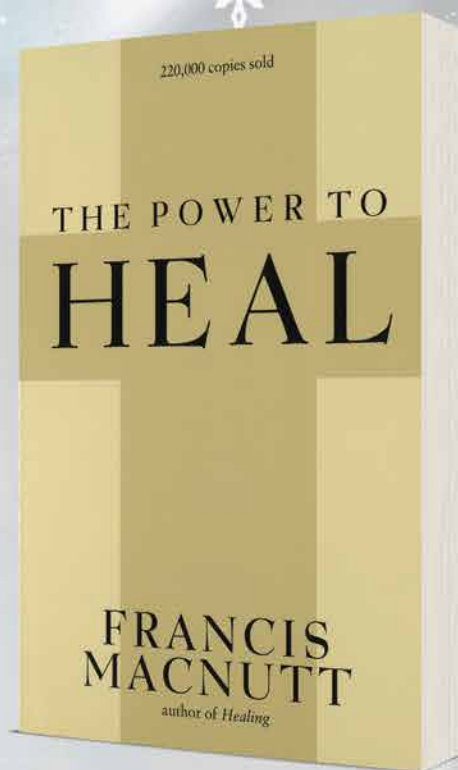
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