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DEDICATION

Of this book is to all the wonderful friends who have prayed with me and for me through the years—too many to name--and all those who know, love the Lord and spend time in prayer! And most assuredly to the Godhead who created us for relationship!

PREFACE

"Would you like a personal relationship with the Creator of the Universe?" I asked of a young woman I had just met. She was shopping in my friend, Jeanne's nutrition store, and said she had an illness and was in pain. We offered to pray for her, and she was instantly healed. She was open for my question, and as Jeanne and I explained what that meant she received JESUS into her heart right then and there. WOW! That was exciting for all of us! Jeanne and I had both ask the HOLY SPIRIT to help us to give what we have to others and He did!

THE SUPERNATURAL POWER OF PRAYER.....

FORWARD

How exciting and fun it is to talk and share with others! Most of us can take for granted that we have that opportunity when ever we like. And, yet it seems, that few know that we have the awesome privilege of talking with GOD. Prayer is not an obligation, nor duty, or an act of our 'sacrifice' to an all powerful austere GOD, who may or may not receive our words.

Prayer is a privilege and whatever fashion we enjoin with God may be in devout reverence on our knees or on our face, in tears from our grief or pain, in lighthearted conversation, thanking and loving on HIM....no matter the manner we feel or chose....we need to do it in faith. Believing GOD IS, and a rewarder of those who seek (talk with) HIM, as though HE was flesh and blood (like our family and friends)....because JESUS IS. When we worship (pray in thought, voice or song) we are entering into the *Supernatural Realm* that is more real than the physical!

MIRACLES AND MOVING ON....

LIFE IS A GIFT!

PRAYER IS A PRIVILEGE!

THE BLOOD OF JESUS IS THE CATALYST OF GOD'S GRACE!

GRACE IS GOD'S UNMERITED, UNDESERVED LOVE!

AND ALL OF THAT IS MANIFEST THROUGH THE SPIRIT
REALM, THE SUPERNATURAL POWER OF GOD TO MAN!

FAITH IS THE SUPERNATURAL SUBSTANCE OF WHAT WE
BELIEVE!

Is that not the most overwhelming concept of how close we can be to the actual Creator of the Universe and all that is in it (and even more)...through the *Spirit Realm*....right at our finger tips. Life is a gift and tucked into our lives are blessings beyond description.

This book is about one of them....the privilege of prayer, and some principles and guidance we received from the HOLY SPIRIT to navigate through the swamps of evil we are faced with daily. I am writing out of a heart of gratitude for all the LORD has revealed, and shown me in my love walk with HIM!

I pray you will know it is all about JESUS, about GOD and how HE can and will use the inadequate, because without HIM we are all woefully insufficient (especially me) and lacking; but with HIM all things are possible. (Matt 19:26)

THE PURPOSE OF PRAYER

The purpose of prayer is simply, intimacy with GOD. The original sin (colossal mistake by Adam and Eve and most of us) is self-righteousness—"I'll do it my way." We were created by God for an intimate, loving relationship with Him for eternity. Graciously GOD created us in HIS image with great potential for creativity, self-expression and joy—totally connected to, relying upon, and enjoying an intimate connection, expressly different with GOD in three persons—FATHER, SON and HOLY SPIRIT. That is absolutely *Supernatural*....and it is ours!

Early in my 'walk with GOD'.....you know, after inviting JESUS into my heart and life, I set out to learn all I could about GOD, JESUS and the HOLY SPIRIT.

Someone, and only GOD knows who, told me to always, and I mean always submit to the guidance of the HOLY SPIRIT before reading or listening to any teaching. Also, I want to add, ask the HOLY SPIRIT to quicken (make alive) what HE wants each of us to have out the teaching or study. (2 Corinthians 8:5)

Submitting to the HOLY SPIRIT will cause us to question some things. Sometimes we are taught things that have been taught and handed down from person to person, who, are well meaning but because they respect the speaker, teacher, accept it as truth without thinking through how it lines up with the entire Bible. So important that we think not just listen.

The positive side is that the HOLY SPIRIT will convict (convince) us of important things we need to know. GOD is so Good!!!

Someone else, taught me to have 'ethical theology'.....what I believe about GOD should be consistent from Genesis to Revelation. Since man was under 'law' in the Old Testament and under 'Grace' (empowered by JESUS) in the New Testament we always need to examine what we believe and have faith in, by JESUS, HIS life and HIS teachings.

Recently while in a Church service something was being taught that I did not agree with....the Holy Spirit spoke to my heart, "Where ever I am honored My Presence is there, regardless of doctrine." Thank you, LORD!

That does not make me a 'judge' or 'critic,' merely the freedom to renew my own heart, and great opportunity to love the speaker especially if I don't agree with them.

Dependence on the HOLY SPIRIT has helped me immeasurably to work my way through so many ideas and ideologies, available to all of us. It also has enabled me to love, and care about, those I don't agree with in doctrine. We, in the Body of CHRIST are one in the SPIRIT, not in mental assent. Blessings, blessings, blessings in our JESUS! All of the above affects our prayer life.

JESUS said, "When anyone hears the Word of the Kingdom, and understands it not, then comes the wicked one, and catches away that which was sown in his heart." (Matt 13:19) JESUS was saying that if we hear His words, or words from the Bible and do not understand them—protect them--the devil will steal 'the power' they can have in our heart. Because the Word is 'seed' that always works, the more we put JESUS words in our mind and heart and as we seek HIM, the more we will understand, through revelation of the HOLY SPIRIT....the 'seed' always works, but in

different ways for each of us as we pursue HIM. (John 6:63; John 14:16))

So the 'principles' I have learned and want to share, are from a heartfelt desire to help others understand as GOD has graciously blessed me with revelation, and good teachers and friends who know JESUS well. Without the HOLY SPIRIT that could never happen, as HE is the Teacher, Comforter and Guide to all things, and uses all of us to help and bless each other. (John 16:13, 14)

I have learned to relate to each person of the GODHEAD that helps me function. I look at my life as a partnership, with all of GOD as the Senior Partners. I am His daughter, on earth, a very open daughter who partners with GOD to willingly do HIS bidding, follow His direction (when I remember to ask) knowing as I yield to HIM, HE will guide, encourage, protect and bless me....while I still retain my own personality and talents to use at will. (Acts 17:29; Rom 1:20; Col 2:9)

JESUS came to earth to save us from ourselves! Self-centered, personally focused, messing up our environment, abusing or judging others, looking for 'what's in it for me?' we certainly need someone to save us--I certainly did and do. As far as I know, JESUS is the only one who has applied for the job....and boy, did I search other religions and views before I met JESUS personally, to find out. JESUS is also the only one with the credentials being both GOD and man, having an awesome resume to fit a 'Savior of mankind' job description. JESUS also came to reveal the Heart of GOD, and Who HE truly is. (John 3:16; 10:10; 17)

We can get a very warped view of God from the Old Testament if we do not understand the nature, purpose and plan of GOD. Adam

and Eve chose their path through free will—giving their authority in the Garden of Eden to the Satan, the devil.

The Old Testament is a picture of mankind 'doing their own thing' as GOD watched, and intervened on their behalf when they called upon and trusted HIM. I have shared my understanding of that in the first book in this series, *THE SUPERNATURAL POWER OF KNOWING WHO YOU ARE*, available on our website. I learned in studying JESUS, in seeking to know GOD, **HE is totally good, just and fair.** (Matt 19:17)

When Adam and Eve, through ignorance and spiritual mutiny, rebelled against GOD by their association and agreement with the devil, the whole world was changed—it was and is under a curse.

The weather changed, the animals and all creatures changed, and evil came literally into the world. Adam and Eve and all of mankind now have a sin-nature--a propensity to do wrong—**but also** a capacity to choose to do right, as we were created in the image of GOD. The gifts and callings of GOD are never taken back, but we sure can add to our dilemma with our choices. (Gen 1-3; Deut 30:19; Rom 11:29)

The Old Testament is a history of *visitation* by GOD with HIS people as they prayed and the New Testament is *habitation* of GOD as we accept JESUS in our heart and the indwelling of the HOLY SPIRIT for all time.

Many think the book of Job is about 'the suffering of mankind,' but the Lord showed me the 'self-righteousness' of Job. Even though he loved GOD, he was totally into what he had and was doing, trying to justify himself (sure saw myself in that.... Ugh!). Job knew about GOD but did not *experientially know and trust*

GOD. When Job received that revelation and repented (began to *understand GOD* and changed the way he thought) *GOD* healed and answered his prayers. (Job 42:1-6)

Everything done in the physical realm, Old Testament or New, can be used and done by us in the *spirit realm*. As there are sides to a coin, life is both physical and *spiritual*.

JESUS did nothing without purpose...and all for us. Is that exciting or what? JESUS set the example for intimacy with *GOD* by going off by HIMSELF and talking (praying) with HIS HEAVENLY FATHER often. (Luke 6:12; John 5:19)

Some of JESUS prayers were very short, "Be still!"; "Come out!"; "Be healed!"; etc. Yet the whole of Chapter 17 in the book of John is JESUS prayer to the FATHER for us, really wonderful—also, really long.

The point is, there is no 'perfect' way to pray. I was going to say no 'right or wrong' but that would not be true. Even though King David cried out in his pain (in the Psalms) he always returned to the power of *GOD* to help, save, forgive and deliver him. David *knew GOD* personally, spending time with HIM and talking with HIM. David may have poured out his negative emotions to *GOD* but it was done in faith. In other words he was saying I am in this 'pitiful' state, and I know *GOD*, You understand, and I trust YOU to handle it.

It is wrong to wring our hands in fear, doubt and unbelief....crying out in what we feel is prayer, but with doubt, fear and questioning the love of *GOD*. King David knew his condition was 'in trouble' at

times but his belief in GOD gave him faith for the solutions.
(James 1:6-8)

GOD knows our needs before we speak them, however, as a loving FATHER we can pour out our heart to HIM.....most of all HE wants to know what we believe HIM for, and why. We declare our thoughts, our heart for that intimacy even though GOD knows our needs; HIS response is not automatic, but relational. We can remind HIM of HIS words, HIS promises, in the Bible, letting HIM know we trust HIM for the answers. (Matt 6:8)

Many years ago, I was working at home and the LORD told me to take a walk. Boy, when the LORD tells you to 'take a hike' you really listen. So I went out to walk and began to pray. The LORD said, "Don't pray." Then I began to just talk to HIM and HE said, "Don't talk." As I walked I began to notice the flowers and the trees....how beautiful they were.

I felt a peace in my heart and began to enjoy the walk more and more. Then I noticed a piece of paper crumbled up, floating down a stream of water in the gutter next to me. Suddenly the paper swerved and went down a drain in the street. The LORD spoke to me, "That is how you will be if you do not spend time just 'being' with me."

I have never forgotten that day of 'splendor' as I learned to be silent in His presence. Whenever I feel far from GOD, or lost in my circumstances a little alarm will go off in my head.....whoops.....I haven't been spending time with my HEAVENLY FATHER. Now, why would I forget or neglect something I enjoy so much....it is easy and the world is so full of distractions, duties and obligations.

Isn't it awesome that GOD chose to call HIMSELF 'FATHER' (in the Bible) for all humanity? GOD so loved the world.....John 3:16. Intimacy with FATHER GOD—(ABBA-FATHER-PAPA) shared by Paul in Romans 8:15—indicating a more intimate relationship. Prayer with PAPA shouldn't have to be a discipline but sure enough, it is! Discipline is not religious dogma but something we choose to practice to get us where we want to go.

The most awesome best, highest priority of all prayer is.....I mean the reallllly best, are the times we worship HIM. Worship as in loving HIM with song, conversation and spending time with HIM. As we 'loose' the world from our mind and presence to just 'be' with HIM.

This may happen when we are at home alone, driving a car, taking a walking, resting in a Park or Beach area, a mountain hike, just time alone with GOD.

We enjoy HIS handiwork in nature, how we appreciate being with HIM, and grateful for the wisdom, knowledge and ability HE has given man to create, progress and enjoy our lives....we love on HIM like we would like to be loved....and then we wait to just feel HIS presence, or enjoy HIS peace all around us, or hear HIS voice, or have a vision, or revelation answering something we had questioned previously. In other words just 'being' with HIM....not doing anything. Allowing ourselves to 'rest' in HIM.

And, we can only 'rest' in GOD when we, by faith, know HE has adequate provision for our needs. (Hebrews 3:17,18)

Pastor Bill Johnson, Bethel Church, in Redding, California says, "Nothing happens without a declaration." Declaration.....that too is a form of prayer.....one that is in agreement with the Lord, will move mountains, i.e. heal, restore, change weather, stop fires and halt demonic activity.

Negative declarations or idle words (stupid comments with no purpose) will also cause great movement or activity, because our 'negative thoughts or words' can be in agreement with evil, with demons and the devil. Our **words actually** can empower their work to 'kill, rob and destroy." (Matt 12:35-37; John 10:10)

As we pray or declare, GOD hears us, we hear ourselves, others hear who may be in our environment, but also the evil spirits hear as well. The book of Ephesians talks about the mystery of GOD being revealed to mankind and part of that purpose is to let the principalities and powers in heavenly places (evil spirits—demons, etc) know that mankind now has knowledge of the power bought by JESUS extended to HIS followers for the establishing of HIS Kingdom. (Matt 28; Mark 16; Luke 10:19; John 17; Eph 3:10)

We become more and more aware of energy and vibration, in the physical world, and how our words come together with other energy and vibration for good or evil.

Dr. Masaru Emoto has written several books on the power of words on water. For years he did research, speaking to water, freezing it and watching the crystals change with loving positive words to beautiful gracious crystal formations. Or, to wither (so to speak) get dark and distorted when negative words were spoken, especially words like demons, hate, anger, etc. Dr. Emoto taped words, both positive and negative to bottles of water,

froze them, then took pictures of the water to establish his work. They are awesome....you may find some of his pictures on the Internet or purchase his books as they are available everywhere. (THE MIRACLE OF WATER is the book I read.)

Bottom line, Dr. Emoto says 'love and gratitude' are the most powerful words of all. His work is very convicting of the *Supernatural Power*, of words. Since we are 70% water, I have been much more aware of what I say, especially to myself. And it is almost humorous, to think the water in us, is changing from minute to minute depending on how we control our thoughts and words.

Taking each thought captive to CHRIST JESUS can become a wonderful and healthy practice! (2 Cor. 10:5)

The purpose of prayer, foremost is to connect to GOD....FATHER, SON and HOLY SPIRIT. Using our prayers, our declarations to change the world bringing heaven to earth—for our well-being--taking back what the enemy has stolen, for the Kingship of JESUS, and the Glory (*Supernatural majesty*) of GOD!

PRINCIPLES AND POWER

I have been told for years, GOD has no 'formulas.' I think a '*spirit of deception*' started that idea, using the scripture that tells us to avoid vain repetition. That cannot be used to avoid the wonderful nuggets and knowledge of the power in prayer with understanding. (Matt 6:5-8; then 9-14)

Since mankind received a 'fallen nature' in the Garden of Eden, we have been in a war. JESUS came to 'overcome the enemy' with HIS forgiveness, HIS Life and Blood giving us the spiritual warfare tools to take back from the devil what was lost.

Sometimes we pray and wonder why it didn't work so to speak. In a war we don't quit until we have victory or breakthrough. So we may have to pray and keep praying. As in a war we would not use a machine gun one day and lay it down and give up the next day. Led by the Holy Spirit we will know when to keep 'fighting' and when to pray once, believe and thank God for the results. (John 16:33)

There are rules in the spirit realm just as we have laws and rules in the physical, such as the law of gravity. There are *Spiritual laws* in the Universe, such as 'sowing and reaping'. The evil spirits know the rules well, and must follow them when we invoke, declare--use them according to the authority of God. (Matthew 4; Luke 10:19)

When the 'JESUS team' of followers, in His day (what fun to be part of the JESUS team, now) asks HIM how to pray, HE said,

"After this manner therefore pray ye:

***Our FATHER which art in heaven, Hallowed be THY name.
THY Kingdom come. THY will be done in earth, as it is in
heaven.***

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

***And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:
For Thine is the Kingdom, and the Power, and the Glory, for
ever. Amen!***

Manner, formula, outline....those verses are a wonderful plan for prayer! The first two lines, are for GOD and about GOD. The next three are for us....our petition to GOD for our daily needs (Greek means today and tomorrow); a request to forgive our mistakes and faults, as we do the same for others. Then a request not to lead us into temptation, but deliver us from evil (the evil one). Ending with a declaration of the *Majesty of GOD!*

- It is always polite to acknowledge the person we are talking to....my husband had a bad habit of talking before he said 'hello' until we had a few conversations about that. (He was a wonderful man, just had some funky quirks in his personality....actually made me love him more.) If I was annoyed at that how must God feel when we just rush in with prayer requests like we are in a fast food restaurant?
- Comments or a thought on Who HE is, HIS Name, gives us confidence that we are talking to the real ONE....hallowed....revered, honored, respected.... Yes, Amen!
- THY will be done on earth....a note here that has helped me to see GOD in a more personal way, is that word 'will' in the New Testament means 'desire' most of the time. There are

only a few places where it means 'determined, and absolute.' How loving to think the desire of GOD'S heart is to have Heaven on earth....so much so JESUS tells us to request and declare it!

- Give us our daily 'bread' or needs, is a given when we go to GOD for help. Another Scripture that builds on this thought of 'need and prayer' is in the book of Philippians, Chapter 4, verses 6 and 7:

"Be careful (worried) for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your request be made known unto God."

That verse seemed to intensify the same thoughts until I looked up some data. Prayer is talking to God; however, supplication is asking something of someone you know can meet the need; and thanksgiving is the seal of assurance, confidence we have with our MAKER.

- Forgiving our debts....those we have offended, abused or hurt in some way, is the 'catch all' in the heart of GOD. He is really into forgiveness....in fact it is impossible to separate HIS forgiveness from HIS Love as they are one, united as one on the cross, to the Glory of GOD. GOD actually gave His only begotten SON to solidify this.

So, the catch is, that JESUS said, "as we forgive others." This is a two- way street; our forgiveness, tough as it may be at times, is nothing compared to the sacrifice of CHRIST, in forgiving us. If we do it as a 'discipline' even when we don't want to, GOD'S love and peace is released to our soul.

Note: One of my many questions, was 'How did JESUS heal before HE shed His Blood at the whipping post, or the cross?' Again, in Scripture, when JESUS said, "What is easier to say, 'Your sins are forgiven?' Or 'Rise and walk.?' " The answer was given. (Luke 5:23)

- Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil...the evil one. This is interesting because the HOLY SPIRIT led JESUS into the wilderness to be tempted. So is JESUS teaching us to pray contrary to HIS own example or against the HOLY SPIRIT? No, not at all. (Matt 4; Mark 1; Luke 4)

I questioned this and the HOLY SPIRIT began to teach me many lessons. The HOLY SPIRIT led JESUS into the wilderness so JESUS could show us what to do if we find our selves in a wilderness. We can use Scripture as HE did in this warfare.

My experience has been, that we all put ourselves in difficult situations, with our decisions, the decisions of others we follow or are in agreement with, and most of the time it has been the 'temptation of the devil' that caused the problems—put us in a wilderness situation.

That fits these scriptures, and let us know again, how much JESUS loves us to go through the wilderness situation on our behalf, and our need for knowledge and prayer. (Matt 4:1-11)

If you don't think the devil is real, or a problem in today's enlightened society....you will have to deny the Bible (I have friends who do; GOD, please help them; the Bible is such a great book of wisdom and knowledge.)

How much power does the devil have?

The book of Job again, has answers from the Old Testament. When Satan came to accuse Job to GOD, GOD answered and in one verse GOD said, "Behold all that he hath, is in thy power, etc." Then in the book there were fires, wind, theft and murder. (Sounds like John 10:10; *The thief comes to kill, rob and destroy.*) GOD did not withdraw anything from Job to 'prove something' to Satan—his arch-enemy. Job was in the devil's power because of the fall of mankind in the Garden of Eden.

And in this day and age some blame all weather and catastrophe on GOD. Sounds like Job's friends who talk about the evil GOD did to Job in the last chapter. All of Scripture is inspired. It is true that they said it, but not true that GOD did it...we need the HOLY SPIRIT and discernment to receive and understand the things of GOD. (Job 42)

Two more notes on this subject. One, Job says in Chapter Three, "Everything I feared came upon me." Anything that is not of faith is a sin....Romans 14:23

Ecclesiastes, Chapter 10, Verse Eight, says if there is hole or a breakdown of the hedge a serpent will bite you. GOD did have a hedge of blessings around Job, but Job's fear (lack of faith) broke it down, not an act of GOD.

Job believed and loved GOD enough to save his own life, but did not have faith to save his family, his children from their sin. My favorite part of Job is after GOD talks to him and he says that before he knew about GOD, and now he *knows* GOD

(experientially) and will call on HIM for all things. There is so much more, enough for another book. How many of us believe enough to be saved but do not fully trust GOD for our needs? (Job 42:1-6)

New Testament—how much power does the devil have? In the temptation in the wilderness, how did he show JESUS all the Nations of the World? How did he put JESUS on the top of the Temple? Did he physically do both? Did he just give JESUS a vision of both? That is not what it says. That would indicate great power for the enemy and gives me peace knowing prayer is the powerful weapon against him, and that JESUS has given us all power over the enemy....that nothing by any means shall hurt us. (Matt 4:1-11; Luke 10:19)

Years ago, I heard Dr. Jack Hayford say, "The devil is the administrator of the curse." I don't know how anyone could describe it better. And, that awareness reinforces our need for intimacy and prayer with GOD.

The next 'principle' that blesses our lives and can be part of our prayer life is found in Matthew 16, where Jesus talks about 'binding and loosing' as the 'keys' to the Kingdom. Keys represent 'authority'. When we pray to bind or loose, it is done in Heaven. *Supernatural Power* in prayer for our well-being. (Matt 16:19; 18:18)

I think, smiling all the while, the Bible is a book of '**connect the dots.**' Just as we have seen with the wilderness and the Lord's prayer, another favorite of mine is the connection of Matthew 16:19 to John 20:23. In that verse Jesus tells us we can retain (hang on to) sin (debts, abuse, offense, etc.) of others, or we can

remit (forgive) them. 'Again a form of bind and loose' to be used to our benefit, essential and critical to prayer.

The four Gospels, Matthew, Mark, Luke and John are abundant with situations where JESUS prayed, giving us examples and inspiration for use in our own lives--bountiful principles outlined in Scripture. In the next section I am excited to share some examples of things we (others I have worked with) have found as we stepped out in obedience to love others and deliver the 'Good News' of JESUS and His Kingdom.

The greatest of all, is the forgiveness, the foundation to all of Life for us, it is the 'principle of prayer' by which mankind can be blessed and changed, it is the love of FATHER GOD expressed through JESUS, given at the most crucial time in history, at His death.

*"Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do."
(Luke 23:34)*

JESUS taught and used forgiveness all through HIS ministry, and this declaration, on the cross during his agony and painful crucifixion, and resurrection has changed the world—everyone in it, who will acknowledge HIM, HIS sacrifice and receive HIS forgiveness are cleansed from unrighteousness, reconciled to GOD and have eternal life.

An understanding just dropped into my heart (the HOLY SPIRIT loves to do that)--that when we repent or forgive, when we send our offenses and sins, or the sins of others to the cross, a portal (a door) is opened in Heaven and everything that follows brings about the *Glory of GOD*. I felt so humbled and such peace. My

heart overflowed with gratitude and excitement of what we are '*privileged to do in prayer.*' May your heart too, fill with the promise of GOD and *Supernatural Power*, available to "His children."

We cannot separate GOD'S love and His forgiveness—both flow from the throne of GOD into the hearts of men and women, worldwide. The depth of understanding forgiveness is never ending. For many years I have studied and sought this provision of GOD'S love, and have some great examples in my book, *THEY KNOW NOT WHAT THEY DO*. It is a workbook, with questions at the end of each chapter. It too, is available on the Internet.

LEARNING IN THE MIRACULOUS SCHOOL OF THE HOLY SPIRIT....

Following are some stories that gives insight and *understanding* how GOD can and will work in all our lives through the ***privilege of prayer***. Also some are 'principles of prayer' to be useful in understanding and having victory. They are not in 'stone' and do not always apply, but once we know them we can trust the HOLY SPIRIT to use them when we open our hearts with compassion for a person or a situation.

Early in my history with JESUS, my sister-in-law, Donna, developed cancer in the throat, and mouth, as a result of drinking alcohol and smoking cigarettes—a lethal combination. After radical surgery removing all her teeth, some of her throat and one-third of her tongue, losing her speech, she spend eight difficult months trying to recover, only to have the cancer return—the doctors had no answers.

My brother-in-law agreed to my taking her to Mexico to a Christian Hospital where they do 'alternative health' practices. While there, Donna was greatly relieved of pain but showed little improvement. We had come too late. I was a new excited follower of JESUS CHRIST but knew little of HIS healing power. I was extremely stressed because Donna did not know JESUS. She refused my attempts to talk with her about HIM, or read the Bible to her. I was desperate but continued to pray with faith!

After a couple of weeks, Donna contracted Pneumonia. The doctors there never speak of patients being 'terminal'; instead they will say it is GOD'S hands....something I greatly appreciated.

However, they called me to the office to tell me they could do no more.

Then I was desperate for two things: Donna's acceptance of JESUS, and getting her back to our home in Colorado. I prayed, and made reservations with the Airlines. The night before we left, Donna agreed to hear some of the book of John before we went to sleep.

We got up about 4 AM the next day, dressed and got into our car, ready to drive to the San Diego Airport. I just sucked air as I opened the door of the room as the fog was so thick you could cut it with a knife. I began to pray out loud, "JESUS we really need your help to get to the airport safely." We were miles from the border and the San Diego Airport. I could hardly see to drive and the unpaved mountain road was really scary.

As we left, I continued to pray, commanding the fog to be gone. Within minutes the fog lifted, it was clear and I could see beautifully. Through tears of gratitude I said, "Thank you, JESUS." And to my great surprise and delight, Donna said, "Thank you, JESUS," as clearly as I did. (With a third of her tongue gone she never said anything clearly.) The Lord spoke to my heart, "She is MINE now, let her go!"

That was a miracle! And also that the Airlines let her on the plane as bad as she looked, was another miracle. That she got home and was quickly put in the hospital with her husband at her side was a blessing. Yet, another miracle--at her side was a small Bible her foster mother had given her years before. A miracle that she knew where it was and her husband could find and bring

it to her. It was in her hand when she died two days later. It was given to me and I carry it with me to this day.

Donna was not healed here, but we won! She is sure happy and healed in Heaven and can talk clearly as much as she would like. **Two principles here:** "Never stop praying or believing for the HOLY SPIRIT to work.....HE is soooooo good at what HE does. And, I have learned since then to speak to the weather, the elements as JESUS did—with faith, and in His Name. (Matt 8:26; John 14:26)

Several years later my husband and I moved to San Diego. An opportunity came for me to host a radio talk show. The program was called Blessed Abundance, and that became the name of our ministry that developed out of that time.

A team of women who shared with me, a desire for more of JESUS, came together in agreement to 'team up' for GOD. As we ask HIM to give us the desires of HIS heart, we set out to do HIS bidding, and wow, did we learn. We all had some knowledge of JESUS and the Bible, but it seems small in comparison to the teaching of the HOLY SPIRIT as we spend time with HIM, and then embarked on an adventure to work with HIM. And that never ends.

We were pretty naïve and all from different churches, but very 'willing.' The LORD directed us to hold meetings in different areas of the city. We taught the messages of JESUS and then prayed for those who attended one on one. Many were healed! Much to our surprise some of these people manifested demonic voices, and actions (strong committed Christians). JESUS allowed us to be put on the spot to deal with this.

We had all had seen, read and heard of deliverance (freeing people from demonic influence). We had been told Christians could not have demons, because light doesn't cohabit with darkness. Yes, that is true, but we found that demons do not know that and they do not discriminate. The HOLY SPIRIT just came over us in these times and we bound the spirits and cast them out, as JESUS did and it was wonderful to see the victories.

All of the team read many books and attended several conferences on deliverance, that really helped but nothing as exciting as allowing the HOLY SPIRIT to lead and direct.

Principle—Follow JESUS as HE lead in Scripture and depend upon the HOLY SPIRIT'S GUIDANCE....

Point: JESUS will not allow the spirits to manifest, had we not had understanding from watching JESUS work in Scripture. We were filled with HOLY SPIRIT, yielding to HIS direction...a win-win situation! Each situation was different but the HOLY SPIRIT is always the same—faithful! And last, demon activity cannot operate in our spirit, but surely can attack our mind, our body and our emotions. (John 10:10; Acts 10:38; I John 3:8))

We saw healings, and lives changed!

One of the prayer principles Judy (my dear friend and prayer partner) and I learned, came as we attended a conference in Los Angeles. As we entered the building we noticed a woman in a wheel chair. Our inclination is always to go pray for someone like that. But, the HOLY SPIRIT spoke to my heart and said, "Command the demon holding that woman in that chair to be

replaced with an Angel." Wow, that was new, but I shared with Judy and we quietly did that and went to our seats.

During the service the Leader called out words of knowledge for healing. The woman we saw earlier answered the call, stood up and walked to the front and was totally healed. The LORD spoke to my heart, "You enabled her to receive her healing with your prayer."

Are there always demons working on people in wheel chairs?....demons are everywhere (even if we don't see them, **but** so are ministering loving Angels), and better safe than sorry, ask the HOLY SPIRIT what is appropriate.....we have nothing to lose and everything to gain. (Acts 19:12)

I have been accused of putting too much emphasis on the demons....I just smile....my whole life is JESUS. I understand we are in a war against the forces of darkness. *Understanding* them and their wicked ways helps me to know when and how to pray. (Eph 6:11)

Strong **Principle** of prayer:

"Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you!" James 4:7

As I began to *understand* the knowledge I have gleamed through the years, I learned not to think how I should pray, while praying for others. Simply to let the compassion for their hurt, pain, or situation arise in my heart and begin to pray, letting the HOLY SPIRIT do the work. So many, many times I say things I have

never heard before, some things so anointed I wish I had a recorder to hear them again, myself. People will ask me to repeat the prayer, and I can't (word for word) because I didn't originate it, the HOLY SPIRIT did.

**Every principle of prayer can be used by the Holy Spirit when
it is in our mind
and heart, when we don't over-think, become legalistic about
the solution.**

My Aunt Polly, whom I am very fond of, helped me discover a very important principle of prayer. After we moved to California in the '80s, my husband and I would drive to Los Angeles from San Diego to visit my Aunt and Uncle. Willie and Uncle Russ would play golf, while Aunt Polly and I entertained ourselves in shopping or just chatting.

Many years before, my Aunt's car stalled on a highway, on a curve. As she got out of the car to check the problem, she was hit by a passing car as that curve had a blind spot. One shoulder and hip and leg were broken. It still gave her pain many years later.

Aunt Polly's health got worse and she began to spend the majority of time in bed. One afternoon as I sat by her bedside, I began to pray silently *in the spirit* as my Aunt was in a good deal of pain. She would never let me talk about JESUS or pray for her; as she grew up in the Bible belt of Oklahoma, and said she didn't want any more hell, fire, and brimstone preaching (my mother was the same way—how many people get 'turned off' by condemnation instead of invitation—the "goodness of God brings man to repentance.". (Rom 2-4) I would just pray anyway in my head, heart and spirit.

As I prayed the HOLY SPIRIT spoke to my heart, "Bind and command the 'spirit of accident an injury' off of your Aunt and she will be healed." My mouth almost dropped open, "spirit of accident and injury?" Really? Then I said OK....and started praying, out loud, over my Aunt without her permission, and the pain was gone. She was very glad I did....how-some-ever, she still didn't want to hear about JESUS.

A year or so later she met JESUS personally while spending time in a mental clinic that her doctor felt would help her depression. JESUS talked with her outside her room and she got saved, 'born again' spiritually. Go figure! She couldn't wait to tell me when I came to visit the next time!

Principle: We learned to always break off the *spirit of accident and injury* every time someone has an accident, and to declare that there will be no complications or residual effects, in JESUS Name, for them. Excellent prayer to use for anyone in the hospital, or having surgery as well.

**Never doubt the ability of God to answer prayer His own way.
Especially in advance of problems!**

There is, to me, no such thing as an accident unless it is negligence, and then it was probably caused by a 'fiery dart' (thought) from the enemy. Every accident is evil and now I pray against any *spirit of accident and injury* in my life, especially at my age of 79. As the enemy and the world will agree that 'things like falls' are bound to happen—not true! (Eph 6:16)

Principle: Bind the spirits, forbid them to activate or move in any area of life, in the Name of JESUS.

Remember Jesus' direction to pray 'deliver us from evil'—well, this is one way. We have seen healing of pain and discomfort by binding and casting out the spirit of accident and injury, adding 'no residual effects' following a trauma or accident. It is a powerful principle!

In a very different way, using the same principle, my friend, Linn, in Colorado Springs, lives very close to the downtown area. There were many auto accidents on a corner near her. She decided to put a stop to it, so she went down one evening when it was quiet, she anointed each corner with oil, and forbid the *spirits of accident or injury* to work in that crossing as she made her way from corner to corner. For years there were no more accidents there.

My dear friend, Judy, **declares the favor of God** in her life every day. No matter where she works or what she does she expects the 'favor of God' to precede her, and it does. She has lived through some extremely tough challenges in life; it has not always been easy, but she works to keep her faith.

There is a wonderful testimony of God intervening to cancel a debt in her life of over \$200,000.00. She was in a very abusive marriage at the time, yet the favor of God was with her. When years of fasting and prayer did not change her husband she was forced to divorce, and continued praying for Dick's well-being.

Another principle of prayer we learned when Judy was still with Dick. He tended to drink alcohol and get carried away. He belonged to a 'Duck Club' and they had a dinner every so often. It was tradition to meet at Dick's house for cocktails before going to the Restaurant. This was for men only, but Judy set up the bar for Dick and his guests. One evening I was there with her and we were praying about the evening ahead—they would not drink too much, Dick would not spend too much (at their auction), etc. The Holy Spirit told me to break the *spirit of addiction* behind the alcohol, its' assignment and power, with blood of JESUS. I shared with Judy and we did just that. The evening went well—Dick drank little and spent no money.

Principle: Who would think it is a 'spirit of addiction' behind alcohol, drugs, food, gambling, etc. without the help of the HOLY SPIRIT? Using that prayer we have seen many miracles even though we are not always with the person.

Dick quit drinking soon after that, but tenaciously hung on to his anger. Soon after their divorce, Dick passed away. Even though he was mentally unstable and refused help, he was saved and both Judy and I were reassured by the HOLY SPIRIT when he left. He is free now and blessed.

The favor of God saw Judy through many situations and gave her great popularity with her friends and her church. She faithfully stayed in ministry of one kind or another. She worked in the San Diego Healing Rooms from its inception, and became the Director of the San Marcos Healing Rooms when they opened. Judy became the only single woman director; all other Healing Rooms are presided over by couples at least at that time.

She worked for the Pastor of her church for a time, led prayer groups and more, as well as managing the Healing Rooms. The Pastor and his wife retired, but before he left he recommended to Grace International that Judy be credentialed. She had no formal training, no husband and yet because of the favor of GOD she was given that honor.

With the favor of God she met Jim and has now been happily married for three years. She has a great out-going vivacious personality; she is fun, and continually thanking God and giving Him Glory. Jim found himself attracted to her love for JESUS as he got to know her (that is certainly the favor of GOD.) Now, the two carry the favor of GOD, and oh, yes, they both work in a Healing Room in Arizona, where they live.

Judy has had so many miracles in her life it would take another book to list them. **The prayer principle in this is to pray for favor, believe you have it, and honor God's blessings that come with it with gratitude and thanksgiving, being a true worshiper of all HE is!** (Mark 11:24) GOD was with Judy through all the hard times—JESUS said we would have them, but HE is faithful to see us through them or out of them. (John 16:33)

**Principle: Love for GOD
honor to His Word, declaring and believing, will bring the
Favor of GOD!**

Katia, faithful woman of GOD lived in a valley in California, with her husband. It is farm country....they have animals, and both work outside the home. Katia, formerly from Brazil is a competent teacher of English and Spanish, as well as her native

language. For a couple of years she taught mentally challenged young people. She found in using the *principle of prayer* of love, mercy, forgiveness and **binding spirits of distraction and confusion**, (quietly in her heart) her classes flourished...her students were blessed.

A couple of years ago San Diego was hit with series of violent fires that destroyed many homes and farms in the area. A week before they started Katia woke in the night and the HOLY SPIRIT told her to read Psalm 91, so she did several times. When the fires invaded Katia's area, she began to pray.

Her husband went to help a neighbor, and suddenly Katia saw flames thirty feet high about fifty feet from her home. She grabbed her Bible and went into the yard. She **ordered the flames to burn themselves out, and the winds to be still**, and then read Psalm 91 out loud for hours. The fire burned out without progressing, the winds stopped and she and her home were saved. (Mark 4:39)

During that time my Pastor said one of families in our church were in great danger, and could lose their home. I suggested we speak to the situation, so he told me to lead the prayer. That's one of those, 'be careful what you ask for'....no, just kidding. It was a great privilege to lead that prayer. I directed everyone to stand, to put our hands out in the direction of the home, and **everyone to speak to that fire**, not to touch their property, and declared divine protection over them. That room was wild with shouts of agreement...and the fire went around the home and they were saved from that destruction.

There are more stories like that—the principle of prayer is to speak to the elements, to the weather, to our problems, and use the Word of GOD always whenever possible. (Matt 21:21)

This is a daunting story because this *principle of prayer* could help save so many lives. When we moved to the San Diego area, I was scared spit-less of the traffic. Trying to change lanes when one saw the right overhead road sign could be a Hercules-ian endeavor.

One afternoon I was returning home and needed to enter a two-lane freeway. The entrance was up a small hill and it was difficult to see ahead and I ran into the rear-end of a truck....not just a truck....a new truck. The driver had stopped because she couldn't get on the freeway as the traffic was dense and speed was excessive. I was praying in the spirit when it happened and I had asked for 'traveling mercies' before I left. Wasn't that enough? Guess not.

The truck belonged to a precious woman of God, who owned the Christian book store (one of the few people I knew) and her husband, a police officer. We were both slightly hurt, nothing major....although I was crying my eyes out. \$8,000.00 damage was done to the truck and \$4,000.00 to my little Toyota. She was very gracious and we became even better friends. I did not get a ticket as the Officer who came to scene said it was truly an unavoidable accident. The State has since added more lanes and it is much safer.

Through a series of events (one of healing in the first book in this series) I was in the Bible Study of my dear friends, mentors, Bob and MaryAnn Grondzik, of almost twenty years. He suggested that in the future I be more specific in prayer (very

important when at all possible.) He said traveling mercies is more like kindness on the trip, and that I should pray the Blood of JESUS over my self and the car. (Information and more understanding are in Exodus 12 and my book *THE SUPERNATURAL POWER IN THE BATTLE OF THE BLOOD*, available on the Internet.)

I took that to heart and added a prayer for Angels to be with me along the way. I still got hit in three more accidents, as follows.

One time on the way to the Radio Station to host a program, a man in a wheelchair van crossed the yellow line at an intersection and ran into our good sized Oldsmobile head on. I wasn't hurt, but stunned. My car was fine, his was damaged. I ask why he had hit me sitting still, and he answered, "I don't know I just lost control."

The other two were similar....in neither did I have personal damage, but the other drivers and cars did. In remorse I was sharing this with a member of our ministry team, Shirl, and she said, "Do you bind the spirit of accident and injury?" No I replied....."Duh!"

So I learned to pray three things over my car every time I leave home:

1. The Blood of JESUS for safety. (Exodus 12 & I John 1)
2. Angels around me. (For any ministering needs...Hebrews 1:14)
3. I bind and forbid any spirit of accident, injury
or death to come near me. (Matt 16)
And no tickets.....

Then I thank God for all His blessings. I do not do this in superstition, or rote, I am fully aware of the Blood as I say it, the Angels and power of my words to bind and loose. I have been safe for over twenty years. Our prayers are never intended to allow us to break the law.

Blessings are not automatic, just as salvation requires a decision and a declaration from the heart. We should never pray only because someone tells us to, but to use the knowledge, with understanding, to declare our dominion on earth for and with our JESUS--always with gratitude and thanksgiving! (Rom 6:23; 10:9)

I want to mention the principle of 'seed time and harvest'.....very popular, especially taught by one of my favorite Pastors, Oral Roberts. There are so many scriptures referring to seeds, and harvest to be recorded here, but emphasis could be made on the three 'parable of the sower' stories in Matthew 13, Mark 4:13; and Luke 8:4, by JESUS. The end verse talks of planting in good soil for a harvest of 30, 60 or 100 fold.

Someone said not long ago, to me, that nothing can come except a seed (spirit or physical) be planted for a harvest. That again, may be 'legalizing' a principle. Just as, 'if you give you will receive,' and the 'law of gravity' on the earth, work. However, the law of aerodynamics overcomes the law of gravity, and GOD is totally good and gracious and gives to us often and in many ways where we have not planted seed.

In another parable about the '10 talents' JESUS rebukes the servant that hid his one talent, and the servant's defense, "I knew you were a hard man, reaping where you have not sown....etc."

Indicating that is a truth, and JESUS did not alter the accusation.
Matthew 25:24

**Principle to remember: All things are possible
with God! Matthew 19:26**

Time for the 'broccoli' story.....Victor, one of the Student Pastors from Bethel Church, in Redding, California, took a group to Mexico for missionary work. While in a church teaching healing, a man staggered in who had just been hit by a small bus and was battered and had possible broken bones.

Victor and the group rushed to his side and began to pray. Suddenly Victor prayed 'broccoli' all over the man's body, declaring the man healed! And he was! Victor explained he was not suggesting people pray 'broccoli' over anyone. But, as important as what we say is the faith we have in JESUS to heal, regardless of the words.

That should encourage all of us that faith will cover a lack of confidence or experience. We can trust GOD even if we make mistakes.....we must step out and pray for others regardless of our fears or lack of confidence. We are the vehicle GOD can use and the HOLY SPIRIT will do the rest.....and HE is sooooo good at what HE does!

Now I would like to share another part of 'prayer life' that I have been truly blessed to have learned.

VIRTUE AND PRAYER

*According to His divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him that hath called us to glory and **virtue**:*

Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by them ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

*And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith **virtue**; and to **virtue** knowledge;*

2 Peter 1:3-6

Years ago we had T-shirts that said on the front, "**Virtue** is its own reward!" I never really understood that, but thinking it meant being very 'moral and righteous!' That seemed good to me, even though I did not choose to purchase one for myself.

I find when I do not understand something, even though it seems clear, GOD has another meaning, a deeper insight for me. And, years later, and even now HE is using 'knowledge' to help me understand **virtue**. The HOLY SPIRIT delights in answering our questions and our desire to 'know' more through revelation....and it always unfolds through time like a clock ticking into eternity.

In studying the woman with the issue of blood, who touched the hem of JESUS' garment and was healed....the word **virtue** jumped out at me. I thought, meditated on those scriptures--Mark 5:30; Luke 8:46 and another in Luke 6:19 where **virtue** went out of JESUS and healed them all, and asked the LORD to give me

understanding that *virtue* might be a part of my life too—unless of course that was JESUS and unavailable to us.

You can smile now, because everything in the nature and character of JESUS is available to us. In those early days of ministry when I didn't comprehend the immense love of GOD for all of us, I made valiant attempts to be humble. That makes me smile now, as I know humility is a simple unvarnished love for GOD. Presumption on HIS goodness is pretty hard to do, and if we presume too much upon HIM, HE will handle it.

Sooooo, those many years ago, the HOLY SPIRIT gave me a definition of *virtue* I could understand:

"Virtue is a blend of compassion and (dunamis) power."

Strong's Concordance tells us that in the Old Testament the word *virtue* represents 'moral strength.' In the New Testament, used with healing, it is 'dunamis,' meaning power like the word dynamite—simply power, strength and praise in the scriptures I quoted in 2 Peter.

USING VIRTUE IN PRAYER

I have said, for a long time, I do not 'think' when I pray.....so what does that mean?.

There are principles that are fundamental to the prayers of JESUS, to the Character and Nature of GOD that build a foundation for faith and our prayer life with HIM. Prayer is

conversation with GOD, however, we call it 'prayer' because it is the reality of *supernatural conversation*..

Working with others, as they tell me their need, my heart begins to fill with compassion (a gracious love that wants the best for them) and I identify with their need in my mind. When I am compassionate (understanding with Grace not judgment) and I begin to pray, the HOLY SPIRIT does the rest and I don't have to 'think.'

*My loving compassion draws His power to the situation. That is
'virtue'!*

So if we are lacking in 'foundation knowledge', GOD will compensate through our love and desire to help the other person. It is faith in JESUS, not in ourselves, and HIS power is always there, as we focus on their need and HIS presence. Not 'thinking' about what to say or how to pray, removes us from the equation and allows the HOLY SPIRIT to work.

STUMBLING BLOCK TO VICTORY—OBSTACLES TO VIRTUE

The HOLY SPIRIT has a big bow and arrow and HE takes the words of someone—a spouse, a child, a teacher, a preacher, a friend, and maybe someone we don't even like, and shoots those words into our spirit to motivate, compliment something we already know, or encourage us in some way. Often He uses those words to uncover a need.

The demons are busy using their little pea shooters to give us thoughts that judge, complain, or condemn others, sending them into the mind, having no access to our spirits.

A friend told me that one of her friends was full of self-pity. That even though she understands, she feels self-pity is not productive. Those words went right into my spirit mind just like an arrow with a sharp point. I went to sleep thinking on them, and woke up inspired to write this part of the book, on virtue.

The Holy Spirit's focus on words is **never, never** to condemn, criticize or judge another person. But, in this case to point out a need, by forgiving, and giving comfort not correction.

Several years ago, while talking, on the phone, with a friend about a prayer meeting she had attended, she shared something that was on her heart. It seems that a mother and daughter came for prayer as they were depressed over their situation. The mother was in the process of a divorce. My friend shared that they left more unhappy than when they came. We hung up and I began to pray.

In a short time the HOLY SPIRIT told me to call my friend back and tell her that sometimes we are to speak to the problem people have and other times we listen and relate to the need, with compassion. They had prayed for comfort and support for the mother and daughter but also assigned scriptures they should study. It was something they must do, not what God would do, and it only increased the heaviness they felt—they only needed compassion at that time, and to know the Lord would always be there for them.

The HOLY SPIRIT encourages us to seek HIM, and rely upon HIM for direction. Even when we know strong principles of

prayer, they may not always apply. We desperately need the HOLY SPIRIT to fulfill our needs and help others with theirs.

Self-pity is part of our sin nature. We can learn to deal with and overcome, with JESUS. When we encourage any negative emotion too long, or allow it to be a habit, we become a landing port for a demon, an aggravating spirit by that name; i.e. self-pity, anger, depression, etc.

However, the HOLY SPIRIT was showing me this morning that self-pity is also a cry for help. Those who are caught up in pain, problems and despair are wondering if anyone understands, are they alone, is there any hope for change. They don't need to be 'fixed' as Job's friends tried to do, with him. We need to identify with the need, not identify with it to judge or condemn.

As Nehemiah did, in confessing 'we have sinned, I and my father's house have sinned' in his prayers to GOD for Israel—he identified the problem and related with it. He felt compassion for the people and identified with them. (Nehemiah 1:6)

We can use the same method that is taught in selling---the *feel, felt and found* method used in communicating a cause. "I know how you feel." "I have felt the same way." "But, I have found....."

In the case of the mother and daughter, they were wounded and wanted to know that someone cared about how they were feeling. They needed to know that someone else has felt similar pain and hurt, they were not alone. In their case, the mother may have been dealing with guilt and needed to know that JESUS forgives and loved her.

Even the daughter, as children often do in a divorce, may have felt it was her fault. She needed reassurance that it wasn't and GOD truly loved her. Then they both needed hope. To be encouraged and reassured that future would be better, GOD is faithful and most of all to be reassured of HIS love and HIS Grace would be there for them, regardless of the situation.

If we give them assignments and paint scripture on their pain, we are only putting on heavy burdens that we do not carry—very much like the Pharisees in the Bible. (Mt 23:4) I am not trying to be critical this was very much for me as well. How easy it is to say, "Here is the Word, just believe it!" "Next!"

At times their pain may be so great we don't want to identify with it, but it is our compassion and understanding that brings the HOLY SPIRIT'S power, *virtue*, into the situation.

For the last year and a half I have fought an illness that has robbed me of much of the direction I wanted to take this ministry. And, I just can't wait to watch the LORD bring good out of evil. The devil thought he was rid of JESUS when he arranged HIS death. (Luke 22:3)Wow, what a mistake that was, JESUS saved and changed the whole world.

Fighting pain daily, there were so many times, I just wanted to know if anyone understood.....if there is really any hope.....and just know I was not alone. I have the most wonderful friends and family anyone could have and I am so grateful. My pain was and is painful to them.

But, to hear, "Just stand in faith."; "Just quote Scripture, etc."; "Just bless your body."; "Command the demons out and take

authority over them." When you have done all you know to do, some well-meaning suggestions makes the problem worse. And, talk about 'worse' I know I have done the same thing to my family and friends. You suppose that is why the HOLY SPIRIT wanted me to write this. "Physician heal thyself." is appropriate here. (Luke 4:23)

JESUS had compassion and healed all who came to HIM. JESUS never overlooked sin, He never condoned sin (you meant well, it's OK), He never took part in sin (Oh, well, everyone does it). JESUS with compassion, and mercy forgave sin. Forgiveness does not deny truth, it deals with the problem.

There are times when someone is so immersed in problems or pain, that they do have a "spirit of self-pity" and they just can't let go.....we need discernment to recognize that. Discernment is seeing the situation through GOD'S eyes, with love and compassion. Judgment brings annoyance and a desire to confront the 'victim' with their faults.

Having said that I want to suggest when there is even a hint of the spirit of self-pity or deception, that we might approach the situation this way:

"Before we start praying I want to get rid of anything that might interfere with what the HOLY SPIRIT wants to do (or We need to get rid of a spirit that is here before we start....you get the picture.....it is 'we' not just the person.) Then we direct our words to a spirit of self-pity, breaking its assignment and power with the blood of JESUS, commanding it gone and renouncing any possibility of return.

Sometimes it is a good idea to include the spirits of deaf and dumbness along with self-pity because they network together and the spirits of deaf and dumbness keep the person from seeing and hearing the truth of GOD even when it is presented.

Then starting fresh, your compassion for their needs and the power of the HOLY SPIRIT will work together for freedom, healing....what ever is needed, with tenderness and love.

Virtue is one of keys of the Kingdom to hear or help each other, or both!

"The day's coming very soon when one anointed saint of GOD will do more than an entire denomination, and He'll do it in a few minutes time." (Brother Dick Carter in Hong Kong to Gwen R. Shaw)

May our prayers be part of that kind of moving mountains for JESUS and the Kingdom of GOD here on earth! May we be part of the above prophecy!

AUTHORITY, JURISTITION AND ANOINTING

Those three things all have an influence on prayer. I would like to share some of the knowledge the LORD has graced me with, and has been such a blessing....

Authority is necessary for survival in a world with billions of people, cultures and personalities.

- Authority is the power or right to give orders, make decisions, and enforce obedience—delegated from one person or organization, or GOD.

- Authority of parents over their children for their protection and edification. (Psalms 34:11)
- Authority of police officers, soldiers, judges, government for the protection of the people. (I Cor 12:28)
- Authority over demonic spirits for believers for protection, peace and safety. (Mark 16; Luke 10:19)
- Authority brings great responsibility and accountability to those in charge above them. In the case of prayer it is GOD we are accountable to and receive direction from. (Luke 12:48)

Those are for the most part common sense; what is not common or good sense is to use that authority to judge, condemn, or punish with anger, hate or resentment. All action on the part of those in authority should be done with Grace, Mercy, Compassion and punishment only with the well-being of the person or persons of offense in mind. Actions have consequences is the point to be made. (Rom 2:4)

Parents too often are angry at the actions of their children and strike out or speak inadvisably, causing more harm than empowerment to help their children change. A short prayer, a deep breath and asking the HOLY SPIRIT to bring calm works great, then deal with the situation.

I personally am a believer in 'Spare the rod, spoil the child.' (Proverbs 13:24) however there are many ways to punish, making the point while loving the child...calm but firm. There are lots of good books out there; one is DARE TO DISCIPLINE by Dr. Dobson.

I want to focus on authority and jurisdiction for parents in prayer. GOD has set up a status, a level of leadership that carries power for prayer and often anointing.

- Anointing is a covering power on an individual for a specific purpose.
- However, parents have authority, and jurisdiction for prayer. (Eph 5:24-30)
- As governments have boundary lines of authority and jurisdiction, we do also in the spirit realm.

I know I have great power and authority to pray for my family. For years I have prayed for all my family, but specifically for one member to break an addiction affecting his life. I have seen that prayer answered, but it took years. The point I wish to make is that he did not know or pray with me.....my prayers are honored by GOD.

Years ago I heard Pastor Frances Frangipane speak about how he and other Pastors in his small city got together and prayed over their city, bound the spirits of violence, murder, and abortion.....and all abortion stopped—no picketing or demonstrations. To this day no one can get an abortion in his city, because the Pastors took the authority God has given them for their city (their jurisdiction) and stopped the evil destruction of life.

There is great power in agreement! (Matt 18:18,19,20)

There is such a need to understand that power and use it.....in families, in prayer groups, and Pastors together for the things of GOD.

There is also power in disagreement. When our Pastors are divided in a city, by doctrine, that disagreement gives access to the enemy. A house (or city) divided will not stand. (Matt 12:25; Mark 3:24,25)

Many ask how a small minority group can have had such power in promoting their agenda. They have relatively small numbers but strong agreement. I just want to make a point. All groups have power when in agreement.

When the Christian community comes together and condemns others, instead of praying for them, they simply enable the enemy. It is the goodness of God that brings men to repentance, and we need to all overcome evil with good. (Rom 2:4; 12:21)

When we bless our enemies, we enable (open the door) for GOD to work and change them. As JESUS said,

"But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them, that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you and persecute you;" (Matt 5:44)

People, no matter what they are doing are not our enemy. The book of Ephesians, especially Chapter Six is clear on that. We need to be in agreement with GOD, with others, to change our schools, our community, our country. We may not agree in doctrine but we certainly can come together in agreement for common goals, in *SPIRIT*.

One outstanding example I remember came before the war in Iraq. The Lord woke a Pastor, one night and told him to mobilize

one million people to pray that Hussein would take his wealth, leave his country and live in exile and there would be no war.

Obediently the Pastor shared on the airways in many places (that is where I heard it), as much as he could. I personally was excited to join the cause. Nothing happened and we went to war.

Soon after that I made a friend who had moved from that Pastor's area, and I asked her what she knew about it. She said the Pastor reported from the pulpit that most of the emails he received wanted Hussein destroyed, and totally disregarded GOD'S message. I was so sadden to hear that and couldn't help but wonder through these years if those might be the same people so critical of the war.

I ask the LORD why we needed a million people? After all didn't Joshua stop time for three days, and didn't Elijah outdo the false gods, etc. Why a million people....the answer was simple, "To overcome the millions of people standing with Hussein in that area, in agreement or submission (giving the power of agreement). (I Kings 18:18-39)

JESUS gave us authority to take back what the enemy has stolen but it requires agreement in prayer, to overcome major evil principalities; there is power in disagreement also. (Ephesians 6)

We are a majority with the HOLY SPIRIT in our homes, and in the lives of our loved ones, to believe and pray. Where two or three are gathered JESUS is with us....however, we need to agree in the SPIRIT in our cities, in our countries, to move mountains of unbelief, deception and false belief—the anti-Christ spirit, sweeping the world.

However just a few weeks ago as I prayed for my country, the United States, the Lord spoke to my heart,

"Your country will be saved when the walls of the churches come down and the Priests, Pastors, Leaders come together and pray against the principalities over their cities, in spiritual agreement."

We, lay-people, are the foot soldiers and as we do our warfare prayers against spirits we are laying the ground work. We must also pray for the walls of disagreement of the church to come down, and God will put a desire in the hearts of our leaders (who have the jurisdiction), for the mutual benefit of all for the Glory of God!

Prayer is not just a spiritual luxury, but a necessity for survival.

Spending time with God is a joy and builds a love and an unspeakable Passion for HIS presence!

JESUS said, "Nevertheless when the Son of man commeth, shall He find faith on the earth?" in Luke 18:8. After teaching about coming against the 'unjust judge', and asking if GOD would not avenge those who cry unto HIM day and night, was a rhetorical question.

So, I pray we will stand strong in prayer, in agreement, knowing that light overcomes darkness and in JESUS we are the light of the world. May we all learn more about the Heart of GOD, the privilege of prayer, working with the HOLY SPIRIT. Thank You, JESUS! Amen, Amen and Amen!

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