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There Is Power in Our Spoken Words/You Can Have What You Say

By Wade Anderson

These are the foundational Scriptures for this message. And I want to preface that some of these events took place over 15 years ago, I am **NOT** sick or battling any illness. I **WAS/AM HEALED** through the power of confessing the Word and believing that God IS faithful!

"Seeing in the distance a fig tree in leaf, he went to find out if it had any fruit. When He reached it, He found nothing but leaves, because it was not the season for figs. Then He said to the tree, 'May no one ever eat fruit from you again.' And His disciples heard Him say it... In the morning, as they went along, they saw the fig tree withered from the roots. Peter remembered and said to Jesus, 'Rabbi, look! The fig tree you cursed has withered!'" (Mark 11:13-14, 20-21 NIV)

"Have faith in God," Jesus answered. "Truly I tell you, if anyone says to this mountain, 'Go, throw yourself into the sea,' and does not doubt in their heart but believes that what they say will happen, it will be done for them. Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours." (Mark 11:22-24)

"And this is the confidence (the assurance, the privilege of boldness) which we have in Him: [we are sure] that if we ask anything (make any request) according to His will (in agreement with His own plan), He listens to and hears us. And if (since) we [positively] know that He listens to us in whatever we ask, we also know [with settled and absolute knowledge] that we have [granted us as our present possessions] the requests made of Him." (1 John 5:14-15 AMPC)

Let's pray: "Gracious and Almighty Heavenly Father, Lord and Savior, we thank You that You Sir are the Creator of **ALL** things. You created time and set into motion both natural and spiritual laws with Your spoken words. We thank You that Your Word is the truth and that You are faithful to Your Word. I invite Your Holy Spirit, the same Spirit that rose Jesus from the grave, to partner with me today. As we search the Word today, I ask Your Spirit to be our teacher, to lead us all to a deeper revelation of how each specific word 'spoken' is in our lives. My prayer is always for more of You, Lord, and less of me. I pray that Your Blood be washed over all of these words and only truth be revealed. In Jesus' name I pray. **AMEN!**"

I always know that there is power in our spoken words. Sometimes I sit and reread previous newsletter articles. This time, as I read the title of an article I'd written back in August and September of 2018 titled *You Can Have What You Say*, it struck a chord of much importance. Some of you may have read it and even remember that title, but God had me reread it several times and reconstruct it, so not all of the content is the same. And like I've said over and over, "Many times, repetition is a good thing" especially if it's speaking the Word of God. Let's see where this goes.

Many of us 'say' so many different things throughout the day that do **NOT** line up with the Word of God and then wonder, "Why does my life seem to have so much chaos in it?" If you're one of those people let's get into the Word of God together and find the answer to the 'why'. The words you speak are seed that have the power to create what grows in your tomorrow and your future. So how do we fix that? **BY CHANGING THE WORDS THAT WE SPEAK TODAY!**

There are several different spiritual laws/principles that are always in effect. It's recorded in **Genesis Chapter 1**, from **verses 1 to 30**, where God 'spoke' the universe and **ALL** of creation into existence. In every verse where **"God said"** directly after that we find, **"And it was so"**. This in and of itself gives us the idea that our 'spoken words' have the power to create what has been spoken. I bet some of you are saying to yourselves, "Sure they do, it was God that spoke them."

Okay, let's take a look at that by going to **Genesis 1:26**, where God said, **"Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over..."** When God said for Adam to **"rule over"**, He wasn't speaking of him ruling over or dominating other human beings. No! Heck, at this point Adam was the only human. What He was giving Adam was His authority while placing him above **ALL** of His other creations. God created Adam/us in His own image and at that point, when He breathed the breath of life into Adam he became a spirit being, not a god. Separate from **ALL** of God's creation He created **ONLY** us human beings with a spirit. In **Genesis 1:27** we read, **"So God created mankind in His own image, in the image of God He created them; male and female He created them."** We became the pinnacle of God's creation and the very reason He created the world. He created male and female equally, **NOT** one above the other. Yes, He created Adam first but as He did, He realized (not that He was caught off guard) that there would be an issue of loneliness, and said, in **Genesis 2:18**, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him."

Everything that God had created He did so to sustain man. That's why everything else was created first. In **Genesis 1:11**, God said, **"Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees on the earth bearing fruit after their kind with seed in them"; and it was so.**" After everything God spoke, we see two things, **"And it was so"** or **"God saw that it was good."** That is except for one place. After God created both male and female we read, **"And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it..."**

(**Genesis 1:28a**) So what was the very first thing God did after creating mankind? He blessed them. The four things that God said in **Genesis 1:28a** were **NOT** only commands they were blessings.

So, the next thing I did was to go to the *Strong's Concordance* to look up these four words: *fruitful, multiply, replenish* and *subdue*. These four words here, in context, are of Hebrew origin as we find them in the Old Testament.

The first word, *fruitful* is the word: 6509 - *parah* pronounced *paw-raw* and it means; to bear fruit literally and figuratively, bring forth fruit, cause to be, make grow and increase.

The second word, *multiply*, is the word: 7235 - *rabah* pronounced *raw-baw* and it means; to increase (in whatever respect), abundance, abundantly, bring up and continue to enlarge.

The third word, *replenish*, is the word: 4390 - *male* pronounced *maw-lay* or *mala* pronounced *maw-law* and it means: to fill or to be filled of, accomplish, confirm and consecrate, fill, fulfill and replenish.

The fourth word, *subdue*, is the word: 3533 - *kabash* pronounced *kaw-bash* and it means: to tread down, to conquer, to bring into bondage, keep under, bring into subjection.

Everything I see in the definitions of these words puts us above and not beneath anything! But we have to know the pecking order. Even when God said, **"Be fruitful and multiply"** (**Genesis 1:28a**) He was saying that He placed the 'seed' in man, and He made the woman to be the incubator for that 'seed'.

After God gave Adam His authority He blessed him by saying, **"Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it"** in **Genesis 1:28b**, God told Adam, which also now applies to us as well, **"Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over EVERY LIVING creature that moves on the ground."**

Directly after that He shows us some of the ways He has blessed us. Listen, **"Then God said, 'I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food. And to all the beasts of the earth and all the birds in the sky and all the creatures that move along the ground - everything that has the breath of life in it - I give every green plant for food.' And it was so."** (**Genesis 1:29-30**) Every other place where God had spoken, followed by **"and it was so"**, this is the only place where it says, **"God saw all that He had made, AND IT WAS VERY GOOD."** It wasn't like God didn't already know that **EVERYTHING** He created was good. But I believe He wanted 'us' to know that He created **EVERYTHING** good specifically for us and that all these things He created would sustain us until He returns to take us home with Him.

It wasn't about plants, birds and fish that God wanted me to speak about here in this message. In fact, this isn't a word that God just dropped into my mind today, yesterday or even last month. This is something that God continually brings up to me, (repetition) to direct and even redirect the very words that 'I' speak. If God continues to repeat these things to me, then it's worth me repeating it to all of you.

Early one morning, I was awakened by the sound of my own voice. I'm not sure how long I had been talking but it eventually woke me up. Let me rephrase that. It was my voice, but the Holy Spirit was speaking this to my spirit. As I threw my legs over the edge of the bed and while still rubbing my eyes this is what was coming from my lips, **"I will cause them to stand with you even in the face of adversity."** Instantly I knew it was God trying to say something to me so I hurried to the living room where I could write it down before it faded away.

To be perfectly honest, now reading what the Spirit had been saying to me, I was becoming even more awake. Then, as I reached over and grabbed the *Strong's Concordance* I began looking up the only word, at first, that stood out to me, *adversity*. How many of you have experienced God saying something to you and at first, had not a clue what was about to take place? But you knew He was about to show you something specifically for you. Me too.

In **John 16:12-15** we read, **"I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on His own; He will speak only what He hears, and He will tell you what is yet to come. He will glorify Me because it is from Me that He will receive what He will make known to you. All that belongs to the Father is Mine. That is why I said the Spirit will receive from Me what He will make known to you."**

Jesus told us that Holy Spirit was going to come from the Father, to live inside of us, to teach us, to train us, to correct us and to **EVEN** show us things **YET TO COME**. Now even more awake, 'I thought' that Holy Spirit was coming to tell me that *adversity* was coming my way. When we look up the word *adversity* in the back of the Bible, it directs us to other words like conflicts, problems and troubles. Almost immediately I asked Holy Spirit, "What's going on? What are You trying to show me? What kind of troubles or chaos are You warning me about?"

I eagerly scrolled down through the Scripture references on *adversity* and did so with expectation of Holy Spirit's guidance. Yet, as I looked through many different Scriptures, I didn't feel a single one of them speaking to me. So, I stopped for a

second and reread what I had written. As I read it this time I was literally moved to tears. Out loud I said to the Lord, "How could I have missed this? Why did I allow the word *adversity* to stir 'fear' in me when Your promise was right here in front of me all the time?"

Then, I read it several more times. First one word, then listening. Then another and listening. Then another and another. Again, I said, "**HOW DID I MISS THIS PROMISE?**" In this promise God was assuring me that, "I **WILL**" cause 'them'. So, I asked Him, "Who are 'them', God?" And I heard this, "My sheep, those that are listening and obeying My voice. Those that will rise up to pray when I place it in their hearts. I will cause 'them' to get up in the middle of the night, and throughout the day to stand in the gap and pray. They will pray My promises without having to know the details. These are 'them'."

That word *adversity* that was once attached to fear was now suddenly immersed in peace. I knew right then that I may never even know when that *adversity* might appear or what that *adversity* might look like because God had 'them' standing at the wall with a trowel in one hand working while others stood behind them with the Word of God flowing from their lips at the same time. (Read **Nehemiah 4**) From that point I rarely thought about *adversity*. Instead, I kept my eyes focused on His promise "I **WILL**" while I continued forward with what He was placing in front of me to do.

A few months after this, I began to feel something going on inside my body. With my schedule full and being very active, I felt something just wasn't right. At the time I was going to the gym, redesigning our kitchen, discipling at the county jails, doing the yard work, and of course always spending the summer days with my grandsons in the pool. Some of the symptoms I felt were familiar, something that I'd felt close to eight years earlier when I had been diagnosed with ulcerative colitis. With absolutely no fear and complete confidence I began to 'speak' the Word of God to my body and **ALL** of its internal parts. Continuing forward I confessed specific Scriptures, not asking God to do anything but instead I was using the authority that He has **ALREADY** given **ALL** of us and then seeing myself, walking in divine health.

Even though, there were many, many days my body was not responding, in the natural, and tried to throw me off, I chose to continue confessing what the Word of God promised. I continued to look into the supernatural and walk in that truth. I love the way that **Hebrews 11:1** reveals faith, "**NOW FAITH IS the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.**" (NKJV) "**NOW FAITH IS confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.**" (NIV) "**The fundamental fact of existence is that this trust in God, this faith, IS the firm foundation UNDER EVERYTHING that makes life worth living. It's our handle on what we can't see.**" (Message) Faith is **NOT** waiting until we see it before we believe it! In fact, the Scriptures just showed us that **FAITH** has to start **NOW**, in the midst of the trying situations! I had to believe it and see it in the supernatural long before I ever seen it in the natural. The opening Scriptures, **1 John 5:14-15**, tells us that **IF** we speak the Word with confidence, we will see God fulfill His promise and bring it from the supernatural into the natural realm. God has already supplied His part; our part is to speak His Word with confidence!

Paul, in **Romans 8:24-25**, shows us, "**But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.**" (NIV) And now in the New Living Translation, "**We were given this hope when we were saved. (If we already have something, we don't need to hope for it. But if we look forward to something we don't yet have, we must wait patiently and confidently.)**" (NLT) I love this because Paul says, "**we must wait patiently AND confidently**" and we **WILL** see it come from the supernatural to the natural. I'll admit that there were many days when I had to literally close my eyes and reach into the arsenal of ammunition in my born-again Spirit and begin confessing that! And even in all of that it was still very evident that something was really going on inside of me. The enemy would come to me from time to time trying to tell me, "You aren't healed. You're sick! Look at you losing all that weight, getting weaker and weaker and you're still thinking God's going to heal you? God's not listening to you." I'd fire right back at those thoughts and say, "You're always trying to tell me what God won't do but let me tell you what He has **ALREADY** done. He already paid for my healing in full, when He hung on the Cross at Calvary. And by faith I'm receiving my healing **RIGHT NOW!** I **AM** the righteousness of God **IN CHRIST** Jesus! And oh yah, when my Savior hung on that Cross, He gave up His life, then rose from that grave defeating you!! I don't have to listen to your lies anymore because I am in Him and He is in me! I walk by faith and **NOT** by sight! (**2 Corinthians 5:7**) **SO BEAT IT!!**"

You do know that 'denial' is **NOT** faith, right? I wasn't denying that something was going on inside of me and I wasn't waiting for God to personally come from the throne room of heaven, like the story goes, to later get to heaven and find out that He had already sent me two rowboats and a helicopter!

Another month has passed, and I'm still rolling along even though my energy level is decreasing and 'the symptoms' seem to be increasing. A few days after Thanksgiving, I went to church and had Pastor Jason Anderson come into agreement with me, for the symptoms to diminish, because I wasn't believing them anyways. We prayed in accordance with **James 5:15**, "**And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up.**" While we were praying God gave Pastor Jason a word of wisdom/knowledge for me. God said, "The blood issues you have had in the

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From the Inside

Continually Gladhearted

By H.A.M.

First, I want to thank you **ALL** for the multi-autographed birthday card/letter. It's truly amazing how you keep track of us behind the walls.

Unlike all of you there at the O&C ministry, some people seem to have the idea that the more spiritual we get, the sadder and more sour-faced we ought to be. But that's the furthest thing from the truth! God is the most spiritual being of all, and the Scripture says, **"He laughs."**

In **Zephaniah 3:17**, we read, **"The Lord thy God in the midst of thee ... will rejoice over thee with joy; He will rest in His love, He will rejoice over thee with singing."** We are designed to go to the happiest place there is, heaven! Just think about it, the people who reside in heaven aren't walking around with long faces. **NO!** They're living and basking in the gladness of the joy of the Lord! Your ministry helps people to understand that we don't have to wait until we get to heaven to join in with those saints, to bask in the joy of the Lord. You make it very clear that if we walk with the Lord and stir ourselves up, we can continually be gladhearted too! All that we need to do as instructed in **Proverbs 3:5-6** is **"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to Him, and He will make your paths straight."**

Remember the acronym **F.E.A.R.** translates to False Evidence Appearing Real.

With that, let's look at what **Isaiah 41:10** states, **"So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with My righteous right hand."** I'll close with this prayer, for **ALL** of my Overcomers for Christ family, found here in **Numbers 6:24-26**, **"The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn His face toward you and give you peace."**

Again, thank you all and may the Shalom of heaven be poured out on all of you abundantly.

God Is Bigger Than our Needs

By J.S.

Greetings Beloved Family! Father gives so much to all of His children. And the wonderful 'side-effect' just so happens to be, we get the joyful privilege to give also. That way we end up acting like Jesus does, in all of our ways. Father is so very, very good and smart. He always, in all ways, gives us just exactly what we need. And never forget, **Philippians 4:19** says, **"But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus."** Since He's already promised to supply all of our needs, that would lead me to believe that He's also big enough to provide our 'wants'! I'm surely grateful that He's handling this stuff.

And as you are already aware, Father's timing is perfect and multifaceted in goodness. I was studying Paul's words, in **Philippians 3:12-21**:

"Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus. All of us, then, who are mature should take such a view of things. And if on some point you think differently, that too God will make clear to you. Only let us live up to what we have already attained. Join together in following my example, brothers and sisters, and just as you have us as a model, keep your eyes on those who live as we do. For, as I have often told you before and now tell you again even with tears, many live as enemies of the cross of Christ. Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, who, by the power that enables Him to bring everything under His control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like His glorious body."

Then I read your email to me which contains the same type of message/context as I just read! Father said to me, "Jerry, do not look backwards onto past mistakes, only look forward toward the prize of the upward call of God, **IN** Jesus Christ." My/our Father **IS** so wise, and perfect in **ALL** of His Ways! Amen to His Truths! As a young ambassador of Jesus Christ,

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From the Inside

I'm trusted by God, and I have got to let others know these truths!

The Lord's Presence

By M.D.

Greetings everyone! I thought I'd reach out with all the love and blessings of Christ, as we head off into this new year! As I was out in the rain this morning contemplating the Lord's presence in my life, and what that does for me, I came in and began looking around for what the Lord wanted to show me. This is what I came up with, and I wanted to share it with all my Overcomers for Christ family! I've been enjoying your long running vision/imagination message and all that it's entailed! The pics of everyone at 'The Glory Meeting' are always another blessing in our newsletter. I'm grateful to you and Michelle for everything you and 'the crew' there do for those of us still incarcerated. Please consider sharing this! The Lord's presence!

Acts 3:19, "Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord, and that He may send the Messiah, who has been appointed for you—even Jesus," teaches us that "times of refreshing" come to us when we spend time in God's presence. Until we get to a place in our journey where we want God's presence more than anything else, the devil keeps an edge over us. Once we see God's Truth, the devil loses that edge, and we begin making radical progress in our relationship and fellowship with God!

Most of us incarcerated brothers and sisters have tried almost everything else before we finally learn that what we've always needed is not what God can give us, but God Himself! These times often represent years of misery. But thank God, His Holy Spirit who now lives in us also teaches us and reveals Truth to us as we continue to study, read, and listen to God's Word!

God promises, in **Jeremiah 29:13, "You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart."** So, the promise is, **IF** you are diligent in seeking God, you will know Him in a deeper and more intimate way. When God wants to manifest Himself, He will! You do not need to get frustrated trying to find God! Learn to wait on Him and pray, "God reveal yourself to me and manifest your presence to me."

Now God manifests Himself in many ways. We may not see Him, but like the wind we see the work He does in us and through us! If I'm ever weary, tired, frustrated, worn out or just bothered with this prison life, I always become refreshed after I've spent time with God! And I know the wind of God has blown upon me! Look guys and gals! God wants to bring refreshing into your life! Like a mighty wind! Do not be poverty stricken in your soul when the answer is **SO** close!

If your too busy to spend time with God, or whatever your excuse is, make the necessary adjustments to your lifestyle! Do not get caught up in the prison culture or stressed out when times of refreshing are readily available! Please learn to separate yourself from all the drama of incarceration. Spend time with God just like Jesus did! You had better come apart and share time with God before you fall apart! I encourage those of you who are reading this to take this personally and act **NOW! BE BLESSED! NOT STRESSED**

My Understanding to my Blessings as my Thankfulness

By A.S.

Lord, as I sit here in my cell, I thank You for all the blessings You have given me and many still to come my way. You have taken away and given me so much. You have made me understand that we all need You in our lives. So, I understand that we need You when things get to be un-understandable and we call upon You and You give us the understanding and as we get the understanding much more to Your answer we seem to pull away. I ask You Lord to keep me on Your road of understanding Your righteousness and blessings.

There are many times I do not understand nor care to understand of the many things and blessings You bring upon me and Your way for me to understand wrong from right, and right from wrong, and to understand the blessings You bring upon me when they don't seem to be a blessing at first, but become a blessing in the end. I become thankful and am thankful for what I've received and am about to receive, because only You Lord can bring me blessings and have brought me blessings. I ask in Your Son's name to bring me understanding of them.

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past with your lower legs is **GONE!** I **AM** taking that away from you **RIGHT NOW!**" After he said that Pastor Jason looked at me and said, "You had blood problems in your legs? I didn't know that." "Yes, I did, and for several years", I answered. "Well praise God that's no longer an issue either", he said.

For several months, I laid at the house seeking God. Not with a bunch of 'why's' but with, "What are we going to talk about today, Lord? What do You have that You want to show me today, Lord?" Brothers and sisters, this is what we talked about through most of the day and almost every day, 'His love for me!' You **ALL** know that God loves you, right? **PLEASE** don't misunderstand what I'm about to say here and take this wrong, **BUT** the kind of love I'm talking about isn't just the words we read and hear others speak of. That's the beginning of it all for sure. But these were days that I could literally feel His real and intimate love. Days where He didn't have to try to wake me up to talk with me. I was so excited to spend time with Him that I was usually up by 3:30 a.m., weak or not.

As the days progressed where 'we' spent more time together it was almost as if I could tell that even my **FATHER** was excited, as He seen that I desired to spend intimate time with Him. This was when I had an open vision of Jesus on the Cross. Surrounded with His presence, the further I walked up that rugged road, the more real the vision became. At one point I was bawling like a baby, as I knelt there, looked up, trying to focus through all the tears. It was as though I could see the image tilt His head slightly to look down at me. Not in anger, but even with a smile on His face I heard/felt Him say, "I did **ALL** of this for you. I love you and I will always love you." And then there I was, sitting at the kitchen table, in a puddle of tears with the worship music still playing.

Even though I knew He loved me before this event, I can honestly say, "I'd **NEVER** felt this level of love **EVER** before." I'm not sure how long I was there that particular time, but even today as I sit here looking at all of this again, the power of His overwhelming love still pours over me, and I'm again in tears. A few days later, during my worship time, I entered there once again but this time was different than the first time. Now entering into what I knew was this Most Holy place I entered with tears of joy. I could feel His overwhelming love everywhere around me. With a big smile on my face, I looked again to where I'd seen Him in the previous vision. Everything was there except for the image on the Cross. That one time there at His feet is **FOREVER** etched in my heart. I'll **NEVER** forget the feeling of love that poured into me that day when He said, "I did **ALL** of this for you. I love you and I will always love you."

Remember in the beginning of this message where God woke me up and told me, "I will cause them to stand with you even in the face of adversity"? Well, God was faithful to continually put it on people's hearts to not only pray but He also brought many, many Christian brothers to our home to check up on me and pray with me. God placed it on brother Rodger Whisman's heart to come from Seligman, Arizona to stay with me for a couple of days. Some of the things that I was going through he had also experienced in his own life and he was a great help and comfort. Then, Pastor Jack Flash stopped by at least every other week. He would lay hands on me and confess God's Word every time. I remember at one point, Jack looked at me and said, "In about 6 months you'll look back after all of this is over and say, 'Thank You Jesus!'" Right then I looked him straight in the eye and said, "This will **NOT** last 6 months!"

Then our brother Cory, who used to contribute *Cory's Corner* for the newsletter, came by with another brother, Pete, from the Christian motorcycle club they rode with, the Deacons. Even in my weakness we fellowshiped for an hour or so then prayed together. I mentioned to them that I had been planning to visit a couple of men at the Eloy prison the next day but knew now that I was not physically able to drive the 65 miles one way to this new facility. While we were still there in prayer and worship God placed it on brother Pete's heart, and he volunteered to drive me to that appointment. The next day, Pete picked me up, drove me to the prison and stayed outside the gate, in the car, in the desert heat for over 2 1/2 hours while I was inside following through with God's plan. I'd like to say "**WHAT?**" right there but I already knew God said, "I will cause them to stand with you", so instead I'll say "Praise Jesus! Thank You Jesus!"

Two nights later, there was a knock on our front door and when I opened it and looked out there stood these two big bikers. I didn't even hear them roll up on their motorcycles but there they stood like two angels from the Lord. It was my brothers Mike and Steve from another Christian motorcycle club, the Ascendants. As we embraced, they came in to sit down. Looking at me somewhat confused, I asked them what was up. Steve looked at me and said, "I was relaxed at home comfortably on the couch when I had this 'strong desire' to take off on my bike. At first, I thought I might be headed for an AA meeting, but instead I found myself at Mike's ... for some reason. Mike asked me where we were going, and I said, I'm not sure, let's just go. And before we knew it, we were pulling up here in front of your house. Is everything all right?"

The three of us speak often on the phone (accountability), but it had been a few weeks since I'd seen either of them. As we sat there, I began to share what God had been doing in my life while I'd been home bound. In **Revelation 12:11**, it says, "**And they overcame him (satan) by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony...**" and I also know that, in **Isaiah 55:11** God told Isaiah, "**As the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the**

eater, so is My Word that goes out from My mouth: It will not return to Me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it." What am I saying here? I was not expecting my brothers that night but if God got them out of the house to come over, He obviously wanted me to share the things He had been sharing with me. Let me assure you all, **EVERY TIME** we overcome the liar, because we're covered in the blood of Jesus, it's another testimony! So, at that point I knew God was going to do something inside of each one of us, and He did!! Only a few minutes into our conversation and they both looked at each other and knew exactly why they left the house! Praise Jesus!

We're now in January, and I was at the worst place, physically, I'd been on this journey. I'd been in the ER a couple of times, at an Urgent Care on New Year's Day and even a three day stay in the hospital. I know a few of you may be saying, "Where was your faith?" Again, I'll say, I wasn't in denial and calling it faith. My faith was strong but felt at complete peace with God in pursuing these other avenues. As painful as it was inside my body, I stayed in faith and set my vision on the *Gospel Truth Conference* that I always attend here in Phoenix in January. I wasn't sure how I would get there, seeing as I wasn't driving, but I didn't allow that issue to take my eyes off of this vision either.

Within a couple of days, a Christian brother, Vern, from Colorado, knew the journey I had been on so he called and asked if he could fly down and go to the conference with me. The first time he offered I told him, "No, that's okay; you don't have to do that I'll be fine." I couldn't see him flying down here just to drive me 20 miles to the conference. A few days later he called again, asking the same question. Again, I told him, "No, I'd be fine." After I hung up the phone, this time I only took a few steps before I stopped and called him back. I told him, "Fine, you can come if you want. You know you're always welcome." He quickly answered, "Good, I'm glad you finally listened to Holy Spirit. I'm booking my flight right now. I'll see you about midnight tomorrow night."

That next night Michelle and I went to the airport to pick him up. When we arrived home, he took one look at me, grabbed me, hugged me and began to confess God's Word over me right then. After this he looked at me and told me, "God instructed me to come drive you to this event, to encourage and love on you. And that's what I'm going to do." That's when I realized God placed this on his heart, but I kept standing in the way of what God had instructed him to do.

When we woke up the next morning to attend the first of a three-day *Gospel Truth Conference*, Vern looked at me laying there on the couch and asked, "Are you going to be able to make it today?" At first, I rolled my head deeper into my pillow and began to say, "I'm not sure." Then, almost instantly I knew I had to sit myself up and go get in the shower **BECAUSE YES, I WAS GOING!** And honestly, every step I took with Vern by my side it was encouraging to know that this was 100% God's plan. Each session, one in the morning and the other in the evening, was about four hours. I loved immersing myself under the Word that was being spoken but honestly, I my energy level was nearly depleted after the first three hours. But I hung on for that last hour that first morning. Arriving home and getting settled in I realized I had even less energy than I'd first thought. So, Vern went to that evening secession by himself.

The second day rolled around early, and even though it was still hard, this time I got myself together a little quicker and we were on our way. Every word spoken there was speaking directly to my inmost being (*Psalms 103*), and I **LOVED IT!** After this morning secession, Vern had stumbled into some friends from Colorado, so we met with them for fellowship and lunch. Afterwards we went home. I did get some rest and by the time the evening 6 p.m. session rolled around I felt energized enough to get up and be there. This time Michelle went along too. I stayed through most of it but did leave early.

The third day rolled around even earlier because we'd planned to go to Cracker Barrel for breakfast before the conference. Weak but determined, I reached out and grabbed the strength from God to make it to breakfast. After breakfast, we went to the conference, where Michelle soon joined us. About three quarters of the way through that morning session Michelle had to leave to go do some work for the newsletter meeting that was coming up. Before she left, she leaned over to me and asked, "Have you gone up front for prayer in any of these sessions yet?" I understand that I didn't need to be in that specific spot to be healed, and it wasn't as though I hadn't been confessing God's Word over myself, believing by faith and seeing myself healed and even praying with a couple different people before this. **BUT...** The **BUT** there was me once again getting out of the way of what God planned to do when he directed Vern to come drive me to this conference.

As the meeting was breaking up, the intercessor prayer partners were up at the front to come into agreement on God's Word with people. As we were standing there in the aisle, Vern was now talking with someone else when all of a sudden, before I was even aware, I was standing at the front of the line, for prayer. As the next prayer partner became available, I started to go over to him, but the usher stopped me. Gently redirecting me, he said, "No, go to this lady over there, Julie. God has sure been using her in a mighty way." So that's where I went.

As I reached her, remember I hardly had a voice. She asked me what she could agree with me in prayer for. I told her, "I have this awful pain in my digestive tract. I told her that I have been speaking God's Word to this situation with the authority that He has given me. I have faith that God not only wants me well, I know He has already purchased my healing through the Blood of Jesus, and I can already see myself healed. I would just like to get past these symptoms." She began by laying hands on my stomach and speaking God's Word to my insides. Then she stopped and asked me if it felt

any different. I paused and said, "No, it feels the same." So, she continued to confess God's Word, speaking with authority to the issue. When she asked me this time, I took an even deeper inventory of my guts and said, "Yes, it's a little better." I went up there for my **COMPLETE** healing and I was **NOT** going to settle for anything less. In other words, I wasn't going to tell her I felt better if I didn't. If you fake it to please and make the person praying with you feel good, you are **NOT** pleasing God! Jesus paid, **IN FULL**, the price for my **FULL** healing and I was determined to stay right there at the altar until I knew I had received it. So, we continued.

At that point, we both began praying in the Spirit. After a few seconds Julie stopped me and said, "Holy Spirit has asked me to ask you a couple of questions." Remember that this lady was the conduit while Holy Spirit was speaking to me through her. Right then Holy Spirit asked me, "Are you ready to leave this here with Me and never revisit it again?" Instantly my response was, "Yes! Most definitely!" Then we both went back to praying in the Spirit. She stopped me once again and Holy Spirit said, "The enemy has already stolen too much time from you and that has come to an end. **GUARD YOUR HEART!**" I was in tears by Holy Spirit's response. Remember, the doctors had given this stomach 'thing' a name, ulcerative colitis. When Holy Spirit asked me, "Are you ready to leave this here with Me and never revisit it again" that's the exact name I left there. Then Julie looked over at me and asked one more time, "Do you still feel the pain in your stomach?" I stood there for a minute or two consciously searching and doing an internal inventory, searching for the symptoms. Looking back at her with confidence I declared, "**NO!** I don't feel any pain or discomfort at all! Praise God!"

I thanked her for her diligence and obedience then I headed back to where Vern was, still standing in the aisle and ending his conversation. While we were leaving the conference, we walked across the street to get in the car as I explained to him what had just taken place at the altar. When I took my phone out of my pocket, I saw that Michelle had texted asking if we wanted to go out for lunch or do we want to wait and have her cook something for dinner. As we were making our decision, I noticed this **BIG SMILE** on Vern's face. After we decided, I called Michelle and told her, "We would like you to cook us spaghetti tonight." Instantly she stopped me and asked, "What has happened to you?" "What are you talking about," I responded. Again, she asked, "What happened? You didn't have a voice when I left you an hour ago but now your voice is stronger than it has been for months!" As I looked over at Vern, I noticed that he was now laughing out loud. I quickly realized what he was laughing about. I had just resumed in conversation, with a strong voice, without even realizing it. It's what I had been confessing all along but didn't notice that I'd stepped right into it.

I pray that this has captured your attention and helped strengthen your faith that our God still hears and answers prayer. I hope you are beginning to understand that the words we speak have the potential to bring the supernatural into the natural. Remember, You **WILL** have whatever you say, so why not speak God's promises over your life, instead of the problem you may be facing, and experience the **BEST LIFE POSSIBLE!?**

Recovery is Like an Onion

Newlife Daily Devotional

"If we live by the spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit." - Galatians 5:25

Someone pretty smart said, "Recovery is like an onion. All the layers that exist have to be peeled away." Well, if you're a connoisseur of onions, you know that there are different varieties. Some are really powerful and when you barely touch them, they produce tears. Others are pretty sweet, and they barely affect you when you chop them up.

And so, it is with your peeling the layers in your healing process. Some layers will affect you more than others. But, if you realize that it's a process, and that God is with you every step of the way, you can face the pain of your past so that you can move beyond it and heal. Also, consider this, you are in the present. You lived through the reality, whatever and whenever it was, so you can certainly live through the feelings and memories of the reality today.

Make your one desire to be made whole and to be as much like Christ as you can be. When you do, you'll find God putting on your heart the desire and the courage to carry the message of hope and healing to those who are stuck in their pain.

Embrace the pain of the recovery and healing process. It will remind you that God is in control and you're being held in his arms, tight and secure as He walks you through it. It means you'll take some steps of faith, and that will be pleasing to God and healing to you.

WORD OF THE MONTH

Dauntless

Pronunciation – daunt-less dōnt-ləs

Adjective – incapable of being intimidated or subdued : fearless, undaunted

"With dauntless persistence, the ship's crew navigated the vessel through the rough waters, escaping minimal damage and no casualties"

Did You Know ... The history of the world is peopled with **dauntless** men and women who refused to be "subdued" or "tamed" by fear. The word **dauntless** can be traced back to Latin *domare*, meaning "to tame" or "to subdue". When the verb *daunt* was first used in the 14th century, it shared these meanings. The now-obsolete "tame" sense referred to the taming or breaking of wild animals, particularly horses: an *undaunted* horse was an unbroken horse. Not until the late 16th century did we use *undaunted* with the meaning "undiscouraged and courageously resolute" to describe people. By then, such lionhearted souls could also be described as *undaunted* as well as **dauntless**.

Quote Worthy

"I may not be where I want to be but thank God I am not where I used to be."

– Joyce Meyer - an American Charismatic Christian author, speaker, and president of Joyce Meyer Ministries. Her ministry is headquartered in Fenton, Missouri.

Christian Comedy

A friend of mine is an agnostic, dyslexic insomniac. He stays up all night long wondering if there's a dog.

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Fall Into Prayer

By G.B.B.

Dearest dear Jesus from the heavens above.
I'm coming to You with prayers and love.
I thank You for all the angels sent down to me.
I'm thanking the light that allows me to see.

I'm lost in the struggle, I'm falling astray,
I fall on my knees every day and I pray.
I ask for forgiveness, I ask to be saved,
I ask Jesus to show me the road that He paved.

I'm sinning and sinning, I'm caught in a spell
And fighting and fighting to keep me from hell.
Listen dear Jesus, I'm making a plea.
Just give me a minute and listen to me.

I'll turn from my sins and walk in your ways
And praise your Good Name for the rest of my days.
Just give me some comfort and shine on my soul.
I'm needing Your blessing just so You know.

Don't leave me behind, show me You care
As I bow my head and fall into prayer.

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