

# Prayer Ministry

Engaging With Those In Pain & Suffering



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**LOVE** thank you  
journey change enlightenment  
purpose TRUTH forgiveness  
gratitude GUIDANCE trust  
**PEACE** harmony HEALTH  
kindness blessings eternal  
give SPIRITUAL believe  
SEEK FAITH ASK receive  
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### *Introduction*

*When I see my brother stumble and all his dreams crumble,  
Let me be there for I, too, fell.  
When I see his heart breaking from a wrong turn he's taking,  
Let me be there for I remember well.*

*I want to spend my life mending broken people  
I want to spend my life removing pain  
Lord, let my words heal a heart that hurts,  
I want to spend my whole life mending broken people.*

*When I see a life that's broken  
Lord, give me words that should be spoken  
For I well remember the pain  
When I see teardrops falling, Lord, remind me of my calling  
Help me restore their faith again.*

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Music and Lyrics by Mike Murdock

If these lyrics touch your heart like they have ours, then we encourage you to read on in the following pages.

An Endorsement - I've just finished a second read of your off-the-charts prayer ministry e book. It is pleasantly readable, refreshingly honest, highly instructive and positively pregnant with Holy Spirit POWER!!! - Carol

## *Foundational Prayer*

*Confess your faults and shortcomings to each other and pray for one another so that you may be healed. The earnest heartfelt prayer of a righteous person has great power and wonderful results.*

*James 5:16*

# *Dedications*

**First Dedication:** To our long-time friend, mentor, counselor and spiritual father, Al Ells of Leaders That Last Ministries, Mesa, Az.

This book all began with you, Al, when you took us by the hand and led us to begin our own healing journey with Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Since that small beginning so many years ago, we have seen many come through our door seeking healing from their own pain and suffering. You cast the first stone into the pond of our lives and the ripple effect leads us to the following

**Second Dedication:** To all those far and wide who have walked through our door seeking answers to their pain and suffering. Our prayer for each of you has been to provide:

Relief to the tormented  
Liberty to the captive  
Trust to the fearful  
Hope to the depressed  
Healing to the broken and wounded  
Reconciliation to those in contention  
Direction to the confused  
Comfort to those who mourn  
Revelation to those seeking and searching  
Forgiveness to those who forgive  
Power to those willing to do Father's will

**Third Dedication:** To our Heavenly Father, to Jesus, our Brother, and to the precious Holy Spirit, without the Three of You nothing in this book would be possible.

**Final Dedication:** To all those who come behind us and want to spend their lives mending broken people, we leave you this legacy and impartation -

*The ministry of Jesus and the unconditional love of our Father.*

# *Forward*

*By Gerri Taylor*

Our purpose in writing this book is to encourage those who are feeling the calling to minister healing to broken and wounded people. We know that one of the most valuable gifts that the message of Father's love has given us is the ability to be transparent with our own lives. Some have been critical of our open sharing, but we believe that what remains hidden in the shadows of darkness cannot be exposed to the light of our Father. If we are to walk in full intimacy with Him, we must walk transparently before Him and before those who come to walk alongside us.

In these pages you will walk with us through our own healing journey as well as some of the journeys of those to whom we have had the privilege of praying with. You will see some of our failures and certainly you will read of some of our biggest victories. All along this journey, which continues today, we have had the desire to see others come behind us and be encouraged to begin their own ministries of healing. It's our desire that our ceiling become your floor and that the testimonies in your ministry go far beyond where we have gone.

Whether you have the desire to bring healing to others or you are seeking your own healing, this book is for you. May you find within its pages encouragement to pursue that which you are seeking to find in your journey. The testimonies in this book are meant to demonstrate how true it is that 'contained within the power of *every* testimony is the power to reproduce itself.'

Let the healing and reproduction begin!

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## An Offering to the Lord

This offering is simply an attempt to be helpful to others who would like to help hurting people. What we will share with you is based on our own experience of being healed ourselves and giving away the results. Please do not build boxes out of what we share. If you do, you will most likely hinder the Holy Spirit's involvement in your ministry.

When we first heard the term 'prayer ministry' in 2001 it was a new term for us, yet when we went for our first appointment to receive ministry we found it very similar to our own ministry. Simply put, prayer ministry is meeting with someone who is hurting, wounded, struggling with life, struggling with God, someone who can't let go of past events or relationships and is usually sick and tired of being sick and tired and they are asking for help. Help is Father's specialty. That is why we must depend on Him if we are to be truly successful in helping hurting people. Formulas or methods can be helpful when you begin, but can be restrictive, even defeating, if depended upon with every person. We must learn to depend on the Holy Spirit to unravel each person's issues.

Our level of intimacy with Father, Son and Holy Spirit will determine our level of success in helping people in their healing process. Prayer by rote won't get it done. Formulas won't get the job done. Inviting God's presence into your prayer

ministry time and following His lead will produce lasting fruit and life change for the one hurting.

Prayer Ministry will be more effective if the one being prayed for can exercise their own ability to hear God's voice clearly and be able to communicate to the prayer ministers what he or she is sensing and seeing in the situation. We highly recommend that the one receiving ministry review and implement Mark Virkler's teaching on 4 Keys to Hearing God's Voice:

- 1) quiet yourself down,
- 2) fix your eyes on Father and Jesus,
- 3) tune in to spontaneity,
- 4) journal or write what the Lord is saying or doing.

[For more information, please go to <http://www.cwgministries.org/store/4-keys-hearing-gods-voice-book> or see Mark's videos on YouTube.]

Our healing journey began in 1973 for Gerri and in 1976 for Roger when we both had miraculous encounters with Jesus and were born again. The miracles continue today. We have continuously learned about healing by Holy Spirit revelation, numerous teachers and other prayer ministers and our own private time with Father. Apart from Father, Himself, our deepest gratitude goes to our wonderful friend and mentor, Al Ells. We highly recommend Al and his ministry team at Leaders That Last Ministries in Mesa, AZ. <http://www.leadersthatlast.org>

## The Foundation of Prayer Ministry

It seems to us that James 5:16 is a wonderful foundation for prayer ministry.

*“Confess your faults one to another, and then pray for each other that you might be healed.”* Then add *“where two or more are gathered in My name I am there in their midst.”* Also, *“where two or more agree as asking anything, it shall be done for them.”* We are sure you can add more reassurance with other promises from God’s Word. Bottom line for prayer ministry is get together and pray! Ask for and listen for Holy Spirit input, revelation and direction and then be obedient. Confess your faults that you are aware of and be open for hidden faults to be exposed. Inviting, believing and knowing the presence of the Holy Spirit opens the door for surprises and wonderful expressions of His love for us. The supernatural is a glorious place to be; however, to some it is a threatening place, an insecure place because they cannot control it. The unknown can produce fear or cause our fears to rise and hinder our willingness to cross that threshold. Just remember fear does not come from God. The supernatural is God and He is our only truly safe place. He is our home. He is our love. Let’s help each other get there every way we can. Give what you have and Father will bless it. He will provide others to fill in whatever gaps there are. Remember none of us has all the correct answers, but He does.

It is so very rewarding when a problem presents itself in prayer ministry and we don't have a clue what to do with it. Then, seemingly out of nowhere, a clue pops up. So you discuss it, and during the discussion a revelation presents itself and with it the key that unlocks the door for healing and/or resolution to the issue at hand. Eventually we should learn to enjoy the excitement of the unknown, never knowing what the Holy Spirit is going to do next. In the beginning of our ministry this used to drive me (Roger) nuts! I wanted all the answers up front. I wanted and needed to be in control of the ministry session. Notice, here I was still self-centered! I was afraid I wouldn't have the right answer to a problem, and that would make me look bad. My shame, low self-esteem and self-hatred couldn't stand that scenario. You can see in those days times of ministry to others was extremely stressful for me. There was little enjoyment and mostly fear of failure. Father used these painful and stressful times to reveal my own strongholds and lead me to healing and freedom, which equipped me with more and more truth and revelation to give away to other hurting people. For us, the greatest training program for prayer ministry is our own healing journey. The deeper our journey into God, the better equipped we are to help bring freedom and new life to others.

We believe every born again child of God is a minister. What path your ministry takes is between you and God. Your ministry will be most successful if you follow

God's plan and His instructions. Stepping into a ministry that God has not called you to will not produce the desired fruit and may keep you from fulfilling God's plan for your life. He is completely able to help us fulfill our purpose and destiny in Him if we will co-operate and follow His instructions.

Developing our relationship with Him must be our first priority. Our ministry should be an overflow from our intimacy with Him. Sadly, many Christians do not have and do not know they can have a conversational relationship with Father; therefore they miss the fullness of the life experience Father has planned for all of us.

We have learned by experience not to try and deal with issues where we have no experience or instruction. One such area is MPD, Multiple Personality Disorder. We have no experience or revelation in this area and therefore do not take people wanting to deal with this issue. Another area that can be tricky is SRA's, or people who have been satanically, ritualistically abused. We have minimal experience in this area so we don't move beyond initial interviews without Holy Spirit instruction. Unless the Holy Spirit instructs us to engage people in these two areas we try to refer them to other ministries with proven track records. It is wise for prayer ministers to develop their own referral lists.

Also we usually do not engage people for ministry who are under some form of psychiatric care and are on medication. Naturally there can be exceptions, but not knowing the depth of their instability requires us to tread very lightly and be very certain of Holy Spirit instruction. Dealing with deep and painful issues and events with these people should be done face to face for hands on support. Of course the best scenario would be to ask the person's doctor to participate in the prayer ministry time to provide that personal support. Obviously this could be problematic if the doctor is not a Christian and open to the leadership of the Holy Spirit.

### Change Isn't Change Until It's Change

Prayer Ministry is about helping people change harmful or unproductive attitudes and points of view, bringing truth to confront the lies they are living by, and releasing offenders to God to repent for their own sin and receive healing for their woundedness.

Some people come for healing seeming desperate for change, yet when exposed to the steps they must take in the healing process, they balk. Some stubbornly refuse to repent, forgive or change their mind and attitude about a person or a situation. You cannot help them until they are ready to yield their self-centeredness to God.

The joy of prayer ministry for us is the group of people who come prepared to do whatever is necessary to stop the pain and dump the baggage they have been dragging around. Watching their transformation is very exciting and rewarding. We have found, however, that these are in the minority of those who come.

To us, 'prayer ministry' is a term that simply means that two or more people sit down together to pray. We help each other see what we don't see alone. We help each other hear what we don't hear alone. We strengthen and encourage each other to take steps we struggle to take by ourselves. We believe Scripture when it says, *"Where two or more are gathered in His name, God is there,"* and we call upon Him in prayer to lead us to healing and resolution of our struggles. The revelation that the Holy Spirit brings as we minister one to another helps the blind to see, the deaf to hear and the lame to walk in newness of life. This is the ministry of Jesus.

Prayer Ministry can also be a giant leap forward in developing our personal, intimate relationship with Father, Son and Holy Spirit. His gifts of love in our healing process can draw us in closer and closer to Him. In successful Prayer Ministry, everyone wins, the devil is defeated, and hindrances to receiving Father's love are removed. When this happens, change becomes real and lasting.

Something that is difficult for people to see and understand is the power of God that comes to help us when we take the first steps to right a wrong or correct a mistake. We cannot make other people change, but we have total control over ourselves. We can do our part to step out of our self-inflicted bondage and embrace freedom, or not. We must choose to repent for our sin, our unforgiveness, bitterness, anger, fear, lust, or whatever the issue might be and receive God's forgiveness. But it's not just His forgiveness that we receive. If we truly repent, turn away from our sin and pursue God, He makes His power available to pursue more healing and receive more freedom and newness of life.

### Wounding Events

What are the kinds of events that we encounter in life that are bondage to us? How about storms, earthquakes, floods or wild fires, to name a few? People involved in these types of traumatic events who suffer loss usually need healing. We also find that many times people involved in natural disasters blame God. Of course, that is not the only time people blame God for their struggles. There is no limit to how far we can go in blaming God for anything and everything. This is a stumbling block in our healing process.

So, there are natural disasters that are wounding. Then there are accidents that are wounding, and you can make your own list here. Then there is wounding

when others sin against us. There is self-inflicted wounding when we sin ourselves. It's sad when we think we can sin and there will be no consequences because we are born again. Sin *always* has negative consequences whether we believe it or not.

As a result of wounding events we usually compound our struggle with self-inflicted bondage. We make vows and judgments, determinations of heart against people, places or situations. Many times these determined attitudes lead to lies we live by, and we lose the freedom to be all that God created us to be. When we are unforgiving towards someone that hurt us we sin, and we are bound by our own unforgiveness and offense. Also, when we refuse to forgive someone for their offense against us, ***we give them power over us!*** They are constantly on our minds and we re-live the offense over and over again. This may continue until the person repents and asks for forgiveness or until we forgive and release them to Father. Our obedience will begin the healing process.

Our wrong thinking must be confronted. Our wrong priorities must be exposed. Our sinful determinations of heart must be repented of. Our vows and judgments must be repented of and broken. The lies we live by must be revealed, renounced and replaced with truth. All demons involved must be cast out. Over time all wounding events must be revisited with Jesus, allowing Him to re-write the

ending of the wounding event. The memory of the event may remain, but the pain of it will have been healed and removed by Jesus.



Where appropriate, forgiveness must be spoken, then a blessing prayed over the offender, and finally we must ask Father to bless the offender the way He knows they need to be blessed. We then invite Jesus to come into the wounding event, seeing Him and hearing Him as He brings healing to the wounding situation.

Most times we do not realize how many of our struggles in life are self-inflicted. Our wrong thinking, wrong beliefs and attitudes, our woundedness, our desire for revenge, our offense with God and other people all hold us captive to some degree. We listed our woundedness here as self-inflicted bondage even though someone else may have caused the wounding, because our healing is available and it is our responsibility to seek that healing. It is up to us to pursue Jesus and receive His healing for us. It is unnecessary for God's kids to remain wounded.

A person may desperately want healing but when you pray with them progress is limited or non-existent. What's wrong? Why the road block? You may discover as we did that before you move into healing prayer, you should confront the possibility of road blocks. For instance, does the person have any offense with God? If yes, the issue must be resolved before you can move forward. Is there bitterness and/or unforgiveness toward anyone? This also must be resolved before you move on. Is there ongoing, active sin that the person is involved in? There will be little healing progress unless the person is willing to be open and transparent, repent and immediately stop the sin.

We had a young woman come to us for prayer ministry some years ago. She was born and raised in a Christian home and in church but she rebelled in her early teens. Sex became common place to her. In her love hunger, she was giving sex looking for love. Now in her early 20's and still looking for love, she came asking for prayer. While exploring possible road blocks to her healing, she confessed she was living with her boyfriend in a sexual relationship. When we confronted her sin, she was upset. She did not see the problem. She said, "Everyone is doing it. Why were we making such a big deal out of her fornication?" Needless to say, there was no healing progress. We blessed her and put her in Father's hands. We never heard from her again. Sad, isn't it? Sometimes self is our greatest enemy!

Often times it is difficult to confront someone's sin, but we must love people enough to give them opportunity to repent and change. Being co-dependent is not helpful; in fact it usually prolongs the healing process. We have ministered to several people who were wounded by co-dependent parents. Unfortunately when we are co-dependent parents, we produce in our children the exact opposite result of what we are looking for...we produce irresponsible, love hungry children.

Years ago Father said to us, "Where you are going doesn't look anything like where you have been." Then again, He said, "Don't let your past determine your future." Both of these statements are potential treasure for the person entering the healing process. Resolving negative issues from your past will release you to experience new life in your future, and for many that new life of freedom doesn't look anything like their past. So they have never been there before.

We have come to believe that love hunger is the root of all evil. Most people that come for ministry describe the issue they want to deal with, and they usually describe symptoms of love hunger. They haven't identified love hunger as the root of their problem and are surprised when we bring it up.

[For more, see [Love Hunger – The Unseen Force](#) by Roger.]

It often helps them look deeper past the symptoms to the heart of the issue. Sometimes people get stuck in the symptoms because they are afraid of the pain that awaits them if they go deeper. They don't realize that Jesus is waiting for them at the wounding event. He is waiting to heal them and release them from the painful memory. This is where you, as a prayer minister, can be very important to them. Put your arms around them and give them the Father's love by your eyes connecting deeply with their eyes and your embrace becoming the Father's embrace to them. Encourage, strengthen and help them meet Jesus and His healing in the midst of their pain.

### Generational Sins

Many times a person's problems are rooted in generations past. If there is to be freedom there must be discovery of where the generational problem began. We must allow the Holy Spirit to reveal how many generations back, on which side of the family, what the person's name was that committed the original sin, and what was the sin. You may be as surprised as we were to discover how much detail the Holy Spirit can reveal from many generations back that we have no way of knowing apart from Him. Forgiving the ancestor that sinned is essential. The person's repentance for their participation in the sin is essential if applicable. Go to Father and ask for His righteous judgment in behalf of His son/daughter by the blood of Jesus and break the generational curse. Bring that freedom forward

through each generation to the present and declare blessing upon future generations. Bind and cast down all demonic involvement in the issue. Freedom is sweet and new life unimaginable when baggage is gone.

### The Process

Everyone should be made aware that our healing is a process and our process is an individual thing dependent upon our submission to and development of our personal relationship with Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Through the years, Father will continually reveal issues we must confront and resolve in order to empower our growth as a child of the Most High God. This God-ordained healing process helps us leave behind our ways of the flesh and progressively live more and more in the spirit and supernatural realm of His Kingdom. This is where we belong as His sons and daughters.

### Who's Driving the Bus?

It would be helpful to determine in the beginning who will be driving the bus (our ministry). If we are driving and God's involvement is an after-thought we desperately marginalize our effectiveness. Playing God with other people's lives is risky and foolish. Never let your training or education interfere with where the Holy Spirit wants to take you in ministry. Wisdom dictates that He remains God and we are not. We always follow Him, not the other way around. He knows all

and sees all. He will reveal what He wants us to know at the appropriate time. Sometimes patience is required in our process. We don't always get what we want from Him when we want it. Years ago, Father said to me (Roger), "Son, when people press ahead to accomplish something they want without consulting Me, they risk colliding with time and that can be painful and discouraging. I have perfect timing for all things. Wait for Me." Walking closely with Father brings continued healing and dynamic transformation to our daily living. As our baggage is removed, our perspective of life changes. We begin to see our circumstances, relationships and opportunities very differently. We think differently. We feel differently and we approach daily living from a new point of view. Often in the process of a person's ministry, the Holy Spirit will lead us to tell them, "OK, now with the new transformation active in you, go out and do 'life' for a while. Use your coming days to implement the healing you have received."

Now I must say we have spent many hours praying with some people, leading them through repentance, forgiveness and healing prayer and see very little, if any change. When we asked Father about these cases we believe He showed us that unless our words come from the heart, they change very little. Simply put, mouthing words brings little change. When the heart is engaged and sincerity a reality, the Holy Spirit empowers change. Patience is required here because fear may be a stumbling block. Some people are afraid to really let go. They don't like

where they are, but they are afraid of the unknown. Giving up control, even in a difficult life, can be more challenging than the status quo. Some of these people cannot wait until their time with you is over and they run and are gone. They experience little or no change. They remain in their painful comfort zone in control. There is always hope that the Holy Spirit will bring a future opportunity and they will yield the next time. For the present, it will be another round on the merry-go-round of life.

In the early days I (Roger) spent a lot of time blaming myself when we didn't get a breakthrough with someone. I lived in a great deal of false responsibility and unnecessary, self-inflicted pressure. This took the joy out of ministry opportunities for me. Thankfully, Father used our mentor, Al Ells, and others to help me correct the false narrative that I was somehow responsible for the lack of breakthrough. I'm sure you have discovered that we don't always get what we want when we want it, or the way we want it. We must learn that Father's ways are best every time even when we are disappointed with His ways and timing. For me, Isaiah 55:8-9 is a warning that there will be conflict between Father and me at times because our thoughts and ways are sometimes different. It would save us a lot of disappointment and grief if we would accept this truth ASAP. Developing our relationship with Him so we can have ongoing conversation will lead us deeper into His ways and His truth and therefore help us avoid the pitfalls

of wanting our own way. Does this mean He doesn't care about how we feel or what we think about life? Absolutely not! He knows us individually and He cares about us completely. One day He told me that because His desires had become my desires, that my desires would now be His desires. Wow!

In Jesus' day who were the nay-sayers, the opposition to His ministry? It was the religious leaders. They were so bound by religion they could not see or accept the Messiah when He walked among them. They could not and did not want to see His miracles or hear His teaching about love and relationship and His Father. Jesus had some stern criticism for them. He carried out His ministry in spite of their opposition. Their lies, deception, and threats did not move Him from His assignment from His Father. We must do the same!

The religious zealots of today are the same as those in Jesus' day. Every time Father does something different, brings new revelation, miraculously heals someone, or maybe raises the dead, the zealots are quick to respond. They will do whatever they can to keep people and God in their religious box. They are usually deaf to truth and reality. Each of us must choose to dwell in a religious box of our choice or pursue and follow after Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

In or about 1976-77 our pastor, Bro. Jerry Gibson, made a statement we have never forgotten. He said, "A man with experience is never at the mercy of a man

with an argument.” We know of a pastor who this week told one of the ladies in his church that she cannot hear the voice of God except from the Bible! Study the Bible! It doesn’t get more pathetic than that! This is religion at its finest; the same attempts at domination and control the Pharisees used in Jesus day. We were created to have a personal, intimate, loving, conversational relationship with Father, Son and Holy Spirit. It is our opinion that God’s people should run from the Pharisees and run to Father’s open arms to experience the new life He has planned for you. Bust the bondage of the religious box. Escape the religious traps and enjoy the richness of Father’s love.

### Our Personal Experiences

Earlier we mentioned that our ministry is largely built on our personal experience. We want to give you an example of why our own personal experience with God is so important to our future ministry. In 1985 while we were attending a new Vineyard church in town John Wimber, the founder of the Vineyard Church Movement, announced their annual weeklong conference to take place in Anaheim, CA. Several people from our church were going so we began to pray and ask the Lord (we didn’t know Father yet) for the finances to make the trip. No money came in and finances were very tight at the time so we stayed behind, very disappointed. The conference was Monday through Friday. On Thursday morning of that week, Gerri and I were sitting on our couch having our quiet time

with the Lord. Suddenly the Holy Spirit said to me, "Tell Gerri I want to take her back to the doctor's office when she was 9 years old." I was taken aback by the instruction and I balked. Once again the Holy Spirit repeated the same instruction. So with a pounding heart, not knowing where we were going, I said, "Babe, the Holy Spirit just said He wants to take you back to the doctor's office when you were 9 years old." The explosion from Gerri rocked my world. She was screaming, "No, no, no," and tears were flowing freely. As she began to calm down, but still sobbing, the Holy Spirit said to me, "Ask her where she is." I said, "What do You mean where she is? She is right here next to me!" In a rather stern voice, the Holy Spirit said, "ASK HER!" I said, "OK, OK!" "Babe, where are you?" feeling like a dope asking the question. To my complete shock, she said, "In the doctor's office." Then Holy Spirit said, "Ask her to describe what she sees." This time I was more quickly obedient. I was calming down a bit and was beginning to get excited about what was happening. So I said, "Babe, what do you see?" She began to describe what was happening. The doctor was standing behind a big, black camera on a tripod taking Gerri's picture. She was naked. Her mother was watching from a corner chair and listening as the doctor berated Gerri for being fat and ugly. On the walls of the room were pictures of naked, fat children. The shame and embarrassment were overwhelming to this little girl. Gerri continued to sob. I wanted to put my arms around her but I was afraid I might interfere with

what was happening. Then Holy Spirit said, "Ask her to forgive the doctor and her mother." So I did. And I waited. Then Gerri began to speak forgiveness to the doctor and her mother. As soon as she finished the Holy Spirit said, "Now ask Jesus to come into that room and heal the little girl." I was really excited by now so I quickly said, "Lord Jesus, would you come now to this little girl and heal her?" I waited. The Holy Spirit said, "Watch her face." So I turned and watched her face. Tears still running, but the sobbing had subsided. I waited and watched. In a few moments a smile began to show. The tears dried. Then the Holy Spirit said, "Ask her what happened." I did and she joyously began to share what happened to her. She said when I asked Jesus to come to her, the door to the room burst open and Jesus came into the room. He waived His arm toward the doctor and the doctor and his camera went crashing into a corner in a heap. Jesus waived His arm again and all the pictures of the naked children flew off the walls and into the corner with the doctor. Then Jesus walked over to Gerri's mom and pointing His finger in her face, He said to her, "Don't you ever do anything like this to her again!" Jesus then turned to Gerri, opened His robe and wrapped it around her as He picked her up. Out the door and down the hall toward the front door they went. As they passed the reception area Jesus waived His arm again and everything in the room flew into a heap in the corner. Now outside and down the steps over to a huge tree in the yard, Jesus sat down with Gerri in His arms and

leaned against the tree. He then began to speak love and assurance, safety and comfort to Gerri. The vision ended. The pain of the memory was gone. In its place was the security of the love of Jesus. Wow! We were overwhelmed with what had just happened. Our first experience with inner healing and it was an unsolicited, sovereign gift from the Lord ... such an overwhelming, life changing gift. We were beside ourselves with excitement. As we talked on, the Lord gave Gerri a diagram, but no explanation to go with it. This wonderful, life changing experience happened on Thursday morning. On Saturday morning a young couple from our church called. They had returned from the Vineyard Conference in California and they wanted to come over and share with us about the conference. When they came they brought us tons of materials from the conference. They began to share their excitement over what happened and what they learned. Then they said the most exciting part happened on Thursday morning! They said, "We learned about inner healing and there were demonstrations and instructions! It was awesome!" Gerri and I looked at each other in amazement with our own joy and excitement. As they were sharing with us they showed us a diagram...enough said. Yes, it was the same diagram that the Lord had given Gerri. We were beside ourselves with excitement over what had just happened in Gerri's healing. To this day, she is mindful of the past event, but there is now never a moment when any pain surfaces. Gerri only experiences the

joy and freedom of her healing and is able to freely share her testimony which is helpful to others experiencing the pain of sexual and emotional abuse.

Then I (Roger) thought, perhaps I need healing for some issues. So Gerri and I prayed and I asked the Holy Spirit to take me back to a place I needed healing. Quickly I saw myself and my mother on the walkway leading to my grandparents' home where Mom and I lived for the first 3 years of my life. I was toddling holding on to Mom's finger, wearing nothing but a diaper. I was a little confused because I was laughing. This didn't look like a wounding situation to me. Then Gerri said, "Roger, I don't know what you are seeing, but the Holy Spirit says you are 10 months old." That fit the scene. Then all of a sudden the scene changed. I was sitting on the walk and crying hard. I saw my Mom and Grandma standing on the front steps of the house and they were wailing and holding a piece of paper. Somehow I thought I was the cause of their wailing. Gerri asked me, "What do you see?" So I explained. The Holy Spirit then revealed that the paper they were holding was the telegram notifying Mom that my dad had been killed in England. It was July 1944. I was born in September 1943, so in July 1944 I was 10 months old. That confirmed what Gerri said to me. Gerri and I prayed and asked Jesus to come and heal this little boy. Suddenly there He was. He walked up to me and picked me up and began to swing me around. He was laughing. He held me close

and continued to swing me around. I could feel the whirling. My tears dried and His joy got on me and I was laughing again.



We sat down and Jesus leaned back against the large palm tree in the yard and held me close. I was safe. Everything was OK. I was OK! When it was over, I shared the details with Gerri and we celebrated. We were in awe of our experience. What an awesome gift of love freely given to us. This was a totally life-changing sovereign gift from God and we couldn't wait to give the revelation away.

How many hurting Christians need healing from painful memories? Little did we know how much rejection this wonderful gift would bring. As word of this new ministry of inner healing spread, the Pharisee watch-dogs let out howls of "unscriptural, unreasonable" and so on. They have no experience, only an opinion; unable to think of experience outside of their religious boxes. Well, sorry for you, but it's too late. We have the experience with the healing and our

freedom and you can't steal it! We have over the years seen hundreds of others transformed by this ministry of Jesus. We have learned to let the naysayers go their way and we go ours. Father is faithful to continue to send hurting people to us just as He is faithful to bring them healing when they truly seek Him. To Him be all the glory!

### Sam's Testimony

A more recent example of wonderful healing comes from Sam. She is a 22 year old young lady living at home with her mom and younger brother and older sister. Gerri was teaching three of them about Father's love and healing on Skype. Sam was shut down spiritually and emotionally. She could not look you in the eye. She always looked down and away from you. In one of their discussions, Gerri discovered that bondage began with Sam when she started public school. When her teacher saw Sam writing with her left hand, she reprimanded her and told her she must use her right hand. God created Sam left handed. Ignorance demanded the opposite. Confusion, frustration, shame, fear of failure, anger and emotionally shutting down became the norm for Sam. Gerri asked me if I would join her in some prayer ministry time with Sam. I gladly agreed. We met with Sam on Skype and as usual she couldn't look into the camera. We asked her if she was willing to go back to that classroom when her teacher scolded her for using her left hand. She agreed, so we asked the Holy Spirit to come and take her back

there. In a few moments, she was in the classroom reliving the event. We asked if she could forgive her teacher. She did. We then asked Jesus to come to this little girl and heal her from this traumatic event and He did! Then I asked her permission to speak to her personal spirit. She said, "Yes." I prayed, "Father, with Sam's permission I speak to her spirit." I prayed something like this: *Sam, I call your spirit out of hiding. I bless your spirit to be bold and come out and enjoy new life. You are safe now so you can take your rightful place of leadership in Sam's life. I speak to the bondage and confusion you have been in and I break its power over you. Now I release you to be left handed the way God created you. I speak to the demons that were assigned to you when this wounding took place and I command them to go now in Jesus name. I say to you, Sam, you are free now to be all Father created you to be. Rise up and be blessed in your new life.*

The following week we were overwhelmed when we met with Sam. When Skype connected there was Sam with a big smile looking directly into the camera and very excited to tell us about the change in her life. She said the bondage was gone and she was using her left hand freely. Her hand writing was dramatically improved. The family was really excited about her transformation. I believe it was the following week she went for her monthly appointment with her doctor. The doctor saw her sign in and she said, "Sam, what has happened to you?" Sam was able to share her healing testimony with her Christian psychologist. The

doctor said, “Wow, Sam, we were never taught anything like this in school. I need to learn more.”

Sam continues to grow in her relationship with Father as do her mom and siblings.

Thank You, Daddy, for another awesome example of Your love and kindness.

### Sam Tells Her Own Story

For most of my life I was a nervous wreck just waiting for the next explosion of panic to attack. My life was not a happy one. My Father was basically absent. His body was there, but the only father I knew was the one who hurt me, physically and emotionally over and over again. He was never there when I needed him and love from him was not to be found. My mom did the best she could to fill the role of both parents and my oldest sister even filled the dad role a lot too. They loved me and showed it the best way they knew how and really sheltered me from a lot of pain. My one true constant source of love was my animals. I would talk to them and tell them all my hurts and dreams and they would always show me unconditional love, the kind God meant for me to have. In Feb 2012 my Dad walked off and left me, Mom, my oldest sister and little brother - not for another woman or anything, he was just tired of the responsibility of being a husband and dad. He had always sort of done his thing anyway and only wanted a family to brag about but not put any effort in to it. He did not even contact us for over

three years. We were left with only my sister's income to support a family of 4. My mom had always stayed at home and cared for us. She gave up her career when she was pregnant with my oldest sister 30 years ago. She was an amazing mom but for years she had diabetes and had no insurance or money to go to the doctor and get help. She always made sure that her husband and children were cared for and had whatever they needed and most of the time even wanted. She put us before herself all the time. Mom was very sad on the inside but did not let it show much. In October of 2015 mom was connected with Places in the Father's Heart ministries and the Taylor's. As she read their e-books and talked with them she changed. She became happy again and found such a peace and joy; we could not understand what was happening. Mom started sharing with us and it started a change in us too.

When I was 4 years old and in preschool I used my left hand and by the end of the school year I could color in the lines and even write my ABC's, numbers, lots of words and even my full name, address, and phone number. Everyone was so proud of me and I was even proud of myself. When I started to public school kindergarten my teacher would not let me use my left hand. Every time I would go to use it she would fuss and make me change to my right hand. Confusion came in to my life and really changed me. It sort of took over my life. I was sad all the time. I felt like anything that happened in the family that was not right was

somehow my fault and I had done it. I constantly said I'm sorry, I'm sorry and blamed myself for everything, even things I had no part in. Fear gripped and controlled my life. When mom realized what had happened the school said it was too late. I was not left handed according to their guide lines. It was then that all the anxiety, depression, and violent outbursts started. I was even diagnosed as severely dyslexic. Mom then started home schooling me and my siblings and that helped but I still struggled. Phonics never clicked for me. I just could not understand it. I struggled to read and writing was very hard and spelling was basically nonexistent. I could not spell much at all.

In January of 2004 my Dad had a bi-polar mania episode and the part I saw was so traumatic that I developed PTSD along with the depression and anxiety I already had, and then came the full blown panic attacks almost daily. I got treatment at mental health but that was basically just pills and counseling. That continued for many years and life was miserable. As mom shared what she learned from the Taylor's and their website something started to be different. She had me read Love Hunger and Father's Love for myself and it was like all of a sudden I understood where all the problems were coming from. It opened my eyes to a whole new world. I started prayer ministry for myself with the Taylor's the end of 2015.

I finally understood the love that I was created to receive, and because I did not

get it from the right source it had opened doors for all the problems in my life.

They taught me about Father's love, not just God's love but Him as my true Father

in everything. As the ministry continued the healing came and it has been

amazing! I am happy for the first time in so long. I can smile a true smile. My

dyslexia has been healed. I can read anything I want any time I want. I was

returned to the way Father God created me being left handed and all; within a

week of turning my spirit around and making it come out of hiding I could color

and write with my left hand better than using my right hand for 15 years. My

depression is gone. My anxiety is a lot better. It still appears

from time to time but now I know how to make it go and not

control me. I don't have full blown panic attacks and even

when I feel the anger starting, I now have the tools to use to

control it before it really starts. I have even been able to

forgive my dad and start praying for him to also receive



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Father's love like my family has. My life is now so different. I am happy. I have

dreams for the future and I enjoy sharing the Father's love and all the Taylor's

have taught me so others can have it too. I hope this has touched someone who

is struggling to know Jesus came that we might have life and have it more

abundantly. Life with Father is truly AMAZING! Thanks Taylor's for loving me to

life! All glory goes to Father and Jesus and the Holy Spirit! With those three on

our side who can be against us?

### Physical Sickness and Disease

Another way prayer ministers can be helpful is in the area of sickness and disease.

I don't mean we should play doctor and practice medicine because that can certainly get you in trouble. One sure sign we have found in our experience is when a person has exhausted all efforts with their doctor(s) to find a medical reason for the sickness or disease and the reports continue to come back with 'we can't find anything wrong', it is time to look for a spiritual root. Often times physical illness can have a spiritual root so it is quite legitimate to pray and ask the Holy Spirit if the problem has a spiritual root to the specific illness. If the answer is 'yes', that issue must be dealt with before you pray for physical healing of the illness.

Illness can be rooted in sin and it can also be generational. Too many times we just accept an illness because it runs in the family. Wouldn't it be wise to at the very least ask the Holy Spirit if there is a spiritual root to the illness? Perhaps it's time to cut the root. [For more information on spiritual roots to physical problems, we suggest you read *A More Excellent Way*, by Dr. Henry Wright.]

Let me (Roger) give you some personal examples of illness that had a spiritual root. Until I was about 22 years old, I never had any allergy or hay fever type

problems. All of a sudden I began to have trouble with running, itchy, burning eyes, sinus drainage, chronic cough, headaches and trouble sleeping. My quality of life went downhill quickly. I was about 60 years old before we got the revelation that illness can have a spiritual root. When Gerri and I prayed about my allergies, the Holy Spirit revealed to us that my allergies began after I started to commit adultery. Wow! Although I had been forgiven for my sin of adultery, the consequences continued to plague me. Over time the consequences have greatly improved as my relationship with Father has grown more intimate.

In 2009, on Thanksgiving night, Gerri and I went to bed. I turned on my left side to turn out the light and my heart went out of normal rhythm. It was beating very fast and I became hot and weak. Gerri called 911 and soon our bedroom was filled with paramedics. Then an ambulance ride to the hospital, 15 hours of tests including treadmill, and the heart specialist said, "We can't find a problem.

Roger, you have the heart of a 20 year old. Here, wear this monitor for 30 days and see what happens." Yep...you guessed it. Nothing happened in the 30 days!

When the doctors said they couldn't find a problem we knew to pray and ask

Father if there was a spiritual root here. He said, "Yes. Conflict." I said, "OK,

Daddy, what does that mean?" He replied, "There is a conflict in your heart.

Every time someone hurts you, you close your heart to them and withdraw. That is a sin against love, Son."

The focus of our ministry was carrying the message of Father's love, yet I was sinning against love, so there was conflict. The episodes with my irregular heart beat increased in frequency through 2012 and then they began getting better. Today they are infrequent and much less severe. As you can tell by these examples, Gerri and I have suffered a lot because of my sin. Thank You, Daddy, for forgiveness and healing.

### Jennifer's Testimony – Our Perspective

Let me give you another example from our family. As a young child, our granddaughter, Jennifer, was diagnosed with a rare, terminal muscle disease and Tourette's syndrome. The local school officials said she would never learn and she constantly disrupted classes with her outbursts, so they sent her home. Many specialists later, the overall opinion was they could not help her except to put her on very heavy medication. As the years went by she grew bigger, but weaker. She was eventually in a power chair. She couldn't dress herself or shower by herself and she slept most of the time.



We came in contact with another prayer minister and he shared with us that they had discovered that many times terminal diseases were rooted in a death wish. We immediately felt this was Jennifer. We prayed and waited for Daddy's instruction.

Then one day He said, "It's time to go and pray for Jennifer." We drove to Alabama praying all the way. When we arrived the first thing Jennifer said to her Granmomma was, "Can we go in my room and do some of that get-down prayin'? I believe Jesus is going to heal me." Gerri and Jennifer went straight into her room to pray. Gerri asked her if she ever hurt so badly she just wanted to die. She said, "Oh yes, Granmomma...all the time." So Gerri said, "Jenny, Father God gave you life as a gift, and when you want to die you hurt His heart." Jenny said, "Well, I guess I better tell Him I'm sorry." She prayed and repented of her death wish and Gerri led her to choose life not death, and blessing not cursing. The next morning Gerri and I were having coffee with our daughter, Lisa, and Jennifer appeared in the doorway. She had showered, dressed and put on her makeup and she said, "I choose life not death." She was healed! She never needed her power chair again and she never took another medication, which the doctors said was impossible. Today she is 26 years old, has her own apartment, car and a job, and she is excited about the husband Father has for her someday. Death wish broken and life is good! By the way, when she was 16 she studied for her driver's license test and scored 100% on the test; so much for not being able to learn. Not bad for someone with very little schooling who was repeatedly told "you can't do this and you can't you do that." She has proved all the experts wrong. God is awesome!

## Jennifer's Testimony in Her Words

*♡ It is a blessing to have received the miracle Daddy has given me. I am truly blessed and thankful that our prayers were answered that day. I still remember the day just as if it was yesterday. I woke up that morning after Granmomma prayed with me and I felt like a brand new person. I had energy. I didn't feel sick anymore. I felt like I was floating on air. Our God is so amazing!!*

*No matter what situation you are in, no matter how bad you feel, never give up, always believe and have faith God is always there with you. He will never leave your side. Always believe in miracles and keep looking up because your miracle is just around the corner.*

*May God bless you and keep you. ♡Jen*



*Jeremiah 29:11 - For I know the plans I have for you declares the Lord plans to prosper you and not to harm you plans to give you hope and a future. Philippians 4:13 - I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength.*

## Spiritual Orphans

Sadly in life, many of us grow up as spiritual orphans due to the lack of expressed love, affection and acceptance and, usually accompanied by some other form of abuse, the child frequently feels abandoned and rejected like they don't belong. They don't feel safe or secure. Abandonment, shame, rejection, fear, low self-esteem, self-hatred, anger, bitterness, and depression, little hope or vision for the future are just some of the possible symptoms these children live with. These people are quite vulnerable to addictions of all types and gangs or other undesirable associations. They will do anything to be accepted and have some sense of belonging and security. This major rejection and abandonment issue can even begin in the womb. Yes, Jesus is available to heal womb issues. Simply asking the Holy Spirit to take the person back to the beginning of their rejection will give you a good starting place. I'm sure you see in this example that the symptoms listed above are rooted in love hunger, so resolution begins with asking the Holy Spirit to take the person back to the beginning of the abandonment – rejection - and working forward. Also consider that our woundedness adversely affects our thinking and reasoning process, making it more likely that we will replace truth with lies and deception. Guess who is there to help us live in the lies. Yes, this is satan's playground. He loves to empower our defeat. He works hard to reinforce our self-centeredness and keep us shut down.

Do you see that love hunger is powerful enough to cause us, to empower us, to do things that we know are wrong just in the hope of being accepted and loved? We typically look in all the wrong places attempting to satisfy the hole in our heart where love belongs. All the time Father, Son and Holy Spirit are available to meet our deepest needs for love and affection. Father's love is the one key element in life available to us all that will break the back of our self-centeredness. We usually do not recognize self-centeredness or self-idolatry as bondage, but it truly is a major hindrance to our ability to live life to its fullest the way God intended.

#### Who Has All the Answers?

We cannot possibly give you all the steps you may need to take in anyone's healing process. That is because we don't know all the various possibilities. That is why we MUST depend on the Holy Spirit to guide us through the maze of tangled emotions and wounding events and broken relationships and self-inflicted bondage that each person has. He knows what key will unlock what doors at the proper time. You may not get from Him what you think you need when you think you need it. He is always on His time, not ours. When you hit a road block, ask and wait. Patience is sometimes required. Don't fall into the trap like I (Roger) did of taking false responsibility for not finding a breakthrough with someone. My self-condemnation went crazy in these instances. I felt like I didn't pray

enough. I didn't study enough. I didn't stand on my head. I didn't. I didn't. I didn't! This is a dead end road to travel. Thankfully our mentor, Al Ells, rescued me from myself. The greatest advice in the world is this: Don't play God! We simply must remain brothers and sisters in the Lord coming together to pray over issues and receive His wisdom and healing in the process. Our freedom is for His glory. Our release from bondage catapults us forward toward our purpose and destiny that Father has prepared.

Have you or someone you know prayed and prayed and prayed about a personal issue and still didn't get an answer or breakthrough? Perhaps you should consider the scripture that says "where two or more are gathered in My name and agree as touching a thing, it shall be done for them." Perhaps humility is required here to get the breakthrough as in "confess your faults one to another and pray for each other so that you might be healed."



None of us have all the answers. If we suppose that we do, we are walking in the spirit of pride and we all know where that road ends!

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit hold every key to every problem. Wise men and women will seek Him, for

only He has all the answers!

## Degreed or Not Degreed

Tradition may tell us that in order to minister to other people, we must get an education, get trained, or get a degree. That may be Father's will for some, but I don't believe that is true for all. Every born again child of God has the responsibility to continually grow in and live a transformed life in relationship with God. Our personal experience with God is the gift we have to give away to all who will listen. I am not talking about knowledge gained in study. I'm talking about experiential knowledge. Live it and it's powerful when you give it!

Sadly, for many formal training can lead to bondage in ministry. Learning about something is not the same as experiencing something... like learning about God is not the same as having a personal, intimate relationship with God. Please understand, I am not suggesting that formal education is a bad thing. It's not, if you keep it in perspective. Never let your education knowledge supersede the Holy Spirit leadership in your ministry. It might help to ask yourself this question: Where do I get my legitimacy, my self-worth? Is it from my education, my training, my certificates or degrees, or because I'm popular and people praise me? Yes, it is very rewarding to accomplish things in life and everyone enjoys compliments. However, if these are the things we depend on to feel successful and legitimate as a person, we are in a trap! In order to maintain our position of favorability we must perform and in performance we usually gravitate toward

control of self and others and the vicious cycle is enjoined. It is never ending, never satisfied, more performance, then more control. Fear can become a dominant factor here; then anger can become an issue because we are afraid of losing our position of favorability, our reputation, our legitimacy, our self-worth! Is the trap not evident enough? All this is so unnecessary as a son or daughter of God!

This is also a place where religion can become a huge stumbling block to many people. The traditions of men, the rules, the 'you are not qualified and you gotta do it this way' stuff shut many people down before they ever get started. How tragic. We believe this way: the moment you are born again you have a wonderful gift to give away. You don't need formal training to share this joy and excitement you just experienced in meeting Jesus. As you press into God each new experience is a treasure to be shared with others. You are already the expert in this situation because it is *your* experience. It's not hearsay or book learning; it's your life and Father expects us to give away the wonderful gifts we receive from Him so that others can be blessed and drawn to Him.

Please keep in mind some people will reject you and your testimony!! Those people bound by religious tradition can be quite nasty when your experience with God dares to cross their boundaries or beliefs! It is sometimes helpful in our exuberance to ask the Holy Spirit for guidance in who we share our experiences

with. He knows who is ready to hear and who isn't. Of course there are times He will lead us to share our testimony with someone simply to challenge their beliefs. We may not see the eventual fruit, but we have planted the seed.

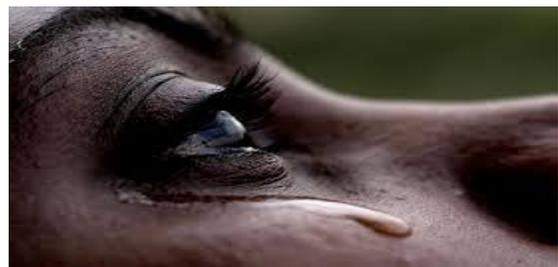
### Decisions – Decisions - Decisions

For most of us, part of our healing process involves simple choices- like the choice we all face between right and wrong. Most of the time we know the difference, although there are times we are blinded by other issues and can't see the forest for the trees. That is when we need someone else to help us see our mistakes.

Making the righteous choice between right and wrong should be easy for us.

Living out that choice may be a horse of a different color. I'm sure you know that correcting our sin can sometimes be painful, but the end result is Heaven's reward of forgiveness and healing. Making the righteous choice to correct our mistakes, our sin, can open the door to deeper healing. The opposite is also true.

Refusing to correct our sin is usually a major road block to our healing.



Let us give you an example here: A dear

friend of ours was diagnosed with cancer and not doing well. One day in our prayer time, the Lord spoke to Gerri and me and told us to go and pray for her.

We called and asked her husband if we could come and pray for her. He said,

“Yes.” We drove to their home where we found her weak and lying on the couch.

We shared with her that the Lord had sent us to pray for her. We knelt down and laid our hands on her but before I (Roger) could pray, the Holy Spirit said, "Don't pray for her healing. This is a root of bitterness." I said to her, "The Lord says not to pray for your healing because this is a root of bitterness. Are you bitter and unforgiving toward anyone?" She answered, "Yes. I will never forgive my mother and my sister." I said to her, "If you don't forgive, we cannot pray for your healing." She replied again, "I WILL not forgive them." We blessed her and her husband and we left. Within days she was gone.

You see, our choices can have a profound effect on our quality of life. Whether we like it or not, our quality of life, either good or bad, affects the people around us and their quality of life. In the example above, how much were our friend's husband, children and extended family and friends adversely impacted by her bitterness and unforgiveness? Only they know the truth, but what about her quality of life? The self-inflicted bondage she lived with every day that she refused to forgive and repent of kept her from living in the depth of love, joy and peace that was waiting for her as a daughter of the Most High God!

Every decision we make has consequences, right? What kind of consequences do we want in life? Galatians 6:7 says, "*Whatsoever a person sows, that shall they also reap.*" That is a promise! In other words we contribute to our own future. So what do we want waiting for us out there? The scripture also says, "*Be sure*

*your sin will find you out.*” Ouch! That is also a promise! You see, it is imperative that we be proactive in correcting negative issues in our lives as soon as they are revealed.

Consider vows and judgments. When we get hurt, what is our response? Most of us don't act like Jesus, do we? No, we don't. A common response to the pain and the offense is to become judgmental and critical of the person or people or the institution involved. Then in our pain and offense, we make vows or determinations of heart regarding the issue. This is self-inflicted bondage! This is sin on our part! Someone sins against us and adversely impacts our life and if we are not careful we sin in response to their sin and we have added to our own trouble. Resolution here to move on to a better life requires the obvious. Forgive the offenders and release them, then repent for your sin of being judgmental, critical, unforgiving, bitter and angry. Then consider, have you made vows or determinations of heart as a result of the situation? Have you said, “I will never...or I will always do so and so?” If so, these vows are bondage to you. You must decide if you will continue in your bondage or repent and step into freedom. Choosing humility and embracing a Godly change of heart will empower you to renounce your vows and break them and step into the liberty of your healing. This is where prayer ministry can be so helpful. As James 5:16 says, *“Confess your faults one to another, and then pray for one another so that you might be healed.”*

There is more power when two or more are gathered in prayer and in agreement touching a thing. Sinful vows are serious stumbling blocks for the child of God who wants to mature and fulfill their purpose and destiny in God.

### Spiritual Rebellion

Abandonment, rejection, wounding and, in general, pain in life can lead a person into rebellion against God, other people, and even life itself. We call this spiritual rebellion. It is bondage that can be deep and wide. The consequences can manifest physically, emotionally and spiritually and dramatically reduce or hinder our quality of life and our potential in life! Now please stop and consider, if we are in rebellion to God because we are angry and offended with Him it reveals we are being judgmental and critical of Him, usually because He did or didn't do something we thought He should or shouldn't do. In other words, we exalt ourselves to sit in judgment of God! This is a fool's place to be! Because of the pain and disappointment involved, this becomes a heart issue. Heart issues require repentance, forgiveness and healing if we want freedom and the ability to progress toward our purpose and destiny in God. These issues will not go away with time. They require action on our part for resolution. The power of our self-centeredness must be broken. It is our choice to move from being judgmental and critical to being repentant and humble and asking God's forgiveness. In this righteous process God will be faithful to empower us to make the necessary

corrections, provide the necessary healing and lead us to complete resolution of the issues and our freedom in Him.

Our rebellion is one of the road blocks to our future that I mentioned earlier. In I Samuel 15 the Word says that *'rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft and stubbornness is as idolatry.'* Participating in sin opens the door to physical illness as in rebellion and idolatry. It can be painful and frustrating to try to heal a physical illness that has a spiritual root. Obviously medicine cannot fix a spiritual problem. The other thing to remember here is our rebellion usually shows in our relationship with other people. The symptoms of our rebellion can become visible in our rebellion to authority figures in our life. Our anger, resentment, fear, disappointment, etc. can adversely affect our relationships with family, friends and co-workers. We can experience rejection because of our rebellious attitude. Because of our rebellion we can experience increased negative life experience and that can cause us to shut down emotionally and begin to withdraw socially even from close friends and family. In extreme cases our spirit can withdraw and go into hiding. We build an internal spiritual wall to hide behind for protection. This painful isolation usually results in depression which can lead to suicidal thoughts and, in some cases, death wishes. This downward spiral is reversible if the person wakes up and repents. God's healing process is always available for those who seek Him.

Now, is it not obvious that our rebellion is a major stumbling block to our ability to have a personal, intimate relationship with Father, Son and Holy Spirit? God has all the answers and all the tools to fix all of our problems and lead us to the rewarding, victorious life He has intended for His kids. Is it time to humble ourselves and repent? Scripture says, *“If we will pursue Him, He will pursue us.”* That is a Godly collision in the making! Yahoo!

You can find more information on spiritual rebellion in our eBook titled [\*The Many Faces of Spiritual Rebellion\*](#) on our website.

So how do we help people who are trapped in rebellion? First you must make sure you are not living in rebellion yourself. If you are, then you must resolve your own issues first. Your experience with your own healing will better equip you to help others crawl out of their dark place. Then if you see someone who you suspect might be in rebellion, or the Holy Spirit points out someone's rebellion, start praying for them. Ask the Holy Spirit for revelation and instruction. Proper timing is everything, and that means God's timing. You may not be the person God wants to minister to the rebellious one. Leave it up to Him. If He says go to the person, then go. Just make certain that you go in love, not with judgment or criticism. Sharing your testimony of your healing journey can be powerful in giving people hope. Your testimony can also help build trust between you so that the person can feel safe in opening up to you. We could say

that rebellion is a natural response to a painful circumstance and that may be acceptable in our ignorance. That is, until we discover the truth that rebellion is sin to us. The nasty consequences can greatly diminish our life experience and our relationship with God. So...make a choice. Make a quality decision. Choose to stay in rebellion or choose to repent and step into forgiveness and grace.

Forgive the situation that opened the door for your rebellion, and then ask the Holy Spirit to take you back and revisit the wounding event and finally ask Jesus to come and bring healing to you. Be open to Him and whatever He might ask you to do. If you are willing and obedient Jesus will heal you, and the pain and the bondage of the event will be broken. Your healing experience now becomes a gift to people in your world; a potentially life-changing gift to be freely given in love.

It is amazing how many of us are shackled and in bondage but don't realize that we are shackled and in bondage! After all, I'm a Christian. How could I be shackled and in bondage? Revelation and truth open the door to freedom and new life if we are willing to pursue the opportunity. If we choose to start down the path of righteousness, healing, repentance and forgiveness, God will join us there and empower us to follow through to victory and new life. Together with Him we win!

## Forgiveness and Healing Are Two Different Things

Some of us have not gotten the memo that warns us that there is a direct connection between forgiveness and healing. Our willingness to forgive those who hurt us opens the door to Heaven and makes it possible for Jesus to invade our painful space. The opposite is also true. As we shared testimony earlier, our unwillingness to forgive keeps self on the throne and in control, and the result can be life threatening. A wonderful gift from Father is His willingness to expose our sin and our self-inflicted bondage in the hope that we will make the righteous choice and repent, then press into Him for our healing. How Father confronts us varies person to person and situation to situation. However, you can count on the fact that His methods are always wrapped in love because that's Who and What He is. Now if we are stubborn and rebellious, His correction can become stern, even earth shaking if necessary. Whatever it takes to rattle our cage and break us loose from our deaf, dumb, blind and stubborn darkness He will do. If we will not listen to reason, it may take the unreasonable to get our attention. He loves us enough to confront us, discipline us and even expose us if necessary. How much help do we need to climb out of whatever pit we are in to rise up to that supernatural place where we belong as a child of the Most High God? Most of us live today essentially as the world does. That is not our rightful place. That is beneath the supernatural life that Father has prepared for us. Aren't we silly to

prefer a natural, worldly life in the flesh rather than the supernatural life in the Spirit where we belong? Now it is one thing to make an ignorant choice here. By that I mean that many Christian people have been lied to and deceived by religion and they don't know a supernatural life is available to them. On the other hand, a willful choice to remain self-centered instead of becoming God-centered can have dark consequences. This is another area where we can help each other if we are willing to listen.

### Repentance or Remorse

I feel I must say something about repentance. In healing ministry, repentance is a key issue for success. So what is repentance? "I'm sorry I got caught" is not repentance. It is remorse. Being sorry for and apologizing for our sin, first to God, then to other people we have hurt is the first step in true repentance but it must go further than that. Our repentance must encompass our life style. In other words, our repentance must produce a change in us; a change in attitude, in priorities, in motivation and conduct. Remorse is a mental thing and usually produces little to no change. True repentance is a heart issue that produces a deep desire to make necessary changes to avoid any repetition of the sin we are dealing with. Confessing our sin, bringing it out into the light and asking for forgiveness, without taking every step necessary to avoid that sin in the future is not repentance at all. It is wise to become open and transparent with our

repentance and necessary to take the repentance out as far as the sin has gone.

Without true repentance healing is difficult to come by.

### Ways to Conduct Prayer Ministry

From the beginning of our ministry in 1982 until about 2007 we conducted our ministry hands on and face to face. In conducting a conference or retreat our ministry was face to face. For prayer ministry we required people to travel to us to receive ministry. Obviously this limited many people who could not afford to travel to see us. In 2007 a ministry transformation began to take place. We discovered that the Holy Spirit was able to conduct ministry on both ends of a phone conversation at the same time! Wow! That door swung wide open instantly! Although we still prefer face to face, we consistently watch the Holy Spirit bring the same wonderful healing by phone that we see in person. The next step in ministry transformation came when we were introduced to Skype. Now we were back to face to face over long distances. This has been a wonderful gift to many who cannot afford to travel. The personal touch and building of trust is greatly enhanced when visual connection is possible. Today, we conduct prayer ministry opportunities by phone, on Skype or in person according to each person's desires and availability. This transition has made it possible for us to help many more people at greater distances than ever before. Thank You, Daddy, for the Holy Spirit and technology.

## Motives of Heart

Now I (Roger) must ask this question: What is our purpose or motive for our ministry? We truly need honesty and purity of thought in answering this question. We need Holy Spirit revelation and discovery here. We must have God's love and power working in and through us if we are to reach our maximum potential in helping others in their healing journey. Can we honestly pray and ask the Holy Spirit to reveal our true motive for ministry? Do we need to minister for selfish reasons? Do we get our self-worth, our legitimacy from being in what we perceive as an important position? Do we need the applause of men to feel good about ourselves? If so, our love hunger and our need for healing have been revealed. Our self-idolatry must be conquered so we can confidently and joyfully lead others in the same conquest. The freedom and new life experience that comes here is like Heaven on earth. Self-idolatry is a true hindrance to our ability to have loving, intimate relationships with God and other people. Self-idolatry is rooted in love hunger. Love hunger is that insatiable, driving force within us that can only be satisfied by healing our woundedness and experiencing Father's overwhelming love for us. His powerful, life-changing love is the missing ingredient in most everyone's life. Father's love will destroy our self-idolatry at its root and satisfy our love hunger as nothing else can. The end result is purity in ministry. That means we are God-centered instead of self-centered and our

heart's desire is to exalt Him and not ourselves. When we are self-centered we minister in order to receive from others what we need to feel valued, loved and accepted. When we are God-centered we minister from a foundation of Father's love and we freely give what we have so others can prosper, be healed and experience Father for Who He truly is. Our joy and satisfaction come from helping other brothers and sisters in the Lord find their healing and new life in Daddy's arms. THIS is success in ministry!

### Re-Presenting Him

As we go forward in life and ministry it is essential that we remember Who we represent. In our words, actions and deeds we represent someone, or a group or an organization. If we call ourselves Christian we actively represent what is called the Church, Christianity and ultimately God Himself. As a child of the Most High God, our foremost concern must be how we represent Him to humanity. Our primary function in life should be to allow Father, Son and Holy Spirit to speak through us to bring love and life to everyone who will listen. In our opinion if we offer religion in His name, we misrepresent Him. He is not about religion. He is all about relationship. The truth is we offer what we have. If all we have to offer is religion we fall woefully short of our responsibility as a child of God. If all we have to offer is hearsay evidence about having a personal, intimate relationship with God we once again fall short of our potential to be a life changer. We must

have personal experience with God and His love for us if we are to have the grace and power of His love to offer new life to others.

In re-presenting Him, we should be mindful of our appearance, our manners, and how we conduct ourselves in life away from Prayer Ministry. I (Gerri) had a prayer minister many years ago. She wore glasses and her glasses were so dirty and grungy that when I tried to look into her eyes, all I could see was the grunge! It was a huge distraction for me during the ministry session. Personal hygiene is important in ministry. Remember Who you are re-presenting. Don't become a distraction by the way you appear, by the cologne you wear, or the fact that you need a haircut! I think you get the idea. We are re-presenting Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We should always look and act like Them! Don't be a phony. Be who He has made you to be all the time or be certain that your sin of identity will find you out! Who you are in the prayer room should be who you are outside that environment as well and vice versa. Be real. You re-present the One Who is absolutely REAL all the time!

## The Blessing

May Father richly bless you as you seek Him and then give away freely the fruit of your love relationship. May your ministry bring Kingdom power, authority and influence to your assignment. May you learn first-hand the power of the weapon Father has given His children that is greater than any other...*His love!*



## Addendum

### Bitter Root Judgments Vows Death Wishes

This material has been taken from John and Paula Sanford's *Transformation of the Inner Man* and Jack Frost's series *"From Slavery to Sonship"*. It was written and compiled by Rick and Sue McCoy, Abba's Arms International, Inc.

Roots support the plant and provide all the water and nutrients it needs to grow.

In a similar way we have roots that allow us to draw nurture from God, others, self, and nature.

**These "roots" begin to grow from our first encounters with life and are well developed by the time we are 3 to 5 years old.**

From these "roots" spring forth the trunk, branches and leaves that make up who we are and how we respond to life.

These "roots" are affected by our environment while growing up.

If the environment was filled with lots of nurturing love, gentle touches, and tender looks, we will be able to draw good things into our life and produce good fruits as we grow up.

However, if we were exposed to an unsafe environment filled with strife, anger, hate, abuse, rejection, neglect or abandonment, then our "bitter roots" will draw

bad things from Satan and others, and we will produce **bitter fruits** in our lives.

*(Bitter roots are our sinful actions to hurts.)*

**"If you've got the fruit, then you've got the root!"**

You cannot get good fruit from a bad tree or root.

If you have bad fruit in your life, then there is a bitter root somewhere that is producing it.

You cannot kill a fruit tree just by picking the fruit off of it. Under the right conditions, the same type of fruit will begin appearing again.

Deliverance ministry is good, but it often does not get to the root issues that produced the bad fruit in a person's life.

We must dig down and kill the root cause for the bad fruit too. Even then, it may take several times to remove all of the strength from the bad root to finally put it to death.

**Judgmental and critical spirits** are some of the most destructive bitter root influences in our lives and can hinder our ability to receive and give love away.

We usually judge others as a result of being hurt or wounded by something they did or said. It can come in the form of bitterness, blame, condemnation, jealousy, envy, unrighteous anger, or unforgiveness.

When we judge others, we set in motion a spiritual law that demands a response.

The way we judge others is the way we will be judged. (**Matt. 7:1-2**)

The standard and measure of our judgment will come back on us at some point in our lives. Unfortunately, the judgment we receive is usually much greater than what we sowed because of the laws of sowing and reaping and increase. (**Gal. 6:7, Lk. 6:38**) It is not God judging us, but the law.

When we judge another for the wrong done to us, we are demanding payment for those wrongs. We cannot expect mercy for ourselves and judgment for others who wronged us.

Our bitterness or resentment towards those who hurt us causes a judgment that demands justice. The judgment against us is the curse of reaping what we sowed.

## **Bitter Root Judgments and Expectations**

### **Judgments and Expectancies**

Judgments have the full power of the law behind them (**Matt. 7:1-2**) and come back on us through our defilement of others around us. This reinforces our ungodly beliefs and causes us to develop bitter expectations from the judgments.

Bitter expectations are more psychological, but they can seem like the truth because of the fulfillment of the Law of Judgment. Most bitter root judgments

remain hidden or forgotten until Holy Spirit brings them back to our remembrance. The first indicator that we have these judgments is the fruits associated with these judgments in our lives!

**Judging Parents** - Probably the first place we judge others is with our parents. This may happen very early in our life and we may have completely forgotten about it.

It is not as important what your parent did to you, even though it may have been wrong, as the judgment that you made against them.

They are responsible for what they did, but you are responsible for how you responded to the wrong things they did.

When we judge our parents we also dishonor our parents and put the law of dishonoring your parents into motion. **(Deut. 5:16)** We put a curse on ourselves and things will not go well for us.

When you judge, the bitter expectancies that you form in your mind and spirit are drawn out of the people closest to you. If you judged your father for being passive, you will draw that passive nature out of your husband. If you judged your mother for being overweight, you will draw the tendency to be overweight out of your wife. She may not want to be fat, but ends up that way and does not know why. If you judged your parents for getting a divorce, you will draw that same tendency out of your spouse towards divorce.

Love covers and because of our love and loyalty to our parents, we may cover up the hurts and subtle judgments that we may have made against them. Even if our remembrance of our parents seems rosy and fine, the surface manifestation of bad fruit always reveals a bitter root. We may need to ask Holy Spirit to show us any areas where we may have judged our parents.

**Satan uses the law to release curses in our lives.**

He accuses us and pronounces us guilty of every violation of the law so that he can bring the consequences of the law into our life.

Every unconfessed violation of the law opens a door of darkness in our lives, and Satan, by demanding that the law be fulfilled, steals from us through the curses.

**(Deut. 28:15)**

Repeated violations of Law of Judgment begin to build strongholds (habitual patterns of thinking) in our lives that control our thoughts, words, emotions, and actions.

God does not bring the problems and destruction into our lives; it is the consequences of breaking the Law of Judgment.

Only through the grace of God and the cross of Jesus Christ can we escape the fulfillment of the Law of Judgment in our lives! **(Matt. 5:17)**

## **We become what we have judged in others.**

The law that is set in motion when we judge others is found in **Romans 2:1**. When we judge, we doom ourselves to do the same thing!

Our judgment of others allows it to take root in us, and eventually it will bring forth the same behavior either in ourselves, our spouse, or our children. (**Heb. 12:15**)

The spiritual law and forces within us begin to influence those around us and can draw out that same bad behavior in them.

Then **Romans 7:19** becomes a reality and we begin doing what we did not want to do!

The broken Law of Judgment, without repentance, begins to drive us to do the wrong things and becomes a curse in our lives.

### **The Results of Judging**

In nature there is a law of physics that says, “for every action, there is an equal and opposite reaction.” That same law works in the spiritual realm as well.

We activate the law of sowing and reaping. The seeds we sow of anger or resentment may seem tiny, but they will keep growing and come back on us again and again.

Often these hidden judgments and bitter expectancies cause us to continue doing the same thing even when we know what we are doing is wrong. We just cannot seem to stop!

The law of judgment says that what you measure out will be measured back to you. The judgment seeds we sow must someday be reaped, if left unrepented for.

The longer it goes without repentance, the larger and larger the seed becomes.

Generational patterns may be a result of sons judging their parents and reaping that same problem in their lives and marriages.

Because the judgments come back on us, we begin to expect those bad things to continue happening to us. We develop bitter expectancies that are now self-fulfilling!

Judgments produce bitter expectancies that will force other people around us to fulfill them.

### **Bitter Root Judgments in Marriage**

Bitter root judgments and expectancies are in every couple, and in fact, they are what typically draw a couple together.

Since we are a complex bundle of what has happened to us in the past, we may not even be aware of what we bring into a marriage in our hearts and how that controls our perceptions, attitudes, and behavior.

The hidden things from the past become trigger points that cause us to explode at our mate.

Each mate has certain expectancies of the other depending upon how they judged their parents while growing up. We expect our mate to behave in certain ways based upon what we saw our parents do. We expect them to treat us the way our parents treated each other.

Our bitter expectancies become self-fulfilling prophecies as we draw that behavior out of them. (**Heb. 12:15**) Our mate will often end up living up to our expectancies!

We end up defiling those around us. (weak father – weak husband; alcoholic father – alcoholic husband; cold, distant father – cold, distant husband; domineering, controlling mother – domineering, controlling wife) If these are not exactly the same, they will at least be parallel.

If your spouse had that tendency already in them, it will be that much easier to draw it out of them.

### **Our Judgments Condemn Us! (Rom. 2:1-3)**

We are doomed by the law to be exactly like the one we judged in that area.

We are driven by forces that we are not even aware of and cannot understand why we are behaving the way we are.

We can have bitter judgments as a result of judgments we unknowingly made sometime in the past.

Our judgments are like a boomerang with more momentum in the future. We set in motion what absolutely must return to us.

Our judgments may also be tied to inner vows that will also come back on us like, "I'll never do that to my children."

### **Three Simple Truths (based on law) that Affect All of Our Lives**

This is the basis for almost all counseling!

**1) What we honor in our parents will go well with us.**

**What we could not honor in our parents will not go well with us.**

**2) We will receive harm in the same areas that we judge others in.**

**3) We will reap what we sow.**

### **How to Walk Free From Bitter Root Judgments and Expectancies**

Jesus came not to do away with the law, but to fulfill it. (**Matt. 5:17**)

What Jesus did through the cross was to become a substitute for us and fulfill the demands of the law for us. What should have been a curse on us for judging others was put on Jesus and He takes it in our place.

By repenting and asking God's forgiveness, we remove the demand of the law from us and place it on Jesus.

### **Six Steps to Freedom from Judgments**

1) We must ask Holy Spirit to reveal each judgment that we made against another person or our parents. Whenever we experience bad fruit in our lives, we need to check on the inside if this is not based upon some judgment we made in the past.

2) We need to go back to the time when we made that judgment and the child, teenager, or adult must invite Jesus to take care of each specific bitter root judgment. Call the judgments to death on the cross. **(Luke 9:23)**

3) We need to ask God to forgive us for making that bitter root judgment. We need to forgive those who may have done the wrong that caused us to make the judgment, and then we need to forgive ourselves for making it.

4) We need to repent for how we have caused others to act badly around us, for drawing the negative out of them. We need to ask for a new heart that can bring out the best in others.

5) We need to remain diligent to catch ourselves in the areas we have identified until the habit patterns are changed. Pray for God to reverse the old patterns and build a new way. **(Phil. 3:10)**

6) As we get free from the bitter root judgments, the reverse begins to happen. People begin to respond just the opposite from the way they were responding

before. Things begin to work together for good. The ones we hated the most often become our best friends. What used to bother us does not any more. **Inner Vows God takes vows very seriously! (Num. 30:2, Deut. 23:21, Ecc. 5:4)**

Another bitter root that can arise from judging others is inner vows.

An inner vow is a hateful order against our body, usually spoken as a child that is sent through the heart and mind to the body.

The words spoken are a creative force that will affect us until it is broken through the cross. We do not grow out of them as we mature or have a change of heart.

Our mind may forget about the vow, but it will eventually manifest itself in our life and physical body.

Even good vows that were compelled by the flesh and not the spirit need to be released so that the flesh does not rule in that area.

### ***Vows May Lie Dormant for Many Years***

The manifestation of inner vows may lie dormant for many years until the time set by the vow or the right situation or person(s) trigger the vow to be activated.

*(There was a little girl who was continually bothered by her cruel brother, embarrassing and physically hurting her. One day, out of frustration, she vowed that she would never have a boy baby when she grew up. After marriage she had two girls, but she aborted three baby boys. Holy Spirit brought back the incident of*

*the vow during counseling, and after breaking the vow, she was able to have a baby boy!)*

They usually are forgotten until Holy Spirit reveals them to us.

Inner vows lodge in the heart and cannot be removed by our own fleshly effort.

They strongly resist change and work in tandem with other bitter roots, hidden resentment, and fear.

Only by using the authority of the Name of Jesus, usually by another believer, can a person be released from an inner vow.

### ***Inner vows can block God's plan for our lives***

For example, most boys learn early that their mothers are very observant and remember almost everything that they say or do (good or bad), especially related to emotions and feelings. Mothers use this knowledge later as a means of control.

“You used to get excited about....” “I remember when you liked to...” A boy under this pressure, may vow, “I will never show my emotions or feelings around a woman. It is not safe.” Later, when he is married, he may find it hard to express his feelings or emotions to his wife, even though he may want to share them.

(They may have had good communication while dating, but the trigger of marriage brings out the inner vow and he now finds it hard as a husband.) Even though he wants to work things out, something inside that he is not aware of stops him. He may repent and try over and over again only to revert back to the

old pattern programmed by the inner vow against his mother. The inner vow will continue to confine him to isolation until it is broken in his life.

***Inner vows can form complex structures of other bitter roots*** that must also be broken to be completely set free. In the example above:

He may have withdrawn from relationships and hardened his heart

He may have developed evasive and defensive habits to protect himself from being hurt

There may be bitter root expectancies and fears

He may be incapable to trust, or have other controlling actions like anger.

Breaking free from all of these may take some time through counseling, love and forgiveness.

***Fears may be rooted in inner vows.***

After some embarrassing or scary event, we may have vowed never to take any risks beyond our control, never to speak in public, never to grow up, never develop breasts, never try again, or never to wear hand-me-downs.

You may have vowed, "I will never be unprepared when people ask me a question." You may then be tense in a group discussion, or if there are too many situations that require many quick adjustments, you may experience a mental breakdown or panic attack.

***Some of the most destructive vows concern personal relationships***, especially marital relationships, and are rooted in a child's determination against his parents.

If you said, "I'll get even with my mother or sister," you may become angry at women, especially your wife or daughters. "I'll never let my brother or sister get the best of me again." may result in you becoming very competitive in business, or with peers and family.

You may vow, "I will never get angry like that," only to find yourself withholding anger until some situation causes you to explode like a volcano.

#### **Other Examples of Inner Vows:**

"I'll never do that again," after feeling shame.

"I'll never be like my mother (or father). I'll never act like that."

"I shouldn't be here. I'm in the way, so I choose to hide,"

"I'll get even with her (a mother or sister)" which can be projected on all women.

"I'll never let my temper go again," so you store up repressed anger.

"I'll never raise my voice," which is good yet it's your flesh doing it, not God.

#### **We Need Help to Break Inner Vows**

Once the Holy Spirit reveals an inner vow, find another strong believer and have them use the authority of the Name of Jesus and break the inner vow.

The person breaking the vow must have a personal faith in the power of the Lord to act on their behalf. You must speak to the inner child and release the child from the habit of or connection to this inner vow in Jesus' Name.

Then release the child to enjoy the original freedom they had in that area before the vow was made.

Then ask God to reveal to the adult the freedom from the effects of this inner vow.

### **Death Wishes**

***Death wishes are words that we speak against ourselves concerning death*** such as, "I wish that I was never born." "I wish the Lord would just take me home right now." "I'm so embarrassed, I could just die." If there were difficult times surrounding the time you were in the womb, your birth, or just after birth, you may have made death wishes without even being aware of doing it because you felt that the world was not a safe place.

### **Defilement Lies Behind Death Wishes**

The spirit that comes to earth to inhabit a new human being at conception has only the remembrance of the beauty and wholeness of heaven.

If the parents love and long for the child to come, the child begins to recover from the shock of entering this world of sin and chaos.

However, if the atmosphere outside of the womb is one of turmoil, fear, fighting, hurtful emotions, and violence, or if the delivery is difficult, then the spirit inside the child feels like this is not a safe place to live and begins wishing they were dead so they would not have to live their life in such a place.

Death wishes may come if there were tragedies, deaths, or other traumatic happenings during the pregnancy or shortly after birth or if other children in the family were jealous of the new baby or did not welcome it into the family.

Your parents may be disappointed that you were the “wrong” sex.

These death wishes show up in the new baby and young children as behavioral problems, self-hatred, chronic sicknesses, dangerous physical conditions or diseases, or they are accident prone.

The immune system does not work right because the body does not want to live.

Death wishes can affect coordination and confidence, or take the zest for life out of us.

### **Our Parents Words Can Impact Us**

The words from your parents can also cause a person to form death wishes.

If you were told that, “You are no good. You will never amount to anything. You are hopelessly stupid, or I wish you were never born.” you can begin hating yourself and wish that you were never born. One person we know had her father tell her that the darkest day of his life was the day she was born.

If you just felt like you were in the way or were an inconvenience to your parents, you may wish that you could die so the pain would go away.

You may have not been conceived at a good time in your parent's life and they may have considered having an abortion.

If you were abused as a child, abandoned, given up for adoption or rejected by your parents, you may feel like you do not have a right to live.

You may wish that the Lord would just come and you could be done with the miserable life here on earth and go to a better place.

### **Can Affect Our Physical Bodies**

We can walk with a deliberate bent-over look that does not allow our body to move smoothly.

It may affect your voice and rob the diaphragm of power to sing with gusto and joy.

The person may not view life as more than just existing as long as they have to be here.

Death wishes may affect our sexual fulfillment.

They engage in sex more out of duty or for whatever little enjoyment they may get from it. They never come alive to experience the glorious union with their mate in the spirit and ravish the love and joy of true sexual fulfillment. Usually people with hidden death wishes do not even want to engage in sexual activities.

Hidden death wishes may also hinder one from fully expressing the talents and calling given to them by God. Their spirit is not free to venture and explore life.

### **You Are Probably Angry With God**

Everyone who has hidden death wishes is angry with God deep within their spirit.

We are angry with God for putting us in this messed up situation, or for not being there when we needed Him in the womb. God was there and He did not plan for your parents to respond to you the way they did. His plan was for good and not evil. **(Jer. 29:11)**

We may be angry at God because of the way we look. The degree to which you do not love yourself is the degree to which you are angry at God.

### **Steps to Freedom**

If you do not love yourself, you dishonor God for He created you. In **Mark 12:31** we are commanded to love ourselves.

We need to forgive God, even though He really never did anything wrong, and be reconciled to Him in our own heart. **(2 Cor. 5:18-20)**

God forgave us through Jesus Christ and we forgive God by faith reconciling each to the other.

We must be open and honest with our self.

We must break free from the fear and shame of our past and confess our sins one to another. Confession, in some ways, is like becoming a child again, open, vulnerable, and trusting. **(Luke 18:17)**

As the shame melts away in this new transparency, you can begin to love yourself. You cannot use salvation as an escape from being what you were. Jesus and God accepted you even before you were born again just the way you are, but they love you enough that they do not want you to stay that way!

We must repent for rebelling against being born where He put us and the family He gave us.

We must repent for rejecting ourselves. We accept our bodies and ask God to reconcile us to ourselves and to our time, place, and position in this earth.

Have someone pray with you to ask Jesus to woo the inner child within you to life and break the vows against wanting to be alive. Have them command the spirit, mind and body to work in harmony with each other.

Then rejoice, be free, and alive to enjoy life and fellowship with God. Discipline yourself to daily choose life and blessing, not death and cursing. **(Deut. 30:19)**

## *Additional Testimonies*

I arrived at the Taylor's front door in early May, 2006. I was broken, ashamed, afraid, overwhelmed and empty. Two weeks before on Easter Sunday morning I stood before the congregation where I had served as Senior Pastor for over ten years, a church that began at my dining room table with three couples. They had gathered that morning to celebrate the resurrection life of Christ, but I stood before them to confess my secret. The secret anger I had carried for years, the secret shame that had haunted me since childhood and the secret affair that I had been involved in...my secrets had been revealed that week. I resigned that day, walked out of a building that we had constructed and began the darkest phase of my life. My wife of thirty years told me to move out and had already been to see an attorney. Needless to say, when I pulled into the Taylor's driveway on a Monday morning I needed to find a place in the Father's heart.

Over the next few days the Taylor's walked me through a process of uncovering, exposing and forgiving. They fed me, loved me, cried with me and carried me to the Father's heart. Their unconditional love gave me hope and that hope has carried me through almost two years.

At the end of the week Roger and Gerri did not walk me to my vehicle, pat me on the back and wish me 'good luck'. They have stayed in touch with me through telephone calls, e-mails, cards and visits to their home. To give you some insight into their hearts, I was recently asked to be a pallbearer for a friend who had attended the church I had served. This would be the first time I had walked into that sanctuary since the day I resigned. I called Roger and Gerri to ask them to pray for God's strength and while we talked on the telephone they said, "We'll do more than pray; we'll drive to your home town and sit in the congregation to

support you.” Now I live approximately 450 miles from their home, but they were willing to do that for me.

They are my friends, my family, my sounding board...they let me to the Father’s heart and gave me time and space to become comfortable there. Although I deeply regret my sins and the consequences it had on others, God had prepared Roger and Gerri for that time in my life. Their lives exemplify their ministry and I would wholeheartedly recommend men and women, particularly those in ministry, to Roger and Gerri Taylor and their ministry, “Places In The Father's Heart.”

WR, Tallahassee, FL

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Prayer ministry has been very intense this month. We dealt first of all with \_\_\_\_\_ and areas of hurt with him. I feel so free from fear and intimidation it is like the world has a different “color”.

The biggest breakthrough has been with \_\_\_\_\_. NOW, after intense prayer, I see him walking out the door of that little apartment to leave me with a baby on the way, and I am waving and saying “bye Bud” with joy that he is leaving and closing the door with such great joy. I am dancing and whirling and Jesus is in the room cheering me on. I am so absolutely flooded with joy and I keep seeing reruns of this experience.

For the first time in over 40 years I don’t feel that “hole” in my heart. My heart is filled with the joy of the Lord and such extreme contentment that everything and every relationship looks differently.

I am still on my prayer ministry journey but we have made so much progress that even if we did stop today, my world has been so changed by the partnership of

Father's Love and your cooperation with Him. Nothing is the same and I view everything from a different perspective.

AP, Grand Junction, Colorado

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I have longed for love all of my life. It was my search for love that caused me to look for it in all the wrong places. Indeed love is not just an emotion, but it is a necessity. It was this pursuit of love that seemed to escape me. Nevertheless, pursue I would.

Sometime ago my pastor commented to me, "There was a time in your life when you were very joyful and care free." Immediately my mind went back to my early childhood but then something or someone stole my smile, my laughter and my joy. What happened to me? From that point on in my life I have known nothing but pain and sorrow. The sum of my life could be described with these words: rejection, fear, self-hatred, disappointments, anger, confusion, depression, failure, addictions, suicide and the list goes on and on.

At 33 years old, I came to know Jesus as my Savior. Finally I had hope for tomorrow, yet I couldn't seem to shake this cloud of gloom that hovered over my soul. I desperately wanted a new life, but even many years after my salvation experience I was still battling depression, anger, fear and sexual addictions. I saw God as a hard taskmaster and everything was such a struggle for me. I wandered from job to job and church to church looking for peace and fulfillment, but my search was futile. I hated my life and I held God responsible.

Then one day the unexpected happened. A friend approached me with caution asking if I had ever considered Christian counseling. I must admit that counseling

never entered my mind, but I was desperate. During my first session, the counselor asked, "Do you know what love is?" Then he told me that love was the missing ingredient in my life. I continued meeting with the counselor and I began to smile again. I thought things couldn't get much better, but God was just beginning the healing process with me. A year later I was introduced to Places in the Father's Heart and oh the joy that floods my soul.

Father is using Roger and Gerri to feed me with knowledge and understanding and it is freeing my mind, soul and spirit so that I may receive and experience the Father's great love. With gladness I have given my Heavenly Father permission to perform open heart surgery on me. He is doing exceedingly and abundantly above all that I could ask or think.

For so many years I had cried out to God asking Him to show me the roots of the problems I was experiencing and He is doing just that. As Roger and Gerri often say, "Pain out, and His love in." I am now allowing Father to uncover my issues of fear, shame, anger, insecurities and the many walls I have placed around my heart to protect myself from further hurt. With great joy I am letting go of past hurts and forgiving all who have hurt me, abandoned me or rejected me. In the midst of letting go, Father God is restoring and healing broken relationships in my family. I am no longer a victim, but I am victorious because of His great love. Indeed there is a healing balm for the sin sick soul. It is His love. I am no longer in agreement with the thoughts of the adversary, but I am replacing ungodly beliefs and thoughts with the truth of God's word. I am a Daughter of the Most High God.

The love of the Father has lifted me out of the pit of despair. The love of my God, my Abba Daddy has turned my mourning into joy. His love has captured me. He

alone has given me beauty for ashes, and a garment of praise. Thank You, Daddy, for loving me to life.

SB - Baltimore, Maryland

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As I sit here thinking about all the changes in my life that have happened as a result of prayer ministry with the Taylor's and Places in the Father's Heart ministries, only 2 word come to mind, ABSOLUTLY AMAZING! Eight months ago when I was reconnected with the Taylor's after many years apart, my life was a total shamble. I was so physically sick, years of untreated diabetes had left me on extremely, super large doses of insulin. My doctor told me I was on the largest dose of any of his patients. My blood pressure was high even on medication twice a day. I could barely walk just a few steps, and was at almost stage 4 kidney failure and we won't even go to where I was emotionally it was so bad. I am a divorced, single mom whose husband after 28 years of marriage just walked out and did not contact his 3 kids for over 3 years. He paid no alimony or child support even though I had been a stay at home mom.

When he left I turned to the only source I knew, God. As a result of ministry from the Taylor's I first found a side of God I never knew existed. I knew about God and thought I had a good Christian life. I prayed but I knew nothing about knowing Him intimately as my Heavenly Father. I was introduced first to the Taylor's eBook, Love Hunger, and it was like a light went on in my life. For the first time I actually felt love, unconditional love. It wasn't because I was anybody's daughter or little sister, but just love for me the way I was right then with all the excessive weight and baggage I had in my life. It was just His pure love for me. Next they shared Father's Love and it was like wrapping me up in a

warm, fuzzy, cuddly blanket and I was snuggled all up tight in Father's arms. As I continued on my journey to healing they helped me to start praying the prayers that would heal my heart. I was taught the keys to really hearing Father's voice; His true voice not the voice of my mind or the voice of a stranger or the voice of an evil source. I was taught how to tune in to the flow of the Holy Spirit and have a continuous flow from Father any time I needed it.

Gerri did counseling with me once a week and we started working through some of the sickness and diseases and removing their roots. As we continued I first saw a very quick change in the amount of insulin I needed daily. It was like every week I was having low blood sugar spells and had to start cutting back on the amount of insulin I took. In Oct. 2015 I took 100 units of Regular U-500 insulin 3 times a day with meals. As of May 2016, I take a maximum of 40 units 3 times a day and most days not even that much. I hardly ever crave anything and I also was able to stop all diet drinks and be aspartame free. My blood pressure medication has been decreased and we have to monitor it daily to make sure it does not get too low. In Sept. 2009 I was diagnosed with neuropathy in both feet and legs to the knee. I could step on a tack and not even feel it. After prayer ministry I do not have complete feeling back yet but I can tell the difference in wood floors and carpet and I can feel the wet spot the puppy made on the carpet! I can now walk around in my house without assistance.

I am now even able to go to church using my wheelchair for the first time in almost 7 years. Last week I saw my kidney doctor and was told now I am almost back to minimal kidney failure the best kidney function in 5 years. My emotional health is better than it has been in years with no psychiatric medication. I have been on home and tank oxygen for years as much as 6 liters at one time. Now I am only on 2 liters and can sit for quite a while even without it. I still have to depend on it when I get up and walk but not as much as it was in the past. I know prayer ministry and prayers

that heal the heart really work. I am a living testimony of it. It is my prayer that one day I will be able to help others receive their healing just like the Taylor's have taught me. They are truly surrendered vessels of the Lord. God is not God to me anymore, He is not even Father in Heaven any more, He is just my Daddy and that's the way He is supposed to be. My source and supply of everything and I am a daughter of the most high God. I am Daddy's baby girl all over again and it feels AWESOME! Thanks Roger and Gerri for loving me to life!

JD  
Frisco City, AL

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Dear Mama G:

You have been such a wonderful influence in my life since my dearest friend introduced us in 2009. My time in your home in June 2009 was life changing. Both you and Papa assisted in my freedom from strongholds in my life and I am not the same woman. Thank you for your role in bringing me to Jesus' abundant life.

WC – Tallahassee, Florida

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God used you to save me from a very real predator/victim relationship. I am grateful as I look back. I would rather remain a single woman after God's heart than to be with the "Wrong" mate!! I love you guys and pray for a blessed 2016!! Oh and "God is Faithful, no matter what." Simplify everything!

SR  
Pennsylvania

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For most of my 30 year “born again” life, the emphasis in the churches I attended has been (predominantly) focused on Jesus and the Holy Spirit. With all my heart I have wanted to “delight myself in the Lord”, knowing He will give me the desire of my heart.

But being so full of self-will, self-righteousness, self-imagination, pride, lust of the flesh and lust of the eyes, what penetrated my heart and spirit was dim, carnal and unrecognizable outside some memorized scriptures, that could never be remembered or utilized when put to the test(s). I had become demon possessed.

Four years ago on a Labor Day weekend Saturday, in Seal Beach, Ca., as I was out for my daily jog, the Holy Spirit revealed to my wife that I was possessed by an entity named leviathan. To make a long story short, we found another (python) demon and went through a deliverance. Through all of this, I’m not trying to shock with my testimony. I have been concerned for a long time about delighting myself in the Lord. He is faithful!

Along His path He led me to an article that Roger and Gerri penned and was posted on Ron McGatlin’s website, [www.openheaven.com](http://www.openheaven.com) as well as the [PITFH website](#). The message was clear. Our Father God loves us unconditionally. Has affection for us, has a place of safety and security, and He has a plan for our lives.

Roger and Gerri have been fortunate to express what I could never pinpoint until reading their books. The term “unresolved issues” in reference to their misguided experiences with their parents and growing up with those same “unresolved issues” was a huge revelation, and the process of restoration has begun for me. The term “love hunger” is in response to a counterfeit of our Father God’s love for us. These terms have greatly affected the past 45 days of my life and I know are impacting my future. I also realize now, that I have a “love hunger” larger than the Pacific Ocean that has been misdirected, misguided and demonized since my youth. I’ve turned over my

“unresolved issues” to Father God, His love, affection, protection and plan. It’s his revelation and restoration (again) that I’m leaning on.

Roger and Gerri’s very perceptive testimony to the power of a personal relationship with Father God, puts the “pain of circumstances” in a light that only walking and talking with our Father God, can explain. They have been kind to engage me in conversation and emails, encouraging my relationship with Father God. They are both very real and candid about what many people would consider private or embarrassing matters. As the world sees it, they leave themselves exposed. But Jesus said He is the way and the truth and the life with the Father.

GP, Henderson, NV

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