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Listen Love Pray

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The River of Life

“We are merely the riverbed and His Life is the river. He flows through us, constantly giving, imparting, radiating, and infusing; until our very lives are HID WITH CHRIST in God! Our very natures are transformed by His glorious Nature Divine!”

—The Real Faith (p. 117) by Charles S. Price

The river of life, which springs forth solely from the wellspring of heaven, is a direct spiritual analogy to our constant need for conversion of heart and mind to the ways of God’s kingdom.

The riverbed is the human soul, without God, it is arid and dry; with all of its needs and wants, it is the very imperfect medium through which the dynamic life of the Spirit flows back to eternity.

The Spirit-river engages the soul in the life and healing energy of the kingdom, wherein there is total forgiveness of fault and sin, ending in fullness of joy, and real, eternal life.

Although washed in Christian Baptism, the riverbed is still subject to the false promises of the ancient serpent, who constantly lurks along its banks and in its water. If the flow of living love can be diverted, the serpent temporarily succeeds in building barriers to impede the life-giving current; deception establishes strongholds like large rocks, growing on sin and delusions.

Yet, even these seemingly huge barriers can be worn down in time; as the soul, becoming more sensitive to grace, allows the river’s flow to increase. The greater flow and force of the Spirit results then, most easily, and without effort, to wear down and wash away these barriers.

What is imperative for the soul in all of this is the deepening ability to recognize where its true wellbeing lies, and thus to surrender to the flow of grace. Swept away by God’s authentic love, our frail human needs and wants begin to soften to His vision, and we come to see that we have already been forgiven, freed, saved, healed, and loved.

“...knowledge of God’s glory displayed in the face of Christ [and] we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us.” —2 Corinthians 4:6-7

*—Frank O’Keefe
(Edited by LLP)*

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Blessings – Every Time

Anytime Brandon and I are involved with LLP, whether a prayer session or class, we feel an attack from the enemy trying to annoy us enough to give up and just not go. But we resist and fight it and get there and leave with shocking blessings **EVERY TIME!**

It's so clear that we can try to brain our way through the spirit world, but it will never connect. Prayer is spiritual. It has to be experienced. A relationship. Personal and DEEP. Just so excited to keep diving deeper into Jesus and experience His Holy Spirit so ALIVE.

—Leah

Remember Your Baptism and Be Thankful

As we read the scriptures of the baptism of Jesus, our pastor called us to Remember our Baptism. This prompting took me back to a little Baptist church in Texas when I was 9 years old. I had listened to the sermon, and, during the time of invitation, to the sound of the song, *All to Jesus, I surrender, I surrender all*, I felt this pull to go down the aisle where the pastor prayed with me a prayer to receive Jesus as my Savior. I prayed that prayer and was baptized a few weeks later. It was so good to remember, I was moved to share it with others and asked them to remember their baptism. As a dear friend who is battling cancer, began to share her memories of her baptism, she felt swept up in the power of Holy Spirit, warm and dazzled. May we all take time to Remember the saving grace of Jesus Christ.

—Tandi

When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."
—Luke 3:21–22

Yet I still dare to hope when I remember this: The faithful love of the Lord never ends. His mercies never cease. Great is his faithfulness; his mercies begin afresh each morning. I say to myself, "The Lord is my inheritance; therefore, I will hope in him!"
—Lamentations 3:21–24

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Personal River-experiences from *The Real Faith*

During the February 8th class and healing service, participants spent time “soaking” in the love of God as they allowed His life to flow through them like a river. Here are some of their experiences:

- *As I was soaking, I received images of the water cleansing and nourishing, freshening as it flowed. Also, the water was smoothing the rough edges of the riverbed. Then it switched to the riverbed itself. It (me, hopefully) is just lying there totally surrendered, completely at the mercy of the creator/the water. I was created by the water that takes *the path of least resistance*. —Nancy W.*
- *Last night during the soaking time, I was aware of an angel hovering in front and above me!!! (1st time ever!) It brought to me a sense of *heaven surrounding me* that was almost overpowering. As I confessed to Jesus, a heart attitude I knew was wrong and asked for help to remove it, the “experience” increased, and I “saw” that particular “rock” in me be powerfully swept away by the force of the river water, clearing the way for the river to flow in a straight path. —Anonymous*
- *I was reminded of all the man-made obstacles that try to control water but *the power of the water, in the end, ultimately has its way*. —Ryan*

- *I was in the water and felt such peace. Then, I saw a huge hand reaching through the water toward me. I knew it was the hand of Jesus, and I said to him, “I’m in the water with you”. Again, *the hand of Jesus reached toward me*. —Susan*
- *I allowed the water to wash all the debris in my life out and make me clean. Then I saw myself standing up and I realized that *I was standing, in the river, on the Rock!* —Irene*
- *I am undergoing treatment for Stage 4 cancer. My Dr. had just told me some of the tumors were dissipating and so, while in the river, I just *let the water (of Jesus) cleanse my whole being*. —Patricia*
- *While allowing His river of life to cover my life (riverbed), I sensed the vastness of the spiritual realm – while – at the same time, I could see and feel “log-jams” that blocked His perfect flow. I pondered the scripture, “set your mind on things above not on earthly things” (Colossians 3:2) and felt the *dissonance of living in both a physical and spiritual realm*. I realized in a deeper way, my need for the constant flow of Jesus. —Lucinda*

Healing Prayer Service – Place of Freedom

LLP has over 200 videos on YouTube to share the hope and healing found in Jesus. This clip is from the Dec 7th healing prayer service:
<https://www.youtube.com/shorts/PyFkqYkv2vw>

Peter Bradford can be seen sitting in the front rows, listening to Renee sing about Jesus. He had been involved with LLP for a couple years, seeking the healing love that only Christ can provide. Sitting in that church, Peter knew something was wrong, but he was unaware that he would be soon diagnosed with cancer and pass on 8 weeks later. *Peter is lifting his hands in heaven now and worshipping the risen Lord.*

None of us know the date, time, or circumstances of our final breath on earth, but we do know the truth in these words:

*There is no one
That can bring me peace
That can wash me clean
Like you Lord
There is nothing
In this world that can free me
You saved my soul*

*I'm gonna lift my hands
'Til I can reach heaven
I'm gonna shout Your name
'Til the walls come falling down
I've come to worship
I've come to worship*

(“Place of Freedom” by Highlands Worship)

LLP's Work in 2021 by the Numbers

- 37** volunteers
- 6090** volunteer hours = **17** hours every day
- 2322** hours to pray for **1687** requests for healing prayer received in 2021
- 1367** volunteer hours serving our friends in recovery for substance abuse disorder
- 989** hours to learn and receive training to bring Jesus' hope and healing
- 560** hours for leadership and governance
- 852** hours donated from employees and contractors

We join our voices and give thanks and praise as written in *Psalm 106:1* "Praise the Lord, for He is good! His faithful love endures forever."

Upcoming Book Study

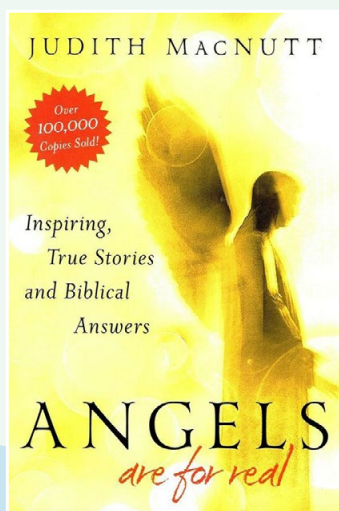
We will study Judith MacNutt's book: *Angels Are for Real* in 2 different study groups.

1. Women's Bible Study

Wednesday mornings at 9:30, starting on April 6.

2. Book study for everyone by Zoom

Tuesdays (May 10 and 17) and Thursdays (May 12 and 19) at 7:00 pm



Testimonies



Jawanda (R) and her nephew King

He Delights in Me

I live out of state but wanted to have a Zoom healing prayer session with Listen Love Pray because I realized that there is some inner healing needed in some areas of my life where I would like to experience more freedom. For me, these sessions have been like planting seeds and tilling the soil. It's awesome when the Holy Spirit moves quickly and noticeably but I find that, at least in this season of my life, God responds in a different way. He allows the seeds that I planted while seeking him in the inner healing session to sprout if I continue to take the time to meditate on them (or *water* them, if you will) in my own personal prayer time.

During one session, the team prayed the Father's Blessing over me. It was comforting, but I wouldn't describe it as "having an encounter with God" or "feeling the presence of God", both of which I am familiar with. During the prayer, there was something that stuck out to me, it was something about *no longer blaming my earthly father* for his shortcomings. I made a note of it, we finished the Zoom call, and I left encouraged.

A few days later, I was spending some time with the Lord and meditating on this idea of no longer blaming my earthly father for his shortcomings. I found myself in an inspired conversation with the Lord as a little girl, maybe 8 years old. In this vision, I was in a small ice cream shop with the Father, and I was somehow aware that every flavor of ice cream that I could ever want was there! I started to get overwhelmed with the reality that I could not eat all of the ice cream! I could sense the Father encouraging me to pick three flavors, and as I started choosing them, somehow I knew that each one of them had a meaning and was a reference to different seasons in my life. Each flavor spoke to the main themes of three different seasons in my life.

It was so nice to feel like a little girl, loved and safe in my father's company. *I knew that I was welcomed, I knew that I had his undivided attention, and I know that he was enjoying our time together more than I was. He delighted in me*, and he delighted in the bliss that I felt while I was with him there in the ice cream parlor.

It was whimsical and personal and lovely. I am still working through some areas that I want God to transform but it is always encouraging to have God meet you where you are along the journey.

—Jawanda Jackson

No Appointment Necessary

I recently had the privilege to join LLP Prayer Ministers at Beacon House to teach and pray for the men recovering from addiction. The Holy Spirit flowed easily that night because of the synergy of the team, the impromptu questions and responses from the men, all directed by JESUS!

As we closed in prayer, and prepared to leave the building, Lucinda turned to me and asked "how is your back?" I hesitated, and then responded, "not good, in fact I was not sure that I was going to be able to attend tonight." *She immediately encouraged me to "turn around", gathered the other prayer ministers, and with the blink of an eye, began praying over me.*

When I had walked in the building that night, I felt exhausted and defeated from the ongoing emotional and physical pain from my ongoing back issues, having resigned myself to the fact that I would have to live with the pain. After my "impromptu" healing prayer session, (in the hallway at Beacon House), I knew that I was going to receive much needed rest, my spirit was renewed, and I knew, without a doubt, that I would be freed from pain! I have now had several pain-free days! When I went to my next physical therapist appointment, my therapist remarked that "something was different"; I seemed to have a *new ATTITUDE*. I smiled, and simply said JESUS!

For months I had been wrestling with the idea of making a private healing prayer appointment. And every time, I would come up with some excuse as to why the timing wasn't right. I now realize that JESUS doesn't need a "formal" invitation, no matter the circumstances. And, if you need prayer, simply ask! There is no doubt that Holy Spirit was in the hallways, and at work at Beacon House that night, not just for the men but for me! Thank you, JESUS! And, thank you, Lucinda for asking and caring!

—Nancy Everstine

ListenLovePray Events

March

- Mar 1/15 Healing Prayer Service (in person)**
1st & 3rd Tuesdays • 7:00 pm at
Marvin Chapel UMC
- Mar 2/9/16/23/30 Ladies Bible Study**
Wednesdays • 9:30 am at Marvin Chapel UMC
- Mar 2/16 Rainbow of Love Recovery Bible Study**
1st & 3rd Wednesdays • 5:30 pm
- Mar 3/17 Celebrate Recovery at Beacon House**
1st & 3rd Thursdays • 7:15 pm
- Mar 7/14/21/28 Ladies Recovery Bible Study**
Mondays • 7:00 pm
- Mar 8/22/29 Healing Prayer Service (on Zoom)**
2nd, 4th & 5th Tuesdays • 7:00 pm
- Mar 9 FRM–Beacon House**
Every 2nd Wednesday • 10:30 am
- Mar 27 FRM–Beacon House Healing Program**
Every 4th & 5th Sunday • 6:00 pm

April

- Apr 5/19 Healing Prayer Service (in person)**
1st & 3rd Tuesdays • 7:00 pm at
Marvin Chapel UMC
- Apr 6 Ladies Bible Study**
Wednesday • 9:30 am at Marvin Chapel UMC
Judith MacNutt's book *Angels Are for Real*

Praise God for Annie's Healing!

LLP was praying for **Annie** last month. She is in the Rainbow of Love Recovery house and had a sudden heart attack. **She is now on the road to RECOVERY, in all areas of her life!** All of Annie's doctors say she is a miracle! Praise God!

Thank you for your prayers!



Healing Prayer Services on Tuesdays

Be Bold and Pray for Miracles!

No path too dark, no action too dirty, no person unworthy. Love me some Jesus and some Listen Love Pray Foundation.

Healing Prayer. **The Best Place to be on a Tuesday night** (on Zoom or in-person). Soul renewed!



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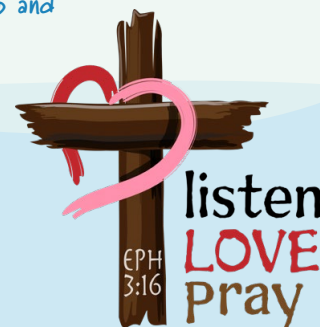
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