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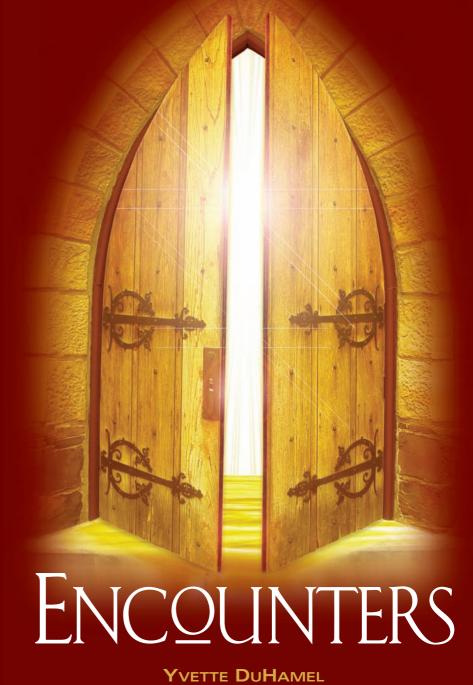
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# Introduction

My desire in writing this book is to give what I have received in my life: joy and hope, looking forward to my future in this world and eternity with my Lord and all my friends who have received this truth as well as those who will receive this truth in the years to come, all my family to enter into the joy of the Lord, to taste and see that the Lord is good!

"... I did not come with superiority of speech or of wisdom, proclaiming to you the testimony of God. For I determined to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and Him crucified." (1 Corinthians 2:1, 2 NASB)

This book is all about Jesus. The Power of His Name, the Power of His death, the Power of His resurrection and who Jesus is – He is the same, yesterday, today and forever. He is the Great I AM and upon this Rock He built His church. He can never be praised too much. He is God. In I Corinthians 2:3-8 (NKJV), Paul writes,

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This is what is meant by the Scriptures which say that no mere man has ever seen or even imagined what wonderful things God has made ready for those who love the Lord (I Corinthians 2:10). But you know about these things because God has sent His Spirit to tell us; and His Spirit searches out and shows us all things, yes, the deep things of God. (I Corinthians. 2:11) No one can really know what anyone else is thinking, or what he is really like, except that person himself. And none can know God's thoughts except God's own Spirit. The Spirit of Truth says in Galatians 3:28, "through faith in Jesus Christ we are no longer Jews or Greeks or merely men or women; we are one in Jesus Christ." That's why if we preach the Word of God by the Spirit of God, it is the Spirit of God preaching; not mere man or woman, that is why Jesus by His Spirit can use woman today to preach and teach. It is the Spirit of God that is doing the work of God. Thank God the curse has been broken and we are all free in the truth of the Word of God. lesus set us free.

# Chapter One

# My First Encounter with the Holy Spirit

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"Howbeit when He, the Spirit of truth is come, He will guide you into all truth; for He shall not speak of Himself; but whatsoever He shall hear, that shall He speak; and He will show you things to come." (John 16:13 KJV)

Jesus promised to send us the Holy Spirit that would teach us all things.

"Nevertheless I tell you the truth; it is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart I will send Him unto you.

And when He is come, He will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness and of judgment: Of sin, because they So we see in the Word of God, that unbelief that Jesus is God, is a sin.

We cannot praise Jesus enough!

We cannot praise Jesus too much!

Jesus said when the Spirit of truth comes,

"He shall glorify Me; for He shall receive of mine, and shall show it unto you. All things that the Father hath are mine; therefore said I, that He shall take of mine, and shall show it unto you." (John 16:14,15)

Jesus speaks of His death and resurrection; Jesus' body dies on the cross, but He rises again to His mighty power and glory. Jesus said, *"I came forth from the Father, and am come into the world; again, I leave the world, and go to the Father."* (John 16:28)

Jesus prays to the Father in John 17:2, "As thou hast given him power over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as Thou has given Him."

Because Jesus was disguised as a man (Philippians 2:7), Jesus said as man, "And now, O Father, glorify Thou Me with Thine own Self with the glory which I had with Thee before the world was. I have manifested Thy Name unto the men which Thou gavest Me out of the world; Thine they were, and Thou gavest them Me; and they have kept Thy word." (John 17:5,6)

We have the power in the Name of Jesus. We see miracles in the Name of Jesus.

What a pleasure to be able to talk about the most awesome experience when I first walked into a church in Ottawa – an out of this world experience: the love of God, being in the presence

of a heavenly encounter. I also, was so touched by the love people had for Jesus. I heard someone say, "Praise Jesus!" Wow, how they loved Jesus. The feeling I had was I was in a kingdom greater than any kingdom in this world. I was in a Rev. Bill Prankard evangelistic service. The anointing in the meeting took me to a place I had never been.

In this meeting I saw people receive prayer for cancerous tumors and I saw, with my own eyes, three big tumors disappear. Before my eyes I saw, for the first time, people fall on the floor by the Presence and Power of a Living God. The Holy Spirit was moving. I saw people laugh, cry, exercising their emotion and love for Jesus. I had a clear picture this meeting was all about Jesus.

In one night my picture of God had completely changed. I saw a picture of the revelation of Jesus as God which brought me to an expression of the greatest love I had ever experienced. Words could not express what I felt. Truly, it was out of this world!

# Who are we that God would love us so much?

We are God's creation. He took time to form us in our mother's womb. Can you imagine? God even gave us unique fingerprints? He made us with an original mark in our flesh. He made us all unique in character. Isn't it exciting when you look around the world and see humanity and realize God made every single person in this world. No matter what country they are from, no matter what religion they are from, no matter what sinners they are, we are one nation under God; God loves every individual in a very special way.

We need to realize why people turn so evil and choose to be violent against others. It's usually because they have never known real love even from their own mother and father. They have usually been abused physically so they turn and do the same to others. They can become dictators, gang leaders, killers or self-centered individuals. But you see, Jesus is trying to reach them with His great love. That's why we have to be God's love extended.

## The Holy Spirit Encounter to Freedom

When I was in my late twenties, I encountered the Holy Spirit with power in one of Rev. Bill Prankard's meetings in Ottawa. I was captivated with the experience of God's love. What really touched me was to see hundreds of people lift their hands in worship and loving Jesus in a way I had never seen before. I had never seen people raise their hands to praise God like this before. I could feel God's love in the air!

My cousin had called me in the morning and asked if I could go with her to a church. She had been diagnosed with cancer and was given only a few months to live. I had plans for that day as it was my birthday and my late husband's birthday (we have the same birthday); but knowing her critical situation, I asked my family if we could celebrate another day. They agreed, and we all went to this miracle service. It was awesome; I had never seen a miracle before and I actually saw a lady being healed of tumors: the tumors in her neck disappeared before my very eyes and the presence of God's love was overpowering. My cousin was prayed for and I saw her fall under the power of God. God touched her; she was a changed person from that moment on. She had been healed spiritually; she had fallen in love with Jesus. She kept saying, "I want to go home to be with Jesus." She did pass away a few months later. I did not know then that the saving of a soul was the greatest miracle of all. But I knew I had never seen her so happy - she had found the Love of her life.

In that same meeting, my late husband answered an altar call for bad habits to get delivered; he went to be set free from alcohol. I looked on as he received prayer and at that moment I felt free. When we went home I knew he had quit drinking but the strange thing I experienced was - I had been set free of worrying. that Mark would drink alcohol ever again. What a wonderful freedom I experienced! My husband passed away years later but that night the Lord had set him and I, both free.

#### My Children Gave Me My First Bible

I moved to Windsor, Ontario and there I started to go to a Pentecostal church. My two sons were involved in the church and they had invited me to go. My sons also gave me my first Bible. My son Mike came home from church one night and told me he had given his life to Jesus and he had asked forgiveness for his sins. He then told me Jesus had forgiven him, but he had to ask me forgiveness for he had not done what I wanted him to do. I realized then that the encounter he had was from God and I was touched by his honesty. I thought this has to be God.

## My Encounter with the Power of the Word

I began to read the Word of God; I also began to experience the power of the Word. I remember one day I was angry at something and I opened the Bible in desperation and started to read it only to find that all my anger was washed away. I had fears of the dark; as I heard the Word of God, I was delivered from fear. I was touched by the power of the Living Word, as I heard the preaching of Jesus and His Word on the radio from a preacher. Thank God for Holy Ghost-filled radio programs!

# My Vision of the Risen Christ Pouring Out His Spirit

One morning as I was washing my dishes, I was thanking God for healing me of mucus colitis. I also was thanking God that He saved my son, Mark from dying; he had been hit by a car at the age of five and miraculously he was healed. I was thankful for what He did for me at that moment. I felt so much love for Jesus; I wanted to kneel, I left my hand over the dish water; I could not even take time to dry my hands. I knelt and I had vision of the globe, like a map. It was like I was taken out of Canada and went to the top of the earth where the Queen Elizabeth Islands are. Then I saw a pair of feet as big as the earth; they were moving and a hem of a garment. I was at the feet for a while then I was gently moved to the right; and that's when I saw it was the Risen Christ, standing on the earth, looking at the earth turning right to the left. His eyes never left the earth. As I was looking at Him, I was beside the earth. He never looked at me once, but suddenly I was gently moved in what looked like water flowing from His Body; it looked like silver transparent drops flowing all over the earth in power. I was in awe of what I saw; at the same time I said, "Lord, if that is You, show me where the vision is written in the Bible." I was a new Christian and I had not read the Book of Acts yet. I had never had a vision before this moment. When I accepted Jesus as my Lord and Saviour, I had accepted His Word as the only truth.

Two months went by and one day I was reading the Old Testament Joel 2:28,29:

"And it shall come to pass afterwards, that I will pour out My Spirit upon all flesh and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy; your old men shall see visions. And also upon the servants, upon the handmaids, in those days will I pour My Spirit."

Now that was total confirmation of my vision through the Word. I had seen Jesus standing on the earth with clouds around Him.

Jesus became real to me; the Word became more alive than ever before. I began to read the Word daily and study about the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit – and God gave me a revelation of who Jesus really is.

My vision of Jesus was He is not six feet tall; He has risen to His mighty power and glory. His feet were as big as the earth. The Bible says, the earth is His footstool, and the oceans are in the palm of His hands.

The 'vision of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit' was a vision I needed – to know Jesus is the One pouring out His Spirit on us in these last days. Jesus had said to His disciples, "I must go away; if I don't go away I cannot send to you the Holy Spirit Who will give you the power to go in to the world and be a witness of Me."

With the Holy Spirit dwelling in us, we have the strength to live in the power of God displaying God's character: the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness and temperance against such there is no law. And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lust. If we live in the Spirit let us also walk in the Spirit. Let us not be desirous of vain glory, provoking one another, envying one another (Galatians 5:22-26).

So, you see, if you feel you have never had a vision or manifestation in your life – remember you have! If you can live in part this word, God is manifested in you; its power that enables you – that is faith that saves you: His manifestation to you – that you know you're saved. Remember every vision God gives is written in the Word of God; that's how you know the vision is from God. You need to give God time to talk to you, to show you, you need to trust Jesus. Fix your eyes on Jesus.

You did not see but you have experienced the love of God in your heart. And now you see yourself a different person than you were; you're not perfect but you see changes because of Jesus coming on earth speaking through His words changing you and me from glory to glory.

#### Another Encounter with the Holy Spirit

One day I went to a tent meeting but there was no tent! As an American preacher tried to bring his tent for revival meetings, he was not able to transport it across the border, but he decided to proceed and pray anyway where the tent was supposed to be placed. As he was praying, he called out my name and said, "Yvette, unto you it was shown that you should know the Lord is God and there is none else beside Him." And he prophesied God's anointing was upon me to go forth and preach the gospel. At that moment, I had another vision: I saw Jesus face to face and He came in me. I was so overwhelmed by the Holy Spirit, I was slain in the Spirit and fell on the ground. I was overwhelmed for hours.

When I moved to Toronto, I got an apartment at Weston Road and Lawrence Ave area. As I went on my balcony, I saw the things that were in my dream. I knew then I had to go preach the Word of God; time is short, we don't have much time left. Even if we have more time than what I believe, remember every one we meet could die today, and if they never heard the good news of salvation, how sad that could be. We are not saved just for ourselves, but we are saved to offer this good news to others if we have love in our hearts. I believe God will give everyone a chance to hear His Word; if He doesn't use you, He will use someone else.

Jesus said in Luke 11:31-33 (NASB),

"The Queen of the South shall rise up with the men of this generation at the judgment and condemn them, because she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and behold something greater than Solomon is here.

The men of Nineveh shall stand up with this generation at the judgment and condemn it, because they repented at the preaching of Jonah; and behold, something greater than Jonah is here.

No one, after lighting a lamp, puts it away in a cellar, nor under a peck-measure, but on the lampstand, in order that those who enter may see the light."

So, Jesus tells us to stand up and do something for God. Let your light shine in this dark world. Light up the path to many by giving them the truth of Jesus, that they who listen may be filled with the wisdom and blessing of God. That they may know salvation through the cross of Jesus Christ.

# Revelation of the Word of God

A few months later, I read in Isaiah 45:21,22:

"Tell ye, and bring them near ye, Let them take counsel together :who hath declared this from ancient times? Who hath told it from that time? Have not I, the Lord? And there is no God else beside Me, a Just God and a Saviour, there is none beside Me. Look unto Me and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth for I AM God and there is none else."

Then I became aware of the Words of Jesus when Philip asked Jesus to show him the Father. Jesus said,

"Don't you yet know who I AM, Philip after all this time I have been with you? As you have seen Me, you have seen the Father." (John 14:14)

# **Revelation of Jesus**

Jesus said, "If you ask anything in My Name, I will do it." "If you love Me, keep My commandments." (John 14:16)

If you love Jesus He will pour into you His kind of love. He will give you eyes to see what He sees and you will be driven to do something that all starts with sharing a word from the Lord. The promises in the Bible are powerful to change people's minds, it gives hope for the hopeless, new vision for yourself and for others. Encouragement builds people.

We are called to preach the good news of Jesus. We can have a new start, so can others. We all need a new start some time or another.

# Revelation of God's Love

For nothing can separate us from His love. Death can't, and life can't. The angels won't and all the powers of hell itself cannot keep God's love away. Our fears for today can't; our worries about tomorrow can't. Or where we are – high above the sky or in the deepest ocean – nothing will ever be able to separate us from the love of God demonstrated by our Lord Jesus Christ when He died for us. (Romans 8:38-39)

## Revelation of Trusting God

For salvation that comes from trusting Christ which is what we preach - is already within easy reach of each of us; in fact, it is as near as our own hearts and mouths. (Romans 10:8)

#### Don't leave Jesus behind - JESUS IS THE KEY

The Word of God says Jesus is the Word (John 1:1). The Word became flesh, we saw Him. (John 1:14) The Word of God said He was in the beginning; every knee shall bow in heaven, on earth and under the earth. In Jesus' Name everything has to bow. Jesus said, "*When you see Me you see the Father*." Jesus is the image of the invisible God who came in the flesh. (Colossians 1:15). Jesus had to go away so He could send the Holy Spirit. He had to die to give us new hearts so we could receive the Holy Spirit into our hearts. In the Name of Jesus we see miracles happen. The Name of Jesus moves hard hearts; the

Name of Jesus sets the captives free. The Name of Jesus heals. (Acts 3:16) Jesus promised to send us the Holy Spirit; Jesus said, *"I will not leave you alone"*.

The Holy Spirit will teach us all things. The Holy Spirit gives us power to testify of Jesus, that's why we have the Holy Spirit. Jesus is pouring out the Holy Spirit. Jesus said, *"I cannot send you the Holy Spirit unless I go away."* Father, Son and Holy Spirit – One God. We all know Father God, God Holy Spirit, the revelation of Jesus as God is what we need to know - it's the power of the Name of Jesus (Philippians 2:6). We are living in the hour of the Power of the Holy Spirit teaching us Jesus is God in the flesh, the physical Body of God, the invisible God. At the Name of Jesus everything moves. We command in the Name of Jesus, sickness to go. Satan has to leave; Satan knows the power of the Name of Jesus.

Don't leave Jesus behind! Holy Spirit promotes Jesus, lifts Jesus up. The Word of God says,

"Unto us a Child is born and a Son is given: His Name shall be called everlasting Father, mighty God...." (Isaiah 9:6)

"I am the door, if anyone enter through Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture.

I am the good shepherd, the good shepherd lays down his life for His sheep." (John 10:9,11)

*"We don't go around preaching about ourselves but about Christ Jesus as Lord."* (II Corinthians 4:5)

"But this precious treasure – this Light and Power that now shine within us – is held in a perishable container that is, in our weak bodies. Everyone can see that the glorious power within must come from God and is not our own." (II Corinthians 4:7)

# The Greater Works!

#### These Signs Shall Follow Them that Believe...

'Greater works than these shall ye do..' It does not surprise me that Jesus said this. We can see today - you can go on television and lead millions to Christ in one minute. You can minister in Toronto at 1 p.m. and travel to Florida and minister on the same day at 6 p.m.. What a day we live in, what opportunity we have to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ to the nations. We can also pray on TV programs for people who are sick and they get healed. Even if the program is a re-run people still get a miracle instantly. You see, it's the Word in action; there is no time in eternity, eternity is forever and ever - there is no time zone there, and our miracles come from heaven, from God's throne. That's why Jesus said in Mark 16:17, "And these signs shall follow them that believe: in My Name they shall cast out devils, they will speak in new tongues," That's setting the captives free - speaking in new tongues (praying God's prayer) a prayer you don't know which shall overcome the enemy. Drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them. Not that we put God to the test. God is telling us, if the water is not good or the air is not good and we are stuck in this environment, we will be protected. But at the same time we need to protect the environment God gave us to care for.

Jesus said, "*They shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover.*" (Mark 16:18) When the sick get healed, healing comes step by step. One day you're better; the next day you're much better until you realized you're completely healed. That's the gift of healing.

#### You're God's Powerhouse - Jesus in You!

The gift of miracles operates instantly the moment you pray. Like Acts 3:1-9, "When Peter and John went to the temple to pray, a man who was cripple from his birth was carried to the gate of the temple daily to beg for money. As Peter and John were passing by he asked them for some money. They looked at him intently and then Peter said, 'Look here.' The lame man looked at them eagerly, expecting a gift. But Peter said, 'We don't have any money for you! I'll give you something else! I command you in the Name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk." Did you notice as soon as Peter took authority and said "I". Peter did not say "we" take authority. Peter knew who he was in Christ, Peter took his authority personally and that's what God wants us to do. To know who we are in Christ as God's Personal Power house. Verses 7, 8 says, "Then Peter took the lame man by the hand and pulled him to his feet." The Bible says, Faith without works is dead. As Peter pulled the man to his feet, the ankle bones were healed and strengthened. So he came up with a leap, stood there a moment and began walking, leaping and praising God. He went to the temple with them. He had been lame for forty years. When the people saw this miracle they were inexpressibly surprised! Everyone stood there awed by the wonderful thing that had happened. Peter saw this opportunity to talk to the crowd. He said, 'What is so surprising about this and why look at us as though we by our own power and godliness had made this man walk." Peter goes on to say in verse 15 and 16 "Jesus Name has healed this man, the One you killed, the Author of life".

## Grace Said to Satan, "That's enough!"

"... Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts." (Zechariah 4:6 KJV)

When grace came into the world through Jesus, Grace said to Satan, 'That's enough! Stop your control over My people.' Jesus stood between Satan and us and said to us, 'Now you have the choice to come to Me or not.' Jesus desired for us to come to Him but Jesus' love gave us free choice. So we could love Jesus back and say, "Yes, Lord, I want you to come into my life." That's love!

Jesus said, "Blessed are they that have not seen and yet believe". In this book you will hear of the 'visions' that I have received. Through all these visions (even some that are not written in this book) I would like to explain every vision I had was for a purpose. The vision of seeing Jesus Face-to-face was for me to understand the revelation of Jesus. I was studying the Word every day and I would say, "Lord, teach me; show me what You want me to know." The Word of God says, "You don't have because you don't ask".

# Chapter 2

# Jesus Power Evangelism

# To Be Christ-Like The Beatitudes (Matthew 5:3-10) Blessed are the poor in spirit, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, For they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek, For they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness For they shall be filled. Blessed are the merciful, For they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, For they shall see God.

#### Blessed are the peacemakers,

For they shall be called sons of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

I believe if we keep in mind what God has done for us, we can become greater witness to the world. Rather than approaching people like a judge, we need to remember God seeks to save the lost and God will do all He can to win them to His heart. Only in understanding the great love of Jesus can someone surrender to Him. You see in the world people will follow the ways of someone. When young people see what's in style, they all want it, whether it's clothing or other things; they want the latest things. The older generation are often the same way. They want different things that everyone else has. So, in other words, 'people follow people'. Can you imagine if we focus on following God first? It's not a sin to want the latest clothing, cars, houses; but if you don't practice asking God for advice, we will get into trouble financially with the most innocent things this world has to offer.

Jesus gave all His life; Jesus let us break His body and He also gave us His broken body. Jesus emptied Himself; He shed His blood yet we still use His shed blood to protect ourselves. Jesus gave His Broken Body so our broken body would be healed. Jesus laid aside His mighty power and glory so He could become a real man to show us the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Jesus came to give us power over the enemy. He gave us the authority in the Name of Jesus to command the enemy to leave and the enemy's plans destroyed.

Satan came to take our lives. Satan came to enslave us to drugs, sex and gambling. He gives us anything that would make us slaves and when people decide they don't want to do the things Satan taught them, they can't quit unless God delivers them. People that are enslaved by Satan often struggle to make the decision of going to Jesus for help and deliverance. When you really look at how Satan operates, it makes you wonder how could anyone be so deceived. No wonder Satan uses drugs to dull the sense of people's minds, then the mind is not sober to understand what cheap trick he is playing. That's what you call deception. When people do not use drugs, Satan will use something else: lust, money or whatever can possess your mind to pull you into his game. Then, before you realize it you're in the quick sand, and you can't get out of it on your own. Satan will put people around you to say, "That's not so bad, everybody is doing it; you are enjoying it". But the truth of it is, your mind can't remember what you did at that party when your mind was impaired. Some people are born with their minds impaired, God will protect and save them because they didn't have their right mind. God judges us according to our accountability. How can we deliberately cause ourselves to be in that condition and call that fun? I guess, the world is really mixed up by Satan's own tricks. There is power in the Word of God to set the captives free.

The Bible says that Satan blinds our minds so we cannot see the truth. That's why we need to read what God said in His Word, so we can be reminded of the good news God has for us: the hope we have in God that all things are possible with God. Then the hopelessness that Satan gives will not take root in our hearts and minds. The Word of God heals our minds. The Word of God restores our minds. When we take the authority and command Satan to leave in Jesus' Name, we will see the truth and the truth sets free.

The year the Pentecostal Assembly took a trip to Israel, I decided to go. It was my second trip there. My first trip I was overtaken by what I saw in the Land – the Garden of Gethsemane, the Garden Tomb and the Sea of Galilee. I felt like

I was living in the days when Jesus was on earth. However, on this second trip, I was concentrating more on people I was meeting. I am French so I was able to speak to many French Jews. One day, at the Wailing Wall, I was amazed to see so many desperate people praying. All I kept thinking of was how can they not believe that Jesus is the Messiah: every sign was there, the place where Jesus was born, the crucifixion, the empty garden tomb. The more I thought of all this, the power of God rose up inside me. Just then a lady came to me, a French Jew. She started to tell me her daughter was so sick, she looked hopeless. The Spirit of God rose up in me and with a righteous anger I said, "How can you not believe that Jesus is the Messiah and that He paid the price for your salvation, your healing, when all of these signs are around you? Do you think sometimes that Jesus was your Messiah?" Then I said to her, "If you believe He was, don't be afraid to receive Him. Don't be in bondage again like you were with Pharaoh. Don't be in bondage of your religious leaders. If you believe that Jesus is the Messiah, receive Him." Then I said, "Do you believe?" She said, "Yes, I do." Then I told her "Receive Him into your heart, ask forgiveness for your sins - He will give you a new life and the strength to live for Him. And by His stripes we were healed two thousand years ago. Just receive healing for your daughter." She was praying and all of a sudden an older lady came to me and gave me a branch of a tree and I ask her why she was giving me this. She said because God was in my heart (The French Jew interpreted to me as the older lady could only speak in Hebrew). I realized God had sent her to me so I said to the French Jewish lady, "Ask her if she believes Jesus is the Messiah" then I said "Yes, God is in my heart because the Messiah has come and cleansed my heart so He could live in it." So the old lady invited Jesus into her heart too. Just then I saw another Jewish lady that was listening to this conversation that was from French to Hebrew about the salvation of the Lord through Jesus Christ and she

quickly said "I also believe Jesus is the Messiah and I want to receive Him too." Wow! What a day that was! Three souls receiving Christ in Israel at the Wailing Wall! I rejoiced, the angels rejoiced and the Lord was revealed to His people, the Jews. What a blessing that was, always to be remembered as one of the most glorious trips I ever had! Jesus was sending them to me.

#### **Encounter Jesus**

"Tell ye, and bring them near; yea, let them take counsel together; who hath declared this from ancient time? Who hath told it from that time? Have not I the Lord? And there is no God else beside Me; a just God and a Savior, there is none beside Me.

Look unto Me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth; for I AM God, and there is none else.

I have sworn by Myself, the word is gone out of My mouth in righteousness, and shall not return. That unto Me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear. (Isaiah 45:21-23 KJV)

We don't have another God; the invisible God came in the form as a man: the invisible God became visible, the Word became flesh. His Flesh is God's DNA. God came as a hidden treasure of life so people would seek Him if they wanted to know Him. When we want to see, we will see – if we don't want to see we won't see; that is a free choice. God is waiting patiently for us to welcome Him in our hearts.

## Jesus Freedom

Jesus did not come by force. Jesus came by love. He did not control anyone to believe in Him. Jesus gave free choice to everyone. That's why we must know Him. He is the hidden treasure of all treasures. We need to discover Jesus to find all treasures of life. These are the Scriptures that discover Jesus. Learn them by heart: you will experience the power in them that will make you a powerful witness. As you share these scriptures, the revelation of Jesus to others, you will see peoples' faces come alive as they find Jesus through your words. Then you can simply ask them, "Do you believe in Jesus?" If they say "yes", then you can tell them to say, "Jesus, I believe; I receive You into my heart today; wash away my sins; give me a new start; write my name in the Book Of Life". This is the born-again life – JESUS IN YOU.

#### Witness Jesus

Finally, I want to explain why I am always talking about the deity of Christ in the book. It is because for twenty years of street evangelism, I have noticed Christians are confused that the Father, Son and Holy Spirit are One. They seemed to be unsure how to explain, how to witness this to the world. Well, I have found when I lift up Jesus and speak He is God – that breaks down all insecurity of the unknown. When we say His Body is the body of the invisible God and Jesus is pouring out His Spirit, it's why He had to go away.

The Father showed us the Father's heart.

The Son showed us bodily the grace and love of God.

The Holy Spirit shows us all things and glorify Jesus.

We don't have three Gods; we have One God manifesting Father, Son, Holy Spirit. We are now in the hour of God manifesting His Spirit, teaching us and glorifying Jesus, the Name above every other name.

## **Teaching Evangelism**

One day I was teaching a team of young people. I teach in the church, then I take them out on the street to teach them in action. Now I instruct them to watch me and pray while I go ahead of them and give out tracts and approach people. I usually say as I give out a tract, "Jesus loves you, sir or ma'am." One evening I was teaching on Yonge St. in Toronto while the team was watching; it seemed like no one was taking the tract. Everyone was rejecting my approach: this was going on for about half an hour. Then I looked at the team I was training, they looked so discouraged. I started to laugh, I had forgotten to tell them one of the most important teaching. It's when we're rejected on the streets, when no one is responding or when people are not accepting: The most powerful ministry is rejection. I explained to the team when people say, "NO!" to our words, "Jesus loves you.", they have made a decision. It's then the Holy Spirit can begin to show them their hearts. It's also then they will get home and think of why they said NO to the love of Jesus. That's why it is important to say "Jesus loves you" or to mention the Name of Jesus. Well, after I explained we are doing the job God asked us to do, now God will finish His work. Well, they seemed more hopeful as I continued to pass out tracts as they looked on. God has a plan - there was a man I gave the tract to and I said, (instead of 'Jesus loves you') "Jesus is God." That young man took the tract and said, "No, Jesus is the Son of God." I said, "Yes, Jesus is the Son of God, but you see, this meant He is God. We are the children of God by adoption. Jesus is the Word that became flesh because He is born of a virgin. His Blood is God's blood." Just then I could see his face turn to joy like he had found a treasure and I shared who Jesus is. Then I said, "Now you believe." He said, "Yes, I believe now Jesus is God." Well then I told him, "You can receive Him into your heart and ask forgiveness for your sins." When he said, "Jesus, come into my heart.", he fell on his knees

on Yonge St. with many walking around him; he started to cry and lifted his hands to heaven and began to speak in another tongue. People were asking what happened to him. Just then, the team came near him and explained to the passers by, "God is touching this young man." This is what happens when the revelation of Jesus comes, the Spirit of God takes over. It was the most powerful night I ever had!

# Revelation of Jesus - the Key to Witness

## Jesus Deity

Here are the Scriptures you should learn by heart:

# Isaiah 9:6

His Name shall be called Mighty God and Almighty Father.

# Matthew 1:23

Behold a virgin shall be with child and shall bring forth a son and they shall call His name Emmanuel, (interpretation: God is with us, came from above)...what blood was in His veins?

# John 1:1-3

In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God. Everything that was created was created through Him and by Him. Nothing was created without Him.

# John 1:14

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us.

# Philippians 2:5

Though He is God, He humbled Himself and became man.

# John 14:8-9

Philip said, "Show us the Father so we can believe." Jesus said, "Don't you know who I AM, Philip, even after all this time I have been with you? Anyone who has seen Me has seen the Father! So why are you asking to see Him?

# Colossians 1:15-16

Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, first-born of every creation. Christ is the exact likeness of the unseen God. He existed before God made anything at all. In fact, Christ Himself is the Creator Who made everything in heaven and earth, things we can see, things we cannot see. Spirit worlds with its Kings and kingdoms. Its rulers and authorities were made by Christ for His own glory.

# John 5:39-42

Jesus said, You search the Scriptures, for you believe they give you eternal life. And the Scriptures point to Me. Yet you won't come to Me so that I can give you this life eternal! Your approval or disapproval means nothing to Me, for as I know you well, you don't have God's love within you.

# Philippians 2: 6,7,10

Jesus came in the likeness of men. Jesus took on the Form of God. Jesus is equal with God. Jesus upholds the world in His hands.

*Hebrews 1:3* The risen Christ.

*Hebrews 1:4* Jesus is the Creator of angels.

# Hebrews 1:13,14

Did God ever say to an angel, as He does to His Son, "Sit here beside Me in honor until I crushed all your enemies beneath your feet? No, for the angels are only spirit messengers sent out to help and care for those who are to receive His salvation. So the angels will help and even assist you when you lead someone to Christ. The Bible says, the angels rejoice when someone comes to Jesus.

# Chapter Three

# The Bible Alive

# My First Encounter with the Holy Spirit

"And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." (John 8:32 NKJV)

## What is Truth?

We look around us - see the earth, the sandy beaches of Florida, the different colors of the scenes, the different sizes of rocks, the color of the water with all that is in it, the different kinds of fish. How come we have salty water and all that creates salt in it? What creates diamonds, rubies, sapphires and all the gem stones out of the rocks; the pearls we get out of the oysters; the beautiful plants and flowers, how they grow from a dead seed; I look forward to visiting the sun, the stars, the galaxies we have not yet seen! It'll be great because I like to travel and see new things. We cannot comprehend the things God has created for us. We have seen only a little of what God has given us freely; we will not need money in heaven; we will not need a plane to travel, we will travel like the angels. Thank God for that. We will be identified as princes and princesses in the kingdom of God. Even the worst sinner, when they ask in the Name of Jesus for forgiveness, God said He will put our sins in the 'sea of forgetfulness'. God will forget our sins forever, we will also forget our sins. We will have new identities, we won't live with the scars of what we did to others. We will be free, we will have new life. Jesus said "I make all things new", because He chose to suffer and die for us to give us life, life more abundantly. He does not have to go to the cross again to save the worst sinner. Jesus says, "Today you will be with me in Paradise". Jesus promised a criminal that was crucified beside Him on the cross. The criminal admitted he had sinned and Jesus was innocent. He believed in Jesus. That very day he went to paradise with Him (Luke 23:43).

Every prisoner today will leave their fingerprints behind! You will have a new body. When you understand this truth, you will realize your new life all because of what Jesus did for you. At the Name of Jesus, every knee shall bow in heaven, in earth and under the earth; Jesus sets us free. The Name of Jesus is above every other name; that's why the Name of Jesus heals, the Name of Jesus creates miracles (Philippians 2:9,10). Faith in Jesus' Name, moves every sin and sickness away from you (Acts 3:16)!

Truth is to know who Jesus is, to know the character of God (that God loves you; He wants to bless you), to have a relationship with Jesus. Ask God, "How should I read this book?" "Today, Lord, what should I do?" Grab the Word of God and say this is true; I receive Your promises, Your instructions, Your character, Your love for me. Dear God, we exchange our plans for Your plans over earthly wisdom just for You. When Peter commanded the lame man to walk in the Name of Jesus, Peter took a step and took the lame man by the hand and the man was healed. The lame man submitted to God. We must step out to reach others. Jesus stepped out of heaven and came to earth as a humble little baby.

Submit to God or you will be holding on to something that will interfere with what God has for you. God will plant a seed in a ground that has room to grow. Act on it or let it sit dormant? Most of us have received a word from God at one time in our life; don't procrastinate: decide to move on what God says. So, submit to God, your enemy will flee. Don't pay attention to the evil; tell the devil to get out of your life. In Jesus' Name, don't look to your mountain, look to Jesus, that's God's law. This law is sealed with His love for each of us through His death on the cross for us, His life for our life in freedom.

God decided we would love adventure and that's why God planned more and more in your life as a child. We need to be free for what the Lord is planning for you. No matter what kind of childhood you had, remember the reason you had the childhood you had was because people around you obeyed God or disobeyed God. Some have been violated by people God had put in charge of them. God has given free will and God desires that you would be well taken care of, but because they chose sin the innocent suffers. But God has taken this in His own hands, God is a just God and He is the One Who judges. Let Him take care of your brokenness, even if you don't see God work, He is taking care of His business, one day you will see. We must all give up our past hurts and give it to Jesus so we can identify ourselves to the good things God planned for you. What do you identify yourself with, our thoughts or God's thoughts? God does not want us to carry around garbage - we are not garbage cans. We are to let go the evil others did to us.

We are on a journey, the God journey. It is eternal, it's out of

this world. The earthly journey is ninety years or less (Jeremiah 29 and 14). Jesus brought us hope that it is accomplished already. Don't be distracted in your journey: don't look to the right; don't look to the left - Look to Jesus the author and finisher of your faith. Let Jesus be the author of your life - your abundant life. Let God control. Kingdom life is to live under the authority of King Jesus. Give your life to Jesus. Jesus will make you princes and princesses. To live in the kingdom is to live in all that you need: forgiven, restored in our spirit, new in our hearts, to see as the King sees, to understand as the King understands, you will have the fruit of the Spirit (love, joy, peace). Believe and walk in that faith. God said, "Believe and know that I AM God". God will do great and wonderful things if you let Him. It'll be an exciting life. Watch God move in your life. There will be exciting experiences and you won't know what God will do next.

## Read God's Letter to You

How can we apply the 'walk of God'? Take a step to read the Bible so God can pattern your life into what it should be. God has a vision for you. It is written. God takes pleasure in you, in what you should do and what you know you should do. Do it! You will see great results even when you don't understand everything. You will be blessed with obeying God in the smallest request He asked you to do. Submit to God your time especially when you don't have that time to give. God has the wisdom. Trust in God's wisdom. Trust God with all your life and His plan for you.

Know how much God loves you (Ephesians 3:18), and what God has given us (2 Timothy 1:7). Get to know Who Jesus is. Get to know the truth of His character. Some have been misrepresenting Who Jesus is.

Jesus said, "If you have seen Me, you have seen the Father.

Why do you look for another?" (John 14:9). "Who is he that overcometh the world but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?" (I John 5:5). When Jesus said He is the Son of God, He was crucified because Jesus was saying He was God.

Today we can say we are the children of God because the blood of God saved us and we have been adopted - God became our Father. This is He that came by water and blood; and it is the Spirit that beareth witness because the Spirit is truth (I John 5:6). The unpardonable sin is not to believe the Spirit of Truth. There are three that bear record in heaven; the Father, the Word and the Holy Ghost; these three are one (I John 5:7). There are three that bear witness on earth: the Spirit, the Water and the Blood. These three agree in one. The Spirit of truth will teach you all things. Truth sets free.

# How To Repent

# What Does God Want?

"How can we make up to God for what we've done? Shall we bow before the Lord with offering? For if we offered Him thousands of rams and ten thousands rivers of olive oil, would that please Him? Would He be satisfied? Then would He forgive your sins? Of course, not! No, He has told you what He wants, and this is all it is:

To be fair

# To be just

# To be merciful

# And to walk humbly with your God." (Micah 6:6,7,8)

I believe that if we will walk in these three steps that the Lord commands us to, we would be blessed like never before. God

wants to bless us but we must make a way for His goodness to pass before us. I believe every born again Christian should walk in this wisdom, and if we don't we are not letting Jesus be the Lord of our lives. We become our own lord and we deceive ourselves. That's why the Lord taught us to pray, "Our Father, Which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name, Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth, in us as it is in heaven. That is what I always pray: "Thy will be done in me" then I cannot miss God's call on my life.

Paul speaks to the Galatians in Galatians 3:1,2,5,8

"Did you receive the Holy Spirit by trying to keep the Jewish law? Of course not, for the Holy Spirit came upon you only after you heard about Christ and trusting Him to save you."

"I ask you again, does God give you the power of the Holy Spirit and work of miracles among you as a result of your trying to obey the Jewish law? No, of course not. It is when you believe in Christ and fully trust Him."

"What's more, the Scriptures looking forward to this time when God would save the Gentiles also through their faith. God told Abraham about this long ago when He said, "*I will bless those in every nation who trust in ME as you do.*" (vs. 8)

The same blessing Abraham received. So, you see, we are blessed. Believe the Word of God, the Truth. Even the Scriptures looked forward to this time! We need to be ever so thankful to be living in this time of the revelation of God's wonderful love for all of us.

And if we know God's love for us, we will do all we can to walk in the character of God, to be a willing and giving person, willing to do what is right and give it away even to those that don't deserve the blessing. That's what Jesus did to save us and set us free from even ourselves and our own selfishness.

We thank God for what His will for us is to bless us and not to curse us.. God said in Jeremiah 29:11, "*I know the thoughts that I think toward you, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you future and hope*".

Jeremiah 9:23-24 says,

"Thus says the Lord – Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom; let not the mighty man glory in his might, let not the rich man glory in his riches; but let him who glories glory in this: That he understands and knows Me. Let them boast in this alone, that they truly know Me and understand that I AM the Lord of justice and of righteousness. Whose love is steadfast and that I love to be this way."

This is God's character of His goodness and love towards us. If we love God, we will walk in His way and lay aside all that would destroy the plan God has for us. As we walk with Him we will be blessed one day at a time. We will be willing to be filled with Him Who is the Author and Finisher of our faith, rejecting evil and receiving the goodness of God, trusting in Him that is able to do all.

Jesus is the Author of Life throughout the Bible; He is the Great Author!

His hand is not short!

"Behold the Lord's hand is not shortened that it cannot saved, neither His ear heavy that it cannot hear." (Isaiah 59:1)

This scripture reminds me of a lady that came to my store. She was the wife of a diplomat from Yugoslavia. She would come to my jewelry store often but one day she came to me desperate. She heard her dad in Yugoslavia was dying of colon cancer in the hospital. They gave him a month to live. She was in Toronto at the time but she had to go home immediately to see him alive. We went for a coffee and we talked. I could see she was hurting. I was led to pray for her dad. I said to the Lord in prayer "Lord, Your hand is not too short to touch this man in Yugoslavia." and I commanded the cancer to go in the Name of Jesus. She agreed in prayer and became a believer. When she went home to visit her dad he got better everyday. After one week he was so well he left the hospital, he started to eat and put on weight. He went back to the doctor to have some tests and the doctors came back to report he had no more cancer! The man's daughter came back to Toronto, rejoicing in Gods miracle healing power. Salvation came to her whole household.

God's arm is not too short to touch whoever we pray for, only believe.

People have no problem knowing the Holy Spirit is God. But people have to have the revelation that Jesus is God.

"Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus: Who being in the form of God thought it not robbery to be equal with God. (Philippians 2:5-6)

"But made Himself of no reputation and took upon Him the form of a servant and was made in the likeness of men; as a man was obedient unto death on the cross." (Philippians 2:7-8)

"His Name is above every name." (Philippians 2:9)

"At the Name of Jesus every knee shall bow (in heaven), in earth, things under the earth." (Philippians 2:10) Jesus is worshiped in heaven.

Jesus is worshiped on earth.

*"Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God."* (Colossians 1:15)

"By Him all things were created that are in heaven, that are on the earth; that are visible, that are invisible; whether they are thrones, dominions or principalities or powers, all things were created by Him and for Him." (Colossians 1:16)

# The Word

"In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God." (John 1:1)

Jesus is the Word. (John 1:1)

The Word became flesh. (John 1:14)

The Word said, "Let there be light."

The Word called the light day.

The Word called the darkness night.

The Word called the evening and the morning the first day.

The Word said, "Let the vapors separate to form the sky above and the oceans below". This happened on the second day. Then the Word said, "Let the water beneath the sky be gathered into oceans so the dry land will emerge, and so it was. Then God named the dry land "earth" and the water "seas", and God was pleased. "Then Word said, "Let the earth burst forth with every sort of grass and seed-bearing plants and fruit trees with seeds inside the fruits so that these seeds will produce the kinds of plants and fruits they came from", and so it was and God was pleased. These all occurred on the third day. God created all of creation by His Word. God said, "Let there be" and there was.

By Him (Jesus Christ), all things were created in heaven, on earth, things that are invisible, thrones, dominions, principalities or powers were created by Jesus Christ. (Colossians 1:15)

The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by Him; and without Him was not anything made that was made. In Him was Life and the Life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehendeth it not. (John 1:2-5)

# The Bible Alive is Jesus

The Bible is a big book about the revelation of God.

The Bible is about real people, good and bad.

The Bible refers to the world being round more than two thousand years ago before man figured it out.

The Bible was inspired by the Holy Spirit of God. When you read it and believe it, there is power in it. It's not just the written word; it's the living word. People read the Bible and have become new.

People have gotten healed reading the Bible. The Bible is full of God's Spirit.

In the Old Testament – an eye for an eye, a tooth for tooth; the laws reveals our Father was teaching His children: a learning time. People were saved because people believed in His coming, in His salvation before Jesus came and died on the cross.

In the New Testament, mercy came - love your enemies. All

the commandments are in one word: love. If someone hits you, turn the other cheek. Forgive and you will be forgiven. The Living Word came as a man, as a Jew, the revelation of Jesus.

"In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins. Who is the image of the invisible God, the first born of every creature. For by Him were all things created, that are in Heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether the be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by Him, and for Him: And he is before all things, and by him all things consist. He was before all else began and it is his power that holds everything together." (Colossians 1:14-17)

People have no problem knowing the Father is God. The Holy Spirit is God. Jesus is God. We don't have 3 (three) Gods, they are One God and you can never separate them, though they work in three different functions.

# Faith in the Word A Letter From Our Heavenly Father

I remember one day I was going for lunch at a restaurant on Queen St. As I was crossing the street, a Chinese man approached me and said he was new in Toronto and wanted videos of Toronto. I told him I didn't know where they can be found but I did know where he could get a book that could tell him everything he needed to know for his life and that every answer for every question he had was written in this book. So he said, "Where can I get this book?" I told him to come with me and I went to my store and gave him a Bible. I told him about Jesus and he left. I did not see him again until six months later when he came back to Toronto to my store to tell me what had happened to him. He said he went back to China (he was a professor and had one thousand students). It was at the time when the Tiananmen massacre had happened. His students were involved in it. They were all very afraid to lose their lives, so he called them to a meeting and told them he had met a woman in Toronto that said "This Book has all the answers to this problem". He photocopied Scriptures in the Bible for their deliverance and gave them to all his students. Then they read it together and said, "If you believe this, it will happen because it is God's Word." They all made the sign of the cross with water. Well, we shouldn't be surprised everyone of them was protected. They relied on the power of the Word of God. It's amazing the small things we can do that can change the lives of others: if we use God's Word of protection, it will not return void. Can you imagine how interested they were in the Word of God? We need to remember the Word of God is a letter from our heavenly Father!

We stand true to the Lord whether others honor us or despise us. Once we receive Jesus Christ as our Saviour, we must never give up. Always keep ourselves clean. When we sin we must ask forgiveness of God and not keep un-confessed sins in our lives that can cause you to fall away. Jesus is always there to keep you and bring you up to His heart. Jesus never gives up on you; don't ever give up on yourself when you fail God in your walk. Just repent and believe God for your salvation and praise God, your name is written in heaven.

"If anyone says, 'I love God' but keeps on hating his brother who is right there in front of him, how can he love God whom he has never seen?" (1 John 4:20) God Himself has said that we must love not only God but our brothers also. Forgiveness of our sins is the greatest gift we have received from God, so we also must forgive others. It's God's greatest gift.

Sometimes things happen in life that are hard to forgive. But I say all we have to do is to decide to forgive, then God gives us the strength to forgive them. God may show that person's heart. Maybe that person was never treated fairly as a child or maybe that person never knew how to respect and love someone. Maybe that person never had anything and he hangs on to what he has with all that he or she has. Prayer changes things. If you pray even if you don't see changes, just believe because God has heard your prayers. God will find a way to reach that person. Hope and patience is your part, do it and you will see your prayers in action. Don't retaliate, just believe. God is at work for you, wait and see. For every child of God can obey Him, defeating sin and evil pleasure by trusting Christ to help him. (I John 5:3) Who could possibly win this battle except by believing that Jesus is truly the Son of God. If we set our minds on overcoming we will be keeping our thoughts on things that are of good report. Remember, whatever you keep your mind on will win. Do not feed your mind with wrong thoughts, guard your heart. With Jesus all things are possible.

All the special gifts and powers from God will someday come to an end, but love goes on forever. Imagine we only have a time to answer the call of God to reach a dying world. We have been given gifts from God yet some of us have not opened these gifts. What a shame! We could have enjoyed such pleasure on this earth by giving this gift to others; after all we are saved to give salvation to others. We are healed to give hope to others and lead them to the Great Healer but best of all, we are loved to give this great love to others. To experience God's love is to experience heaven, and the only way to experience it is to give it away.

# The Bible Alive: Miracles Happen

## Testimonies of Miracles in My Store

One day a total stranger walked into my store. The man asked for a minister; I wondered how he knew me but he said he

didn't know me. He could hardly talk, he was so troubled and was crying out of control. I responded, "Let me pray for you, I am a minister." After a while he calmed down as I was ministering to him the Words of Jesus - that Jesus loved him and knew all about his problem, and Jesus came to heal broken hearts. After a while he became very calm and he began to tell me what happened and how he ended up in my store. He said when he got up that morning he was very depressed; so much that he did not want to live anymore. He had decided to commit suicide. He was in his home at that moment and he felt like he was pushed outside his home. He walked for a while. When he got to Spadina Ave., he was walking past my store and all of a sudden he felt to come in the store. That's when he asked me for a minister. The Lord directed him to me yet he never knew me, he had never been in my store before. That's the sovereign move of God. God became real to him and he received Jesus as Lord of his life. He also came to our ministry where we had an inner city church. It takes just a few words to change the mind of someone who is giving up. If only we would recognize the difference one person with God's promise can make in this world, we would all get up and do something for someone else.

We had a church at Spadina Ave. and Queen St. called International Christian Centre, and many of the needy people would just walk in. We opened seven days a week with a church service every night. I thought, the bars are open nightly why shouldn't we be open? I had seven churches helping us; we would feed the needy with food, clothes, housing and all the spiritual food we could give, with God's love and care. One night, a young native man walked into our church service. He was drunk but he was crying, saying, "I don't know how I got here, but I had to come in. I could be with my friends but something called me here." I found out he had been abused since he was four years old. He listened to my preaching and he kept on saying, "That's true, what you're saying to me." He'd cry and say, "I can't take it, it's the truth." I continued to pray for him. It's what we call soaking in prayer. For about two hours he received the Presence of the Holy Spirit. Then he said, "Who is that?" I said, "What?" He said he saw someone coming down from the ceiling dressed in a white robe. He said there was so much light he could not see His face. The young man cried as he was telling me, he said, "It was so beautiful!" He also said this Person's hand was extended to him. The young man kept saying, "Who was it?" I told him the Word of God says Jesus is the Light of the world. God was calling him; the young man's name was David. Jesus touched him; Jesus was healing him, Jesus was calling David to Himself. If we could only see what is going on in heaven when we pray, we really would pray all the time. We do have a cloud of witnesses and the Great Intercessor, Jesus. The Word of God says, "Where two or three are gathered in His Name, there He is among us. God said ask and you shall be given; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened."

# Chapter 4

# Jesus in the Flesh

#### God's Blood Shed On Earth

That's why the Blood of Jesus cannot lose its Power. There is power in the Blood of Jesus. When Cain killed Abel, God said to Cain, "What hast thou done? The voice of thy brother's blood crieth unto Me from the ground." Can you imagine even today, the Blood of Jesus cries for you to be delivered, healed and set free from the mindset you have received from listening to people instead of God? We need to wake up in these last days and know JESUS IS THE WAY, THE ONLY WAY, THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE!

#### We Can Be Our Brother's Keeper

We can care if we want to because some of us know that without Jesus there is no salvation. And I say we know Jesus is God, not some small god, but Jesus is called the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father (Isaiah 9:6).

"I, even I, Am the Lord, And beside Me, there is no savior. I have declared and saved, I have proclaimed, And there was no foreign god among you Therefore you are My witnesses, Says the Lord, "that I Am God." (Isaiah 43:11-12 KJV)

"Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel, And his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts: 'I Am the First and I Am the Last; Beside Me there is no God'." (Isaiah 44:6 KJV)

#### The Power in You is Jesus' Name

Faith in Jesus' Name. Faith given to us from God. When the Council of Leaders of Jerusalem got together with Peter and John, they saw they were obviously uneducated and non-professional – they were amazed and realized what being with Jesus had done for them.

So Peter and John were warned not to speak of Jesus again or they would be arrested. We today are so blessed in this country, we can talk about Jesus all we want, yet days go by where we don't even mention Jesus to anyone.

#### New Covenant Set In Motion By Jesus' Blood

At the Lord's supper (I Corinthians 11:23-27) the Lord talked about giving His Broken Body for you. Verse 25 says, this cup is the new agreement between God and you that has been established and set in motion by My Blood. In The Living Bible, the word 'motion' means action we need to get active in prayer and reaching out to let the Blood of Jesus do its work. The Blood of Jesus never lose its power. But we must take action and apply it in remembrance of Jesus' work on the cross.

# **Born-Again**

In John 3:3, 6 Jesus said to a priest, "With all the earnestness I possess I tell you this: Unless you are born again you can never get into the kingdom of God. Born again! Exclaimed the priest called Nicodemus. What do you mean, Jesus? How can an old man go back into his mother's womb and be born again?" Jesus replied, "Unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God". Man can only reproduce human life, but the Holy Spirit gives new life from heaven. When you believe in Jesus that He is Lord and when you receive Jesus as your Lord, Jesus will come into your heart and live in you that's born of the Spirit of God. Because Jesus is God, He is the Lamb of God that takes away our sins. He throws our sins in the 'sea of forgetfulness' because He shed His blood to make our hearts clean. He even gives you a new heart and new spirit; His Spirit lives in you. So, only say with your mouth, 'Lord Jesus, come and clean my life and believe in your heart He rose again and is the Giver of life for you. Today, that very day your name is written in the Lamb's Book of Life in heaven and is waiting for you to come home to a place Jesus is preparing for you as according to your walk. Your works could be - forgiving someone, it could be praying for your enemies, it could be serving your brother, it could be bringing hope where there are storms of life, it could be loving the unloved or to be compassionate. It could be encouraging the discouraged. It could be feeding the hungry. Did you notice all the words mentioned here are all giving Words and to enjoy Jesus on the road of discovering your calling to enjoy communion with your Lord, a place of pleasure! Now that is new life - this is what it means to let Jesus live in

you, the born again experience. What a joy!

When we belong to Jesus, He takes care of us no matter what we're going through. You are never alone. All things are possible. He will surprise you with good things. He is a good God that is always looking to help us in all that we do as long as we desire to do what is good. So we must know who we are in Christ: loved and cared for everyday of our lives. Even if we go through problems, He is the bridge that carries us across every valley. Believe in Him! God never intended for us to suffer. Sin makes us suffer. Sin is all around us because Adam and Eve did not pay attention to what God said. They paid attention to Satan. So, we need to remember, what we pay attention to will consume us, whether it be good or evil. The Bible says think on good things, get rid of the bad and your life will be filled with hope. Trust in Jesus.

## **Encountering Jesus**

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." (John 3:16 NKJV)

Though Jesus was God, He did not demand and cling to His rights as God (Philippians 2:6). But Jesus laid aside His mighty power and glory taking disguise of a slave, becoming like men and he humbled Himself even further going so far actually to die a criminal's death on a cross (Philippians 2:7).

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So the Word say JESUS IS GOD.
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He did not demand His rights as God.

Jesus laid aside His mighty power and glory.

Jesus disguised Himself becoming like men.

Jesus Name is above every other Name. At the Name of

Jesus, every knee shall bow in heaven, on earth, under the earth (Philippians 2:10).

Every person one day will bow to the Name of Jesus. Every person will admit they were wrong for not believing. Every person will bow and worship Jesus.

"Do not let your heart be troubled: believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Fathers house there many dwelling places, if it were not so, I would have told you, for I go to prepare a place for you, for if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself that where I am there you may be also." (John 14: 1-3)

When Jesus said " I AM the Son of God", He was saying He is God. That's why He was crucified. Many today will still not believe that Jesus is God. He was born of a virgin so His Blood is the Blood of God, His DNA is God's DNA.

The world's sin is unbelief in Jesus.

# Chapter 5

# The Wonders of Heaven, Blessings on Earth

We live on earth, we do what we can to make this earth a peaceful place to live in. But we need heaven's blessings to overcome the temptation of the attraction of what could destroy our souls. We see ourselves as very special people because God created us. We see others the same way: heaven touched us in our mother's womb

#### The Reality of Heaven

Do you really know what's going on in heaven? We have to know where we are going – it will be our home for eternity. Most of us know how to get there, but what is there is important. What is heaven like where we are going? It's out of this world! Have you ever tasted anything that was really good and said, 'It's out of this world'? That's what we're looking forward to.

Jesus said, "I go to prepare a place for you". Can you imagine that the Creator of heaven and earth is preparing a place for you? He knows you, as well as what would make you happy. As for myself I like to travel. Can you imagine exploring all the universe with all the galaxies, the stars and what God has created beyond what you can imagine! If you went on a trip and a King would welcome you into His Kingdom and He knew exactly what you liked, he would have all kinds of surprises for you and He would be with you to show you what He has prepared for you. He would want to see the expression on your face every time He gave you something new.

We cannot imagine the things God has planned for us. All things become new; you will have a new body, a new character, new thoughts, new life, new respect. All the old passes away, behold all things become new. No more pain, no more shame, no more temptations of evil, no more resentment, no more carrying the past mistakes, no more bondage, no more tears, no more sorrow. God says, *"Enter into My joy!"* 

With all these promises we can experience heaven on earth if we keep our thought-life heavenward. This is only done through a decision of living the Word of God. It's not a secret, it is written by the Holy Spirit – the Bible. If someone has another book for your life, be careful - only God can tell your future. You will be a slave to whoever you follow. I prefer to be a slave to God because God does not take advantage of you. God respects you to choose what you want. God said, "*Choose you today, choose people power or God; choose life or death.*" I choose God, the Giver of life. Some choose the earth; even choose the fruit of the earth. Choose God that created the earth today.

#### My Encounter With Heaven

One evening when I was attending a conference at TACF (Toronto Airport Christian Fellowship), I was worshipping the Lord and all of a sudden, I saw the Lord walk towards the worship team. I had many visions of the Lord; mostly He's dressed in a white robe with a gold belt, rope-like, around His waist. But this time it was different - He had on His royal robe, His Kingly garments with a crown on His head that was more beautiful than all the crowns I saw when I visited England saw the crown jewels there. But the one Jesus had on His head was brilliant gems and diamonds in gold and a fabric of colors of deep red wine, I have never seen before. His cloak was the same deep red wine color and gold. Then He sat on a large chair like a crown made of beautiful gold. He sat up higher than the worship team, looking down at the congregation. He stretched forth His scepter and pointed it in three different directions. I was in awe!

Then I said, "Lord, show me more!" I suddenly was in the presence of God in a place I cannot explain. There was a mist all around me; I fell on my knees with my head down. Then I was given a crown. Suddenly, it was like God turned a page; then I saw myself with Jesus in heaven. I had on a gold and red wine colored (like a princess) dress flowing to the floor. But what amazed me was I was only about eighteen years old with long brown hair. And Jesus said to me, "Let us go". He was showing me places in heaven!

# Heaven's Promises

God always has a purpose when He shows you visions; it's never for nothing. I believe He showed me this vision because He knew I would soon become a widow. I had heard an audible voice, "I am taking Mark home." When he passed away, he was cripple; he looked like a skeleton because he had cancer in his brain. God knew I would remember and feel bad every time I would think how sad he looked. So, the Lord through His grace showed me: when we die we have a new body, perfect, healthy, not old but at our best in heaven. What a revelation I had and the Lord had told me before my husband got sick that God was taking him home. Before my husband passed away, he waved at the ceiling with a smile; he saw something that made him happy. What a wonderful promise we have in God's Word – to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord.

When Jesus died on the cross, He took the sting of death away so we could pass away from this life. God is not God of the dead; He is God of the living. He is called the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob; they are still alive: because Jesus rose again. We also shall rise again. When we are in Him, He is in us. That's why we must be born again, born of the Spirit; that means to receive Jesus into our hearts, His Spirit lives in our hearts, our names are in the Lambs Book of Life. Our sins are never remembered. The same Spirit that raised Christ from the dead will raise us up to Heaven.

## The Wonders Of Heaven

When God gave me a vision of heaven (when my late husband was dying), it was for a purpose: God was preparing me for his departure. I heard the audible Voice of God. God said, "*I Am taking Mark home.*" You see, I needed to be aware of what was going to happen; what God wanted to do, what was the plan for Mark's life – to leave this world for eternal life. Mark was paralyzed yet I took him home and cared for him. He never suffered; he would always say, "Pray to the Lord to take me home before I suffer." He had a brain tumor and it affected his emotions: that part of the brain, he would not even cry. His emotionally. If I had not heard from God I would have had

people come everyday to try to get him healed; but instead we prayed for a healing and left it to God to decide when he was going home. I know it would have disturbed Mark if people were coming in and out to pray for him as he wanted no visitors. I still prayed everyday; it was very sad to see him, at the end he looked like a skeleton. We took pictures before he died, I thought I could never look at the video we had taken. Seven months after his death I tried to look at the video and I just couldn't. Suddenly the Lord spoke to me and said, "Why are you afraid to look at that video of Mark? Don't you know that's not his body anymore? Mark has a new body: he's happy, he's young, he's healthy". Just then I remembered the vision I had of myself in heaven: I was at my best, young and beautiful with Jesus beside me showing me places in heaven. Then I realized how Mark was in heaven; so my sorrow was turned into joy knowing the place God had prepared for him. The Word of God says, "Eye has not seen, ear has not heard the things God has prepared for them that love Him. Neither have entered into the heart of man the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him" (I Corinthians 2:9).

#### The Realities of Heaven

After I remembered this word I was set free and I could look at the video and I knew the truth that the body I saw in the video was passed away and a pure healthy body was what Mark had. I would always say, sometimes I think it hurts more to be born in this world than to go to the real world for eternity. This world is just a test, a trial, we're on a journey; all we need to do is try to make the best of it. Believe in God that holds our hand and leads us to green pastures. I don't believe it was God's plan that we would be tested. We are tested because sin is all around us; Satan wants to control us; God's plan was that we would be in the center in the Garden of Eden. We were never to be sick or die. Sin did this through Satan's plan. Our disobedience opened the door to Satan.

#### The Promise of Heaven

Satan said "I'll take your life.'; Jesus said, 'I'll give you My life.' When we love God, we will believe God loves us. But how can we believe God loves us if we don't know God? The best way to see God is to see Him as a good Father: loving, forgiving, teaching, fellowshipping, caring for every little step you take wanting you to stay close to Him, but letting you make those choices.

This reminds me of my little dog, CoCo. When she sits she always wants to be very close to me, she snuggles close to me and she has to touch me. Sometimes she pushes to get even closer. Now I am not comparing my CoCo to the Lord but I believe God can use a dog to illustrate love because you see, God also created CoCo and she will be used for His glory. God once used a donkey to talk some sense to a prophet. What I want to say is, there was a time when CoCo got the attention of two people on the street. I had not planned to evangelize that day. I was going to the bank when the two people came to CoCo and began to pet her. Her tail was waggling and after a few minutes I realized God would want me to talk to them about Jesus and salvation, and I started to witness. They were very interested. In a few minutes they both received Jesus as Lord, two new names written down in glory. The angels were rejoicing. After they had prayed the lady thanked me for sharing this new life to her and her uncle; she was concerned for her uncle as he was getting old. Well, what can I say? CoCo must also be an evangelist, she can't talk but she can pay attention. This couple heard the truth and became born again. Their names are written in heaven and now they know where they're going. So you see, we always need to pay attention to what God wants to do. CoCo paid attention.

#### Is Your Name In The Book of Life?

Who will we be in heaven? When we give our lives to God, He promised heaven.

We will be whole.

We will be who we are in Jesus.

We will have new bodies, perfect bodies.

We will be at our best, not old decaying bodies.

We will be like the angels.

We will have the perfect mind of Christ.

We will not be married.

We will be a family of God.

We will not be jealous.

We will not remember evil

We will not remember the evil we did because we asked for forgiveness. God puts our sins in the Sea Of Forgetfulness.

We will love each other with pure love.

We will remember each other.

We will know who everyone was, only the good things and the goodness that was displayed on earth.

The old will be young.

The cripple will be whole.

The children that had no form, God will form.

The people who had no children will have children in heaven because we will be one family; not the family of one or the family of another, but we will be the family of God.

We will eat and not get fat.

There will be no pain, no painful memories. No ex-wives or ex-husbands, we will be like sisters and brothers.

There are no tears in heaven.

Best of all, perfect love, we will be with our Heavenly Father.

Nothing will be missing, we will have everything. No more tears. All things that are not good will pass away. Thank God, all things become new in pure love. God is love. Imagine living in the atmosphere of love – the only way we can understand that is when we are totally consumed by God's Holy Spirit. We have such peace, such love: we taste and see that God is so good. What a wonderful experience we will have in unity with one another. And I have not even mentioned yet the streets of gold, the mountains of sapphires, ruby's, garnets, diamonds and gates of pearl. What a life! What a place!

Thank you, Jesus, the only way to heaven!

# Focus on the Wonders of Heaven

# How does your victory come?

# Your victory comes on what you focus on.

First of all we need to remember we are just passing through this life; whether you're a king, a peasant or a millionaire, your destination is not on this earth. You can't take that position with you, as what you own on earth, it all has to be left behind. Great ministers, large churches, small churches, businesses, all stay on earth. All that power, all that money is just for a time that you are on earth. The disciples were showing Jesus the beautiful temple building and Jesus said, *"Not one stone will be left in its place; all will be shaken."* (Matthew 24:1,2) So you see, no matter what position you have, you will have to give it all up one day because you will be leaving the earth. All that you take with you is the fruits of the good work of caring and loving others into the Kingdom of God. Not helping others to see what you can get out of them, so you can look great and be promoted! No. God will promote you when he wants to. Even money currency can go up and down and even come to the point of becoming worthless on earth. We have seen this in many third world countries.

# Jesus' Attitude

This is victory: when you constantly work with Jesus' attitude. Truth sets free. Jesus knew He was going back to heaven. He knew where He was going. Jesus had followers and yet his friends walked out on Him. When the ones He came in the world to save, spat on Him; when those He came to love and help, laughed at Him, wouldn't listen to Him, they wanted to kill Him. You see, they thought they were greater and wiser than Jesus. You see, they were looking for a rich man, a king as the Messiah; but Jesus was just Mary's son, a carpenter; He had no place to lay His head. Jesus said, "Birds have nests, but I have no place to lay my head." Jesus came that way to show the world He was a real man; to show even the homeless - hope and a coming Kingdom they will live in no matter how poor they are. If they have no family, they will have the largest family in the Kingdom of God. They will be King's kids when they arrive in eternity; if they are crippled, they will have new perfect bodies - we will all have new bodies. The old will not be old, the sick will not be sick - we will all have the perfect mind of Christ. No jealousy, no living for self, no loneliness. We cannot take our money, it will be worthless in heaven. No tears, no pain, no temptation.

Jesus had one of the largest ministries yet every one walked out when trouble came. Jesus even had one disciple that sold Him to His enemies. That's how our victory comes: when we know this truth and we have faith to believe it, and the strength to walk in it

So even if you have nothing in this world, you will not take the mind of nothingness into heaven. You will arrive to your destination totally charged up with what God has created for you. And I believe God has a special reward for all those who had nothing in this world and they never gave up their faith in God. Because it's harder to praise God in the valley, God will see your faithfulness in the storms of life. If you remember your destination, it will be easier for you, to pass through this life -Looking to Jesus, the author and finisher of your faith. There is a finish line in this world and it's how you finish the race that counts. Just remember where you're going, get to heaven with spiritual muscles. Like muscles that grow into a Mr./Ms. Olympia; all the closet prayers and believing for others is one of the best body building experiences you can do in this world. And the most important thing to remember is - you can take these muscles with you and live in eternity remembering the good and seeing those you touched and helped in heaven. Our position in heaven will be according to our works. We should be preparing for eternity.

What a glorious day that will be when we will reap what we have sown here on earth. Remember the men of God, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and others that had not seen on earth what they believed in, yet they went to heaven and received their reward for believing. No matter what happened, they believed in their God and we are still built up today because they were willing to do God's will, no matter what happened to them. The only dreams which are lost are the ones you don't fight for. Hebrews 13:1 says, *"Let brotherly love continue"*.

"For consider Jesus that endure such contradiction of sinners against Himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds." (Hebrews 12:3) So it's in your mind, you have the victory. That little head of yours can become so big and good for nothing; but if your heart gets big, that's where your treasure is. Guard it well, make sure it's consumed with the love of Jesus that it tests clean from the garbage of this world, where you can forgive those that hurt you, love your enemies by trying to do God's will whether they deserve it or not. Because after all we did not get what we deserved ourselves from the beginning, we have also sinned, said what we should not have said, thought what we should not have thought. Thank God for the grace of Jesus for you but we also need grace for others.

The cross of Jesus was the price that paid in full for all our sins; Jesus paid with the pain and suffering that we cannot imagine, and even Jesus brokenhearted over us, paid in full our freedom. How can we judge anyone when Jesus did not come to judge us? That's why it's so wrong to think we're so good and others are so bad.

# Heavenly Blessings

The Bible says, Pray always that's in communion always with your best friend. That's not a hard thing to do. When you love someone you want to be with that person all the time. Let's be with Jesus all the time and you will have hope and be happy all the time, fixing your eyes on Jesus, the author and finisher of your faith.

We are living in the hour of the Grace of God. We are blessed. Know that and believe it. Give your problems to Jesus: He is your life giver, He overcame for you. If you give yourself to Him, He will take care of you. Remember don't let Satan blind your mind – rebuke Satan in Jesus' Name and he will flee.

Jacob said, "God blessed me." Hebrews 11 says we are blessed already. In that day Jesus said you will have all power to over-

come because of the authority He gives us. That's why He said, "I must go away; if I don't go away I cannot send you the Holy Spirit which will give you power to go into the world and preach the gospel." That gives us everything. Your works cannot accomplish what Jesus did. Only the work Jesus did for all of mankind, all nations, for everyone of us in a personal way. He works for good on our behalf. Thank you, Jesus.

We have the ammunition – the anointing is not fragile. It's the Power of God. It overcomes all. Have no fear. When you read about Jesus, His love was not afraid of sinners; He did not look at them as they were sinners – He saw their beautiful hearts that had not yet been seen, but Jesus could see. We must pray "Jesus open our eyes to see".

#### See God In Others

One day I was witnessing about God's love to a stranger. He said to me, "When you reach out to people do you look for the bad in them?" I answered, "No, I see someone created by God, someone God loves. God did not send His Son to condemn the world. Jesus said, "*I did not come to condemn the world*" – God so loved the world. We must think of others better than ourselves. The Bible talks about the righteous man praying, thanking God he was not like the sinner praying beside him – that was self-righteousness. But the sinner praying could not look up to the heavens saying, "Forgive me, Lord". Who had the beautiful heart? It was the sinner because he had a repentant heart and the self-righteousness had no compassion for the sinners.

*Faith worketh by love.* (Galatians 5:6)

God said, "Fulfill my love". (Galatians 5:14)

God said, Pray: "Dear Lord of the harvest send forth laborers

to reap the harvest". (Love for the lost)

God's love leads people to repentance.

Every gift God gives you works by love, for God is love. It is by the power of God's love that we can live a holy life. Let love be your greatest aim.

Jesus said, "Kings and great men of the earth lord over the people, but among you it is different. Whosoever wants to be great among you must be your servant; and whosoever wants to be greatest among you must be the slave of all. For even I, the Messiah AM not here to be served but to help others and give My life as a ransom for many."

Many say Jesus was a rich man. Well, why did He have to borrow a colt to ride in a procession in Jerusalem (Mark 11)? Why did Jesus say "*Birds have nests but I have no place to lay My head*"? Jesus was rich with all heavenly blessing. He has a kingdom that is eternal. It's not bad to be rich if you use your blessings to bless others, that's what our blessings are for – to share with one another. It's an honour.

# Chapter 6

# God's Kingdom on Earth

#### Enter My Joy

Jesus said, "I have come to give you joy unspeakable and full of glory". Because Jesus came and died for our sins we can enter eternally in God's kingdom and receive all of these treasures free- it is a free gift. While we are still on earth we can live with the vision of knowing the truth, because God said it we believe it, because we have faith in what God said. God does not lie. He holds onto His promises. The One Who made the heaven and the earth can and will make all things happen.

What is so enticing about all of these promises is God has personalized all that He creates especially for you. He knows what would make you really happy.

#### God's Kingdom

I warn you, unless your goodness is greater than that of the Pharisees and other Jewish leaders, you can't get into the Kingdom of Heaven at all!

Under the law of Moses, the rule was, if you kill, you must die.

Jesus said, "But I have added to a rule and tell you that if you are only angry even in your own home, you are in danger of judgment; if you call your friend an idiot, you are in danger of being brought before the court, and if you curse him, you are in danger of the fires of hell."

So, if you are standing before the altar in the temple offering a sacrifice to God, and suddenly remember that a friend has something against you,

Leave your sacrifice there beside the altar and go and apologize and be reconciled to him and then come and offer your sacrifice to God,

*Come to term quickly with your enemy before he takes you to court.* (Matthew 5:20-25)

You see, the ten commandments are good to tell you the wrong you're doing, but the ten commandments cannot save you. You must have the love of God in your heart to be transformed into the image of God. That's why your righteousness should exceed the righteousness of the Scribes and Pharisees, because they did not have Gods love in their hearts.

When Jesus lives in us, we have the power of the Holy Spirit in us; the righteousness of Christ in us keeps us wanting to do what is right. So all the commandments are in this word: LOVE. Love does not kill; love does not steal; love forgives. GOD IS LOVE.

# Salvation Comes From Trusting Christ

Even if we have a large ministry, one day we will leave it behind. God will not focus on the ministry but how we handled our ministry. God's focus will be how did we treat our brothers or strangers: did we do unto them as we would like to be treated? We need to remember the greatest of all commandments is in one word: love. When we act without love we are not acting in God. That's God's rule of running His race. We do not want to be disqualified; how do we end the race?

# Act In The Love Of God

Getting back to what we own. I have been a very prosperous businesswoman. I had a store, a million dollar business, property in Florida, owned condos in Toronto yet there is nothing in this world that brings more riches than to act in the love of God for others and that I will take with me to heaven.

# God's Plan For My Business

The business I had was import-export business called M&Y Treasures. God named it (Isaiah 45). It's one mile from CN Tower at Spadina Ave. and Queen St.. I bought this business knowing God's plan for my life. The first thing I did was dedicate the store to the Lord. It was a dead business, we had bought it from a man called Elie Daveds, a Jewish man. It was full of religious items and jewelry. The store was twenty years old and it was full of merchandise. I was amazed I was finding new things every day. I didn't know what I had for a year. I found new items I had not seen before. It was exciting; I was so thankful. I made a commitment to the Lord to use it as a witness for Him. When people would come in, as the Lord led me, I would share the salvation of the Lord.

"How shall they call on Him in Whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of Whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher?" (Romans 10:14)

## One Soul A Day

I started to share Jesus and believed that God would give me a soul a day and He did. For three years I got a soul a day. I hired two girls to work for me as the store got so busy, I could not handle it alone. Shortly after we had five employees. What a time in that store. I made sure I respected all the people that would come in. I would never make people wait when I was ministering to others. I did this in a very quiet way with love and understanding. My late husband had to quit his job to work in the store. God blessed the store so much, even our accountant would say we were making more profit than any other business on the street. The accountant called our store 'the goose that laid golden eggs'.

God told us to hire three girls who were not Christians and I always said to them, "Don't ever receive Christ because you like me; only receive Jesus when you really want Him in your life, that's true love for Him". The girls would watch me share Jesus as they took care of all the customers. I always told them, "When there are customers waiting, let me know I will help them." The Lord taught me how to handle employees – to always try to work with them in unity. Not to be demanding but to get the best out of them to encourage them. That's how you can get the best out of someone, they would work like they own the store. Some new customers thought they were our children. We were like family.

One day, one of the girls was so amazed at how busy we got when I ministered Jesus in the store; she said she would go home and tell her husband about it. Every time the store was quiet and I would witness for Jesus, the store would fill up with people then we would get really busy. The Lord was showing her He was blessing us. It didn't take long we had to expand our

We were importers but we didn't have to search out for merchandise; God would send large companies, manufacturers, merchandise from all over the world. I remember a manufacturer who called from the Philippines after I placed my order on the phone, the man received Jesus as his Lord. A man from India who had a large factory was walking at Spadina Ave., as he passed by my store he heard a voice say, "Go downstairs". That's where my store was. Then he heard the voice say, "someone is waiting for you." When he walked in I was at the door. The Lord said to me "Witness to him." I started to tell him about Jesus. He fell on his knees and instantly received Jesus. That's the supernatural work of God! I didn't know that God had already been speaking to him and all God needed was for someone to tell him the good news of God's love for him and Jesus had paid the price to wash him from his sins on the cross.

store to three times its original size.

## Focus On Souls

How exciting it is to serve the Lord. You will never be bored, always expecting something new. When you focus and believe for souls, you will get souls. All you need to do is take a small step. You have a big God to do the work. How God desires for us to work with Him and be the extension of His hands.

I remember one day in the store, I was quietly ministering to someone when another lady came in the conversation. She said "I like what you're saying." I said "Join us." And before we realized it every one in the store was listening and agreed to what we were saying about Jesus. Ten people joined hands and received Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour. I would give them a Bible, and they would come back often. There was a lady who was a fortune teller, I ministered to her and advised her that she was playing god – only God knows the future and other spirits wanted to take control of people's lives to lead them astray. I asked her if she knew the love of Jesus, that He wanted to protect her from all the demonic activity of those spirits. I told her she could renounce those evil spirits and ask Jesus into her life and welcome the Holy Spirit. Right away she prayed; she got set free of the lies of the enemy and her family got saved. They are all attending a church. This was sixteen years ago and she is sending Bibles all over the world and we became very good friends. Praise God! It's not too hard for God to save a fortune teller or any other sin that enslaves humanity. Love makes a way.

We sold jewelry and accessories. Moviemakers would come and buy items for their movies. One day two ladies came to buy items for a movie. I asked what movie they were making; they said 'Mothers' Courage'. I asked who was in it? They said Sophia Loren and the jewelry was for her. I told them I would like to give her a gift, so I gave them a Bible for Sophia Loren. They asked me to autograph it so I wrote:

## To Sophia with love, from Yvette Duhamel.

I saw the Hand of God move in the store because I welcomed God to take over; at the same time I respected every one that came in. I remember three Muslim men from Montreal came to buy jewelry for their business. They were very aggressive businessmen. The Lord always showed me to be gentle as a dove. I was the only woman wholesaler on Spadina Ave.; some were not used to dealing with a woman because in that kind of business, we had to make a deal – how much the merchandise would cost according to the amount bought. So I asked God's wisdom in the way I should talk to them. I had to be a strong businesswoman and at the same time respectful. They were buying thousands of dollars worth of merchandise. I had to figure out the cost quickly. God was teaching me how to

handle the business. It was all new to me as my husband was not working at the store yet at that time as he had a full time job. As I began to focus on how I could minister Christ to them, they kept buying more and more jewelry. So the Lord had me talk to one of them who was alone in the corner of the store. I began to ask him, "Do you believe that Jesus was born of a virgin?" I told him that it is written in the Koran. He said yes, that he believed in Jesus because He was a true Prophet. That was the door I needed to walk in with the Word. Then I asked: If Jesus was born of a virgin, she had no man, then what Blood was in Jesus' veins? He said miracle blood. I said miracle blood is not man's blood, it's sinless and only God is sinless, that would make Jesus' DNA - God's DNA. I also asked him why Jesus is the only Prophet that rose again and I told him that makes Him a different prophet from all the others. He said yes. Then I had the opportunity to tell him, that's why I believe Jesus is more than a prophet; that Jesus is God who came in the flesh. Jesus is the image of the invisible God; Jesus came from above. Jesus was not created; Adam was created and he sinned, Jesus never sinned. I told him Jesus really loves him. The man said, "How can God love me, I have sinned." He said he had lusted after women. I told him Jesus died on the cross to wipe away all of our sins. I asked him if he wanted to accept Jesus in his heart to give him the power to overcome sin in his life. I told him when he sees a woman, to pray for his eyes to see the woman's heart instead of her flesh. So the man received Jesus, laid his hands on his eyes and asked God to clean his eyes. Well, I was so happy one of them received Jesus. The other two men had not heard a word we said; they were busy choosing their merchandise.

So I went to talk to the next man and again shared the same way. Right away he became touched by the Word of God and he received Jesus as Lord. Now there was the last man to minister to. This one seemed to be very tough, so I approached him with special care. He did not know the other two friends of his received Jesus as their Lord so I thought I would show him the chapel I had across from the store. I told him I had something special to show him. As he entered the chapel (a separate room next to the store), he was touched by the Lord. Again I used the same words, "Do you believe Jesus was born of a virgin?", What was His DNA? And he began to believe in Jesus. Then I asked him if he wanted to receive Jesus as his Lord and Saviour. He said "Yes". Then he called his two friends and insisted that they also must believe in Jesus; and his two friends told him they had already received Jesus. They left and came back two hours later; they brought me a gift of twenty pounds of olives from their country.

In the meantime, I had not noticed my Jewish friend was there waiting for me to serve her. As the three businessmen left she was in awe. She said, "These are religious Muslim men and they received Jesus as their Lord!" Then she said, "This is a miracle only God can do". Then I asked her, "Do you also believe now that you saw God's power in action?" She said, "I now believe Jesus is the Messiah." Then she prayed for Jesus to come into her heart and to forgive all her sins.

### All In The Name Of Jesus

I had many Jewish friends in my store. They would hear me sometimes pray for people. One day one of my Jewish friends came to me in desperation; she could hardly walk and I saw she was in pain and asked her what happened. She had a brace on her back. She said she fell and injured her back. I asked her if she wanted me to pray for her. She said yes, that's why she came. When I started to pray, I realized I had to pray in the Name of Jesus because that's where the power and authority is, so I asked her permission if I could pray in the Name of Jesus. She said, "Yes, do what you have to do". So I prayed a simple prayer: I spoke into her body in the Name of Jesus to be whole. She went home. The next day she came back to say that when she got home she had no more pain. She went to the doctor and told him she was not taking the medication because she had no pain. She removed the brace on her back and the doctor was amazed. A month later she came to the store and asked for a Bible. I told her to read it and when you believe that Jesus is the Messiah, then you can receive Him in your heart as your Lord and Saviour. She came back the following week and said she believed Jesus is the Messiah and she received Him. Months later, she kept telling me the doctor was saying, "where did it go? where did it go?" Then I asked her what she meant by that. She said, "Well, I used to have arthritis, so bad I had to get special treatment for years and when I was healed from the fall, God removed all the arthritis from my body!" That's why her doctor would say 'where did it go?' Praise Jesus for His wonderful love! We just need to take a step and He does the rest. We just need to point people to Jesus and let Him make the difference in their lives.

Early one morning, two men came into the store. One was buying merchandise for his store, the other waited for him sitting on a chair. The Lord told me to talk to him; he had a broken foot and had to get an operation for a post to be put in his foot. His bones were crushed; there was no other way for him to be healed. I talked to him about Jesus - he believed and wanted to receive Jesus. I also told him to believe for a miracle in his foot. After praying, the two men left. They came back a month later to testify God had healed him, his bones came together, he needed no operation! The doctors were amazed. The two of them believed in the Lord Jesus Christ.

I saw many miracles in that store. I experienced the Book of Acts.

My store was very prosperous but on my way home from work I began to notice the homeless, hungry lost souls. I began

to pray "What should I do about this, Lord?" One day, walking out of my store, I saw a very drunk man trying to hitch hike, he almost fell in the traffic. I called out to God in desperation "Send someone to help him!" Suddenly the man looked right at me and walked towards me. He was so drunk he could hardly talk. I was so upset at him and said "So, did you have enough to drink? You could have gotten hit by a car!" He just looked at me and I said "Will you go to a detox centre?" He said yes, so I called a cab. The taxi had to drive close to him because the man could hardly walk. So we brought him to a detox centre. The next day I went to visit him; they told me the man slept for two hours and he woke up completely sober. They said they were surprised that happened so quickly. The man said he was at the bus station going home to Wawa and he had a few drinks. He did not remember a thing of what had happened, he did not remember me, or how he got to the detox centre. He had lost all his money but he still had his bus ticket. The institution provided him with a ride to the Greyhound Station and a lunch for the travel. Then the man went home. You see, God took care of that man and helped him get home. God needs us to be involved with His creation.

Prayer changes things, so you see, if you pray for something expect God to hear. This man was not homeless but he was lost like the many who are walking our streets. You might say, 'how can that happen?' Homeless in Toronto with the welfare system in place, shelters and detox centres?' It's because they are lost: with no direction, no hope, discouraged, they gave up, lonely people without a shepherd. All we have to do is tell them about the Great Shepherd that loves them and can set them free.

## A Weekly Commitment: The Mission Starts

Let's get out of our comfort zone.

I decided to step out of my comfort zone and started going out on the streets at least once a week, especially to help the needy. I called on sisters and brothers to meet me at my store, to pray and go out to reach the lost souls. It started with two; then more came and before I knew it we were twenty. We would bring food, coats, gloves and hats with us. If they needed to go to a detox centre, we would take them there. One night, I saw a man sleeping in the bus stop. It was so cold and I tried to wake him up; finally after half an hour, he responded. He opened his bloodshot eyes, he was freezing and so drunk. I brought him to a detox centre. I am saddened by the attitude of many hearts today. Matthew 24 says, "In the last days men's hearts will grow cold because sin is so rampant". There are still many good, caring people out there but no one cared enough for this man freezing and dying, no one even paid attention! If he would have been a dog, maybe someone would have been quicker to act (I love animals very much). But how our Lord must be crying for those souls that nobody cares for because they look rough or dirty; people just don't know how to approach them. That's what I teach in many churches today: how to reach the lost. I will go to any church and teach what the Holy Spirit has taught me in 18 years of street ministry.

What will it take for our eyes to open and see the suffering of humanity? Yes, some have created for themselves problems, but which one of us has always done what we're supposed to do? But for the grace of God, we did not become as mixed up as they. And thank God someone reached out to me.

### A Church Is Founded:

## I.C.C. (International Christian Centre)

Well, our team went on for one year going out on the street to help a needy person. I started to get to know the homeless personally. They would sometimes visit me at my store. I began to pray that a church would start in my area, a place for them. I told the homeless to pray for God to provide a place, a shelter for them, and they did pray. I was eating in a mall across from my store, The Spadina Mall and the owner of the mall would induce me to preach by saying he had many gods. I would tell him I have the Only True God, He's All-powerful. I don't need another god. One day I said "The back of the mall would make a great church". He instantly said "Do you want this space for church? You can have it. I'll give you free rent." You see, he was watching us minister on the street and God touched his heart. Reaching out to the needy is a language people can understand.

So three weeks later I started a church called International Christian Centre. When we had our first service on November 22, 1987, fifty people came, five got saved. From there the Body of Christ helped with the clothing and food. We were having a Service every Sunday, but I thought what could we do during the week? They would come to my store but I needed a place to feed them daily. I went to Mr. Lai, the owner of the mall to see if I could rent a store front for a coffee house for the homeless. I signed a lease for the small store front and called it Harvest Time Café. I then asked some churches to see if they could take one night a week to feed and minister to the poor and got seven churches in three weeks to come alongside me to care for the poor. I directed the work for fourteen years and we never shut our doors, not even for one night. We remained open, seven days a week feeding forty-thousand meals a year. With the Body of Christ working together, I believe God is so pleased to see the body of different denominations work together for the glory of the Lord.

## A Homeless Shelter Founded: Treasure House Ministries

Years had gone by. We were so busy nightly, we had no time for fund raising. We were housing nine men in the church, one of them addicted to drugs. He got set free and now works in a church, and many others are now testimony of the power of God. One day I got a call from the city of Toronto asking why we were not getting funding from the municipality, and how were we able to afford to feed one hundred twenty five a night, housing nine? They wanted to come and see the mission. Three years before I thought I might need a corporation for the mission and applied as a non-profit organization called Treasure House Ministries. When the city came, they said for the work we were doing, we needed proper beds, kitchen and more rooms to operate. So we ended up with the whole back of the mall. We were blessed. I was finally able to hire cleaners and cooks. I hired the volunteers that had helped me all these years. The Lord

I must say thanks to the City of Toronto for helping us become better equipped; they were helpful in every way. I would also like to thank the taxpayers for their contribution to the poor of Toronto. You cannot imagine the feeling of being able to help someone, feed those that have not eaten in 2 days, or help a person who just arrived in this country with no money to buy food and has no place to stay. What an honour we have been given!

blessed us all. We were able to do a better job.

I remember a statement from one of the homeless who lived in our mission. He said sometimes he can hardly believe what happened – when he is laying in his warm bed, a full stomach and a safer place to live. God did answer their prayers for this shelter to open, He answers prayers. How can anyone even get a job if they can't clean up to go looking for work? How can they work unless they're rested? How can they rent a place without work, or even reference?

One night, we were evangelizing on the streets when we met a man from India. He had just arrived, it was winter. All he had on was a sweater, he looked frozen. That's what made me approach him. I told him, "You must be cold, would you like a good winter coat?" He said yes, so I told him follow to us. We took him to the mission house, gave him proper clothing and a meal. Then I found out he had no place to stay, so we gave him a room in the mission house. He was so overwhelmed every time we gave him something; he would just cry and cry and thank God for everything. He saw God's love in humanity even in a new country. We experienced such indescribable joy, giving to this needy person. Money cannot buy this kind of joyful fulfillment.

We continued to evangelize at least once or twice a week. I began to receive calls from churches in the US and Canada to teach evangelism – personal, and street evangelism.

A few years ago the Lord led me to resign from the mission and work full time in teaching what I had learned from the street ministry. I now am teaching and having seminars in evangelism and ministering to the needy, understanding different cultures and religions. It's a very simple way of personal evangelism. God has also blessed me with the gift of leading souls to Christ, the gift of healing and miracle. Joel said, in the last days and I believe it's already here. God is pouring out His Spirit upon all flesh. We need to be aware of the signs of the time we're living in.

There are many problems today, people need the Lord. Everyday it seems to be a challenge to try to bring peace in a hostile environment. People live day to day, just surviving, in a hurry going nowhere, only to start over and over again. Hurting people, needy, looking for an answer to all of this confusion. Yet God only ask us to trust Him knowing He knows what's going on. When we have done our part to ask God for help, we should be patient and wait and see God move on our behalf. You might say, I have been waiting for a long time! Well, if you have, God will reward you for the long wait; it's not time lost. What He is doing behind the scene will work for you. God's ways are not our ways; He knows what to do, how to do it and when to do it. Now, isn't that wonderful! Worry will not bring anything your way, except maybe make you sick in body or emotionally; and patience will bring peace in your heart. Just remember, there is always someone else worse than you. We need to stop and look around and thank God for what we do have.

Once God shows us what to do, we need to speak out by faith; even if you are in need. Just step out and help someone else; someone worse than you. You don't need money to be kind or to help someone, or to encourage someone. You see, words are powerful. Words can make someone take the right step to get out of their depression. Good words can make a person take a step that can make his life better and he will be a blessing to encourage others. What a wonderful world it would be if the whole world would be our brother's keeper!

# Position for me: "GO"

My vision of moving to Toronto – an end-time dream! Street evangelism:

### What led me to such a work?

Months before I moved to Toronto I was a new born-again Christian and I felt led to fast for a day for Jesus. The one day fast went to three days of fasting. On the third day I had a vision that would change my life forever. I was living in St. Catharines at that time. In this vision I was moving to Toronto. We had not even planned to move to Toronto at that time but in this vision I was moving to Toronto. I was with five men in the car. I did not know them but in the vision I was going to Toronto to rent an apartment. I remember going to a large apartment building. The superintendent showed me an apartment. When I walked in the presence of the Holy Spirit filled the place; then I went to the balcony and across from the building I was in, there was Avco, a money loaning company. There was another large apartment building, there were a lot of people missing! When I saw Avco there was no business, not even in a business of loaning money. I believe the Lord was showing me the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, the rapture, perilous times affecting the money system.

In my vision, I said I'll take the apartment. We drove from Weston Rd. to Queens Dr. then I saw a big sign in front of a plaza. Written on the sign was "We wrestle not against flesh and blood but against principalities and powers of darkness". Months later, when we did move to Toronto, I saw the building and Avco across the street. We started to go to a church on Queens Dr.; the pastor rented a sign, on it was written, 'Holy Ghost Rally'. (I believe that when we have a Holy Ghost rally, we wrestle powers of darkness.) In the vision I read the sign and went on Hwy. 401 going by the airport. All of a sudden, everything turned dark, we could not see anything. The lights were not working in the car so the driver stopped on the side of the road. That's when I saw an atomic bomb hit the ground; it looked like the moon was on fire. That's when I said, "This is it! The great and terrible day the Lord cometh". In my vision, the men in the car did not believe me. I said to them, I'll prove to you, I turned the Bible to Joel 2 to show them what was written. The page had been torn out of my Bible. I told them, "It was written here, see, someone tore the page." When I woke up, I went to my Bible to see the Scripture. When I found word for word what I had said, I knew this was from the Lord because in the natural, I had never known that Scripture; the Lord had me quote Scripture I did not know, I knew this was from God. In my vision, all the time I was in the car; there were 5 men in it, there was no room for me; I was there in the spirit. The car was red and black.

When I did move to Toronto, I went on the balcony of my

new apartment and saw the things that were in my dream. I knew then I had to go preach the Word of God; that time is short, we don't have much time left. Even if we have more time than what I believe, remember, every one we meet could die today and if they never heard the good news of salvation, how sad that could be. We are not saved just for ourselves, but we are saved to offer this good news to others if we have love in our hearts.

## Time Was Made For Us

God is eternal; but He created time to transform us into what we should be. You see, we need time to understand all what God created us to be – like a flower grows from a dead seed, it becomes a wonderful flower.

Walk by faith; faith without works is dead. So we stand on God's Word until the Word is manifested. Now, that's trusting God.

Deception will lead to unbelief in our Lord.

I Corinthians 6:1-6 says,

"How is it that we Christians go to the law to decide which is right; don't we know we Christians are going to judge and govern the world? We Christians will judge and reward the very angels in heaven. So we should know how to handle the small things on earth; we should communicate, and be fair and just."

Try to bring peace with your enemy. I believe our place in heaven will be given to us according to how we handled our victory and problems on earth. What position will you have in the kingdom of God? Will you be the least or will you be a pillar in the kingdom of God?

# Chapter 7

# The Power of Love

When people are hurt and don't know how to love, they will hurt others. When people know how to love others with compassion, they will love and forgive others.

## Love covers a multitude of sins.

Love is very patient and kind, never jealous or envious, never boastful or proud, never haughty or selfish or rude, not irritable or touchy. It does not hold grudges or will hardly even notice when others do it wrong. It is never glad about injustice but rejoices whenever truth wins out. (I Corinthians 13:4-13)

If you love someone, you will be loyal to him no matter what the cost. You will always believe in him, always expect the best of him and always to stand your ground in defending him. In Corinthians 13:7 will tell and teach you something very deep in the Lord: It says you will be loyal to him or her. Verse 6 says, when the truth wins out, God is telling us when you love someone be loyal to tell them the truth in love no matter what the cost. Love is not selfish to approve a lie to keep your friend, but will be willing to give up a friend for the truth. Love believes a friend is so important they must know the truth so they will not enter into deception – that's a real friend willing to lose someone in order to protect them, and always believing in them to come to the truth. Remember, the word says, whoever is willing to lose for truth's sake will gain and restore righteousness. Let us love mercy in truth. Let us remember the greatest of all commandment: to love God first so we can stay in His way, truth and life and remember grace for each other.

## My Born-Again Experience

I remember when I first became born again, I had committed myself to Jesus and His Word. In the natural, I always had a love for people; I suppose I am what they call a people person. I like to be around people most of the time, and I enjoy learning about different cultures. We are all so different, thank God, that is not boring. I enjoy the fellowship of others, I always try to get along. One day, I was with my friends and one of them said something I did not agree with. Usually I would just agree with them; but you see I had just received Jesus as my Lord and Saviour, so I just couldn't agree on something I did not agree with - that would have been a lie. So I decided to answer with the truth; I just said, "That's not what I believe". In a gentle tone I explained why. At that moment I felt a power that was so strong so I felt like I had a real identity about myself. It felt so good to express my feelings no matter what others thought. From that day on, God showed me I had a purpose and a calling to speak what was right and he would take care of the rest. That was my first experience of Jesus being my Lord, lording over my life words and action; I felt I had a purpose in this life. I know I had a Saviour, but I also know I had a Lord

leading my life.

#### Hearts

Stony religious lives are dangerous. Stony religious hearts will attack instead of doing what Jesus did. I had a religious stony heart. Thank God Jesus changed my heart. But with our hearts we must desire to do unto others as we would want them to do to us.

To tell Jesus' truth. Not what others call religious truth. There is the Old Testament. There is the New Testament. It's all truth. But New Testament means to walk in grace like Jesus was: compassionate to the prostitute, and compassionate to the woman at the well, who had five husbands and was not even married to the man she was with. He did not want to stone them. He gave them the word and He said in His loving way, "Sin no more". God is love; He gave them living waters of truth to live and they followed Christ. The Holy Spirit is the Power to help you to follow Christ.

The Old Testament tells us we are sinners because we cannot make it on our own; that's why Jesus came to set us free. We cannot set ourselves free. God was showing who He was: A Father wanting to show us our own hearts. Grace is never cheap because Jesus paid our ransom. Money could not buy it, power cannot give it – only Jesus' own suffering, prayers, and tears did it. Jesus' love did it. Jesus will follow you until you decide to follow Him. What a Saviour, what a friend because He knows sometimes we just don't know any better!

## Legalism Is Cheap

"Christ is become of no effect unto you whoever of you are justified by the law: Ye are fallen from grace. For we through the Spirit wait for the hope of righteousness by faith." (Galatians 5:4-5) Jesus paid in full, the price was His Life.

We are saved by grace through faith (Ephesians 2:8).

Don't insult the Spirit of Grace. Don't dishonor the Cross and the Blood of Christ.

That's more powerful than the stone legalism throws. What does it accomplish? – Death. Only Jesus settles all and gives life.

The devil only tries to steal what you already have.

TRUST

You can be exhausted

Following man's ways

How much you fast

How much you pray

It's good to fast

We must always pray

The attitude is to trust

Have faith in Him today.

# All Christian Churches: Let Us Be Bound Together in Love

Now, I believe all of us who believe in Jesus, that He is the Lord of our lives, would come together in the love of God. If we would stop arguing about our little differences and different ways of serving our Lord; if we would really do what God said to do, "Love God with all our hearts, soul and strength; and love others as ourselves", we would really become one body. God would bless us with every good thing He has for us. If we would just stop to try to make everyone like ourselves, God needs all of us; our different characters, our different colors, our different cultures - to be a truly wonderful color for Jesus and we would reach the appetite of the nations to taste and see the goodness of our God. Then and only then, would we see our churches glow with the glory of our Lord. If we would stop the mindset of finding faults and adjust ourselves with the love of God; the power of God's love to think of others better than ourselves, we would learn new and wonderful ways of expressing to this world the love of God for them.

In all my ministries the Lord has given me to lead, I always wanted for other churches to work with us to fulfill the vision of God. It was so wonderful how God would knit us together for our mission work in Toronto, God's blessing was upon us because of the respect we had for each other. The unity was a love I had never experienced with my brothers and sisters. I remember when we had to find another place to feed the homeless. I had seven churches working seven days a week, feeding at least one hundred twenty-five a day, and on some days one hundred seventy-five meals. We were given notice we had no lease; we did not know where we would go - our landlord gave us one week at a time to find a place, not knowing if we could stay another week. But every church would not give up, they stayed. Even one church said, "Yvette, we will go wherever you go." I will never forget their faithfulness to this wonderful ministry. A few months went by, and God gave us a miracle. We got a place four times larger than our first place in the same mall! We moved in a few hours. What a blessing to stand together as sisters and brothers for our God. We had many miracles in Harvest Time Café, which was the name of our outreach to the poor. One night when Abundant Life Ministry were serving, they emptied two large bowls of salad and put the empty bowl in the sink. A homeless asked for more salad` and miraculously the bowl became one half full of salad. That night was so awesome. I remember the Presence of God was so strong, you could feel it in the air, there were angels around.

The best part of serving together was the joy we all had every night. We had live music; we were so happy sometimes the homeless thought we had had a drink.

I would see all the churches bring in whatever food they prepared and they enjoyed serving. But best of all, they would serve each other; because if the church the day before left the place not too clean, perhaps because they did not have enough volunteers, the next church would clean up. It's easy to feed the homeless, but can we serve each other? That's love.

I guess the most interesting thing I would see was how every church did things different, which brought such a flavor to the place. You see, God told me when I started Harvest Time Café to let the churches have their freedom to do what God called them to do for their night. Every church was in charge of its own night. Sometimes they would bring other churches of their choice to help them. They never had to check with me, as I was in charge of the mission. The Lord told me to totally trust them in their leadership, their agenda. You see, the reason sometimes churches can't work together is there is too much control from the leadership. We must trust Jesus, the Head of the church to lead our ministry.

#### When You Encounter Non-Believers

Think about how wonderfully the earth is created: how the earth can turn around with nothing holding it, how the ocean doesn't spill over all the land, how we have life in us to have our children. How love is so powerful that people promise to marry and live together for the rest of their lives. Even if their marriage, their covenant is broken, yet they still wanted to give their lives to each other – that is powerful, that's how powerful love is.

Yet you can't take a picture of love.

You can't prove love.

You can only experience love.

You can feel love so strong if you are willing to give your life for it.

But you cannot see it.

That's how I explain God. You can't see God, the invisible God. But you can feel God, His Love, His Power, His Peace, if you open your heart. Just like if someone loves you and your heart is not open to that person's love. You will not feel the love that person has for you, no matter how much that person tries to show you love, you will feel nothing because you don't receive. That's why we must encourage the unbeliever to open their hearts to God, so God can show them His Love. He is a real God that loves them. God so loved the world!

Chapter 8

# Compassion: Understanding Others

In Matthew 25:31-45 Jesus said,

"When I the Messiah shall come in My glory and all the angels with Me, then I shall sit upon My throne of glory;

32) and all the nations shall be gathered before Me. And I will separate the people as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats;

33) and place the sheep at my right hand and the goats at my left.

34) Then I, the King shall say to those at my right, 'Come, blessed of My Father into the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world;

35) for I was hungry and you fed Me; I was thirsty and you gave Me water; I was a stranger and you invited Me into your home; naked and you clothed Me; sick or in prison and you visited Me. 37) then these righteous ones will reply, Sir, when did we ever see You hungry and feed You? Or thirsty and give You anything to drink?

38) or a stranger and help You? Or naked and clothe You?

39) when did we ever see You sick or in prison and visited You?

40) And I, the King will tell them, When you did it to these My brothers, You were doing it to Me!

41) then Jesus said, I will turn to those on My left and say, Away with you, you cursed ones, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his demons.

42) For I was hungry and you wouldn't feed Me; thirsty and you wouldn't give Me anything to drink

43) a stranger, and refused Me hospitality; naked and you wouldn't clothe Me; sick and in prison and you didn't visit Me

44) then they will say, Lord, when did we ever see You hungry or thirsty, or stranger, or naked or sick, or in prison and not help You?

45) And I will answer, When you refused to help the least of these My brothers you were refusing to help Me.

Now this is fair, just and merciful. God provides for us; we also should help the suffering. We go to church and love to give our tithes and that's good but what about the strangers' need? We like to invite our friends into our homes, what about the poor and the lonely? We need to act on the love God has given us – we owe all men love. We need to remember it's not our religious acts that please God the most, but it's our love for mankind, our willingness to bless our enemies. How can anyone change unless they see the goodness of God in us?

## The Sexual Sin

I need to share this truth the Lord has revealed to me for all the young people and the older as well. There is a lot of sexual activities in today's society that the world says, 'It's alright, everybody does it'. Well, I would like to tell this to young ladies especially because they can be under such peer pressure to go all the way with the guys. Well, I would like to remind you - if your boyfriend can have you before he really proves he loves you by marrying you, then it's not the real love. Real love is something that is exercised through respect. If you resist having sex before marriage it will make you very special to the man. A girl needs to say no and not be afraid to lose him. If it's meant to be he'll be back and will have more respect for you than someone who is easy to get. Remember if you're easy with one, you'll be easy with another. If you really love someone don't go all the way and you will protect your relationship. The girl usually has more power to say no than the boy. Even if you have been easy before you can change that pattern by saying no. After a while you will gain respect for yourself and you will become proud of it. Always be around other girls that have the same mind about this. Try to stay away from places that can lead you into temptation. This is not just for the young people but also for older people who are single.

I believe true love grows without sex. There will be even more love that will be cultivated for each other like a beautiful rose grows with special care and love. More often, people in this generation don't take the time to become friends and enjoy that pure love between one another. Real love from God nurtures, respects and protects another. It does not take whatever they can get. Remember you will never lose someone you love by not going all the way if he is meant to be yours, he will be because it's God that matches us together.

I remember a story I once heard. There was a young man

who fell in love with a girl. He would pray constantly for her to become his wife, but a few years later she met someone else and married him. He was devastated and brokenhearted; but after a while his heart was healed. A few years later, he met and fell in love with someone and they had a good marriage, and had a child. But one day he met the first love he had on a trip to his hometown. He hardly recognized her. She was divorced and did not even seem to be the same person he had been in love with. It did not take too long for him to pray to the Lord a big thank you that God did not let him marry this girl: He prayed 'Thank you Lord, for unanswered prayer'. Only God knows the future; only God knows the heart. God had given him the best and he knew it.

Why would I talk about this subject in this book? Well, when you minister to people on the street, you will run into many situations where people will ask many questions. When I don't know the answer, I tell them I don't know.

## Pray And Go!

Prayer changes everything! When I first started to do street evangelism, there were a lot of prostitutes on Queen St. West in Toronto and the Lord led me to ask them permission to talk to them. I believe if you are kind to people they will usually be kind to you. I would talk to them with compassion and tell them carefully, "Are you not afraid to do this? God loves you, you could be hurt out there. God created you special. You can sell your coat, your shoes, but your body - you only have one. Wouldn't you like to save it for the man you love?" One time I said to a girl, "Wouldn't you love to get married?" She was surprised because she had just come back from a wedding. The Lord had me talk to her every week, she would be on the same street corner. One night a few months later, she was not there. Three weeks went by and I was worried something had happened to her. But one day I was shopping on Spadina Ave. and I came across her, I was so happy to see her. I told her I had been worried about her. She then gave the good news: She had stopped prostitution and was going to a church. She had met and fell in love with a man and was getting married. You see, it does not take much time to speak life to people and give them hope. She had come from a family that was totally mixed up: her mother was a prostitute, so was her sister. So she thought that's all she could be. She had learned and became the only thing she really knew.

Some have tried to be friends first then witness. But I believe God's Word is more powerful than our friendship – God's Word must come first.

That's why people have to know Jesus. How can we know anything good unless we know Jesus' Words. Only love can lead someone to repentance; that's why we have the good news, we all had to get saved, to be saved. We need to remember where we came from, where God saved us from; then we will never think we're better than anyone else. That's what God's Word says, "Think others better than you. Do unto others as you would have others do unto you".

## **Understanding Others**

We all have something in common. We must always respect others. Speak the truth in love. Love is the substance God enters in our conversation. God is love. We must first go to a place in our conversation where people will understand a common ground.

The common ground is: no matter who you speak to, whether they are from the ends of the earth, no matter what colour, no matter what nation, no matter if they are prisoners, no matter if they are the most ignorant, violent, ungodly people - you have something in common with them. This is what you need to focus on: that God created them, whether they believe it or not, God breathed life into them in their mother's womb, even if the mother was raped, that child is a living being. The mother is part of him, just like the evil man is part of him. But most of all, God wants to give a chance to that little individual person to live and make a difference in this world. God has a plan, a hope and a future for this little baby in the mother's womb. It's not the child's fault that happened at his conception; the mother always has to remember this child is part of her flesh and blood.

We must always look to people as individuals, because that's how God thinks. God took time to create an individual and gave him a character, a fingerprint just for him. How wonderful is this! Sometimes, our character gets a bad start because of what others teach us; but God did give us a unique godly character if we only listen to our conscience. There is a voice from God in our heart that tells us right from wrong; but many times we only hear the voices around us – we listen to others instead of God and we get in trouble and wonder why.

God gave us everything that we need to become a stable, understanding person with a godly character. If we would only listen, pay attention to what God wants to tell us; to take time for God instead of all that's around us.

So, you see, we all have something in common – God created us, but we are all raised differently, we all come from different homes and countries even when we were raised in the same house with the same parents, we can be different in character. It all depends on how we respond to life and what's around us. But when we read the Word of God, we can come to an understanding of life and how God views everything we encounter. God can teach us the way to go by His Holy Spirit.

As I was involved in the inner city of Toronto with my business and evangelism at night, I met a young couple - a girl named Tessa and a man named Angel. Angel was from Quebec and Tessa was from St. John. Tessa had been on the streets sleeping in rat-infested alleys. I began to get to know her. She and Angel were addicted to drugs, hanging out with a tough gang, begging for money everyday. I began to take Tessa to a restaurant to eat and try to talk some sense into her life, as she was always in danger living in the streets. One afternoon, she began to tell me why she had left home. She told me her step-father had abused her sexually for a year. Then she got married and her husband was abusing her also. She had two boys back home living with relatives. She went on to tell me much more about her life. Finally I realized, unless she started to forgive the past with the help of Jesus, she could not be set free and have a new beginning.

Tessa continued to visit me at my store. One day, she ran into my store, crying and yelling. She kept saying, "The car didn't hit me! The truck didn't hit me!" until I realized she had thrown herself in front of a car, then a truck to commit suicide. So I took her hand and led her to our church across the street. I anointed her with oil and prayed for her and suddenly the Lord's power hit her and she calmed down although she continued to cry quietly. She said, "I want to forgive my stepfather for what he did." So she prayed and she told me she wanted to call home. So we called St. John. She talked to her mom, who revealed that her step-father had only one month to live. He had cancer. Tessa then asked her mom to put her stepfather on the phone and when he heard Tessa's voice he cried and cried saying "Please forgive me!" Well, Tessa was still crying and told him she forgave him and from that day she prayed for him to be healed. He died shortly after but Tessa said she

couldn't understand how she could love this man so much after all he had done to her. But you see, this is God's love in her heart. Well, from then on, Tessa was on the road to recovery. She stopped taking drugs; the Lord gave her joy. People on the street thought she was on a new drug; the Lord was giving her joy because the joy of the Lord is our strength.

#### Worship On The Street

One night, Tessa was listening to us singing on the street; and all of a sudden she fell backwards on the sidewalk. Her body was shaking. Then suddenly a great peace came upon her. She opened her eyes and said, "Jesus." She said she never felt peace like this before. When she got up, she went on to tell us the doctor had found a tumor on her brain and it was affecting her eyes but that night she could see clearly. She went back to the doctor, had tests done and found that the tumor was gone! God had totally healed her! Shortly after she was in touch with her family, she went back home to be with her children. She met a Christian man and got married. That was fifteen years ago, she wrote to me and let me know she was very happy. She told me her two boys were believers in Jesus and they would always pray for her to return home. So you see, God answered the prayer of her children through the labours of our outreach in Toronto.

Pray the Lord of the harvest to send forth labourers in the harvest.

#### Living On The Street, Addicted To The Street

Now, let me tell you about Angel. He was a man, like I said, from Quebec. He had been in a fire and his face was disfigured with many scars. He had been on morphine for months and got addicted to drugs. His marriage fell apart so he came to Toronto. When I first saw him on the street, I couldn't help but feel sorry for him. I began to bring him food and got to know him. It was not long until he began to trust us to speak into his life, to go to rehab. It took a while, but he decided one day to go to Orilla as we had found a place where he could go for help. He was happy because the street was becoming too dangerous for him.

So, we took him to Orilla and there he did very well. He worked after he had cleaned up his life. He was happy. One day, he met a business man who asked how he ended up in Orilla. Angel told him about us, so the man wanted to meet us and, so we did. Only to realize the man had bought an acre of land on an island in Rama County to give to a mission that is helping the homeless. So that day he took us to his lawyer and gave us the island for our inner city mission called Treasure House. This man's heart was touched because he had heard we were winning 'one soul a day' or more. Some nights we would lead twenty to the Lord on the street. Some would feel the power of God and shake in God's Presence.

You never know the plan of God. We had so much fun on that island – boating, fishing with the homeless. They were getting a holiday out of the city, finally away from the temptation of drugs. You see, some are addicted to the city where every corner reminds them of their drugs and drug pushers. Some have to stay away from the city because there is just too much temptation.

# Chapter 9

# Ministering to Different Religious Faith and Cults

## The Trip of Religion

Some believe in their religion so much it's like their God. They just love themselves, what they do, how they do it, their friends and only their own groups. As a matter of fact, their religion leads them. God does not lead them, only their religious leaders. You see, their religious leaders are their god; and how sad it is they say they follow God. Religious people will always judge you; only God can judge us. The Holy Spirit teaches us and leads us.

We must always ask ourselves: God what do you want me to know? God will speak to you through His Word. The New Testament is the time and the season we are living in now. The Book of Joel says, 'In the last days God will pour out His Spirit upon all flesh.' We are in the Book of Acts: what a time for God to pour out the acts of God all in the Name of Jesus.

I thank God for the Power of the Holy Spirit. He gives me the power to live for Him. He teaches me in what to say. He teaches me what to do and protects me. He gives me peace even in the storms of life. He gives me rest and sweet sleep. He gives me hope and magnifies heaven to me. He reminds me of God's Word. He gives me life and strength. He gives me joy unspeakable, full of glory. He gives me vision and purpose in this life.

### The Blessing of Abraham

What about Abraham's blessing? Was it Abraham's religion? NO, not a religion. It was a covenant God made with Abraham. God said to Abraham, "I will bless those in every nation who trust in me as you do". God said every nation He will bless who will trust in God, and so it is: all who trust in Christ share the same blessing Abraham received.

The prophet Habakkuk says it: The man who finds life will find it through trusting God. How different from the way of faith, is the way of the law, which says that man is saved by obeying every law of God without one slip (Galatians 3:11); but Christ has brought us out from under the doom of that impossible system by taking the curse for our wrongdoing upon Himself: being made a curse for us: For it is written *"Behold the curse is every one that hangeth on a tree"* (Galatians 3:13). That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith (Galatians 3:14).

## A Revelation of Jesus

Witnessing to the Jew Witness Scriptures in the Old Testament: "The Lord shall go forth as a mighty Man. Long has He been silent." (Isaiah 42:13-14)

"... For unto us a Son is given, His Name the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father." (Isaiah 9:6)

"Jehovah is my strength and my salvation; with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation." (Isaiah 12:2,3)

"God giveth breath to humanity, all the people of the world and the Spirit" (Isaiah 42:5)

Jesus is given personal confirmation of the New Covenant:

"Thus sayeth the Lord, the King of Israel, I AM the First, I AM the Last. Beside Me there is no God." (Isaiah 44:6)

" Is there a God beside Me? I proclaim from ages past that I would save you – is there any other God? NO. None that I know about, there is no other." (Isaiah 44:8)

"Look unto Me, and be saved all the ends of the earth; for I AM God and there is none else." (Isaiah 45:22)

"I have sworn by Myself, the word is gone out of My mouth in righteousness and shall not return; that unto Me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear." (Isaiah 45:23)

"For the Lord shall comfort Zion; He will comfort all her waste places; He will make her wilderness like Eden and her desert like a garden of the Lord. Joy and gladness shall be found therein, thanksgiving and a voice of melody." (Isaiah 51:3) "Who hath believed our report? He shall grow up as a tender plant.

He is despised and rejected of men. He is acquainted with grief and sorrow.

He bore our grief. He was afflicted.

He was wounded for our transgressions. By His stripes we are healed." (Isaiah 53:1-5)

## **Reaching Out with Passion**

To our Jewish friends, I talk about Abraham being the first Jew. God said to Abram, "*Leave your own country, your own people*". I believe, sometime we have to leave our own culture, our people, for us to see clearly what God wants: see other people, other lands. When we do it, we get to know all of God's creation. God promised Abram he would become a great nation. God promised him blessing. God promised blessing on them that bless Abram. God's promise to Abram was because he obeyed God.

God never told Abraham to start a religion. A religion cannot save us; a Messiah will save us. The Messiah will be born of a Jewish virgin (Matthew 1:23, Micah 5:2).

God promised a new birth, that's what we call born-again. God would clean our filthiness of heart and wash away our sins (Ezekiel 36:25-28).

Idol worship - our idol could be our religion. If we believe our religion can save us, then our religion is our god. We must see this truth.

Only God can save; that's why God promised the Messiah. God did not promise a religion.

God said He would give us a new heart and new desires. God

promised to put a new spirit in us so we can obey what God commands.

## The Messiah

The woman at the well said to Him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (Who is called Christ). When He comes, He will tell us all things.

Jesus said to her, "I Who speak to you Am He." (John 4:25-26 NKJV)

For unto us a Child is born,

Unto us a Son is given

And the government will be upon His shoulder

And His name will be called

Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God,

Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. (Isaiah 9:6 NKJV)

# Reaching Out With Love

## Witnessing to the Muslim

We must always follow the examples of Jesus. Jesus was focused on blessing the Samaritan woman. We must always be looking to bless each other, to bless the minority, all immigrants in our land, the land God blessed us to be born in.

I like to meet our Muslim brothers to let them know – we believe in the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. The Jew, the Christian and the Muslim believe in the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob; isn't that awesome?

I took a taxi one day and began to talk to the taxi driver

about God. I asked if he was a believer.

He answered me, "I don't know anymore." He went on to tell me he was Muslim, his wife was Jewish, and his daughter became a Christian. The poor man had a lot of problems – he didn't know what to think anymore. Just then God reminded me the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob was the God of the Muslim, Jew and Christian. So, all I said to him was: "Get to know that God, there is only One God. Ask God to show you who God is and He will show you."

I asked him, "Do you know Jesus?" He replied, "Yes, He was a Prophet, and He was born of a virgin and He rose again. It is written in the Quran". So I asked him, "If Jesus was born of a virgin, His Blood is not the blood of man". He then answered, "It's miracle Blood". Then I said, "Miracle Blood is from God, it's sinless Blood, it's God's Blood, It has God's DNA". Then the man said, "What about Adam? What blood did he have?" Then, I was able to tell him Adam was created but Jesus came from heaven, from above. Jesus never sinned but Adam sinned. So, Jesus' DNA came from heaven.

Jesus' Blood was shed to wash away all our sins. Only God can save as Jesus said, "I AM the Son of God". That meant He said He is God.

Today, we can become the children of God through the Blood of Jesus, He adopted us into God's family. That's why through Jesus we become brothers and sisters in Christ.

You see, God never said to Abraham to start a religion. When you really think about this, it was a Jew (Jesus) that started Christianity. So you see, it's not about religion. God looks at our hearts no matter what religion you have, even if you have no religion, God is always looking at your heart. That's why even the worst sinner (a killer), God looks into their hearts to see if they really want to know the truth. Sometimes, we are so proud of our religion because we want to prove to everybody we are right and they're wrong, that we are willing to shut our eyes to the truth that God wants to tell us. None of us is perfect, we need to know the truth. Finding God is to be willing to see, hear and change our minds to what people have raised us up to be and let God take us and show us the way one day at a time.

If we believe in our religion more than we believe in God, then our religion becomes our leader, our God. Religion is made up by people, people change. Jesus was more than a man. He was born of a virgin. He is the invisible God that became flesh to dwell among us and taught the greatest of all commandments and it's LOVE. He said, "Love your enemies, do good to those that persecute you; do unto others as you would have them do unto you" (Matthew 5:44).

# Only One Chance To Live On Earth

## Witnessing to the Buddhist

As I studied the people that believe in Buddha and called themselves Buddhist, I could hardly believe the feeling of fear they have – the pressure put on them to be good in this life, in fear that they could come back as an ant or a dog. Now, that is a scary thing to think of. Can you imagine coming back as a dog, not being able to say you're in pain or you're hungry. You can't even go to the bathroom when you want to. Now, that's scary!

When I meet a Buddhist, I usually tell them that Buddha never said he was God; he said he was a teacher. I ask them "Now, do you want to know God, not a god that needs other gods, but the One and only true God Who wants to show you the way, the only way to heaven?" The narrow way where you can't be confused with a wide-open space, but a 'narrow, focused way', easy to find through Jesus Christ. He walked in this world to show us His love and the way to heaven. It is free

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by admitting that God Himself suffered and died for us to have everlasting life in heaven. Jesus is the invisible God that came in the flesh. (John 1:14)

# The Only God There Is

## Witnessing to the Hindu

Years ago, when I first moved to Toronto from St. Catharines, I had a jewelry store called, M and Y Treasures. It was an import/export business, and God blessed it. I had dedicated the store for the work of the Lord; in this book you will read many testimonies of salvation, healings and miracles working daily. I had many friends from India, how I wanted to go to India to minister Jesus to them.

You see, I started to understand the hunger for God in their hearts. I was always amazed at how interested they were to hear about God. I believe God loves them so much and God sees their hungry hearts. I couldn't understand why, we in Canada, were not as hungry for God as they were and to this day I still can't understand that. You see, when I found out they had thousands of gods, I realized they were always looking for the true God.

And the true God fills you with so much love and peace that there is no more room for any other gods. It's just like when you are really in love, there is absolutely no more room for anyone else. You don't look for anyone else, you just don't want anyone else. You are filled with love, and your love is overflowing. People look at you and they see you are head over heels in love. You shine, you're happy, you're fulfilled – now that's heaven! Well, when God fills to the rim, we're tasting heaven. Just let God fill you to overflowing.

Well, I had in my heart to go to India, but God had another plan – He sent India to me. It did not matter where I

went, I saw Indian people and God would tell me to tell them about Jesus' love for them, that Jesus is God in the flesh.

I was involved in the ministry witnessing for Jesus everyday, but for three weeks, I was going on a holiday to Florida. I told the Lord, I will not witness for Him as I wanted to give quality time to my husband. I believe God honored that; we need to take care of our own.

After traveling all over Florida, on the second week we were in Miami and my husband decided to go to a trade show to see jewelry businesses from all over the world. We went into the first store and I saw an Indian man with a turban on his head. I said to the Lord, "Oh, no, I'm not to witness". We looked at some displays in the store then we left. Walking out the door, that Indian man I had seen visiting from India, walked out after us and began to talk to us. He was from Delhi and came to the U.S. to sell his jewelry. So, we politely told him that we had three suppliers from Delhi and we didn't need anymore supplier.

Then he went on to say, "Please come, I'll buy you a cup of tea; I just want to get to know what Canada is like". So we accepted his invitation.

We sat in a large Cafeteria as my husband went to get the tea. The first question the Indian man asked was, "Tell me what it's like in Canada. Do people turn on you like a cobra, like they do in India?" I knew then he was asking me about the enemy. I said, "Oh, yes, people can turn like cobras, that's human nature. But people can have a new nature; God gives us that new nature."

God will give us this new nature when we receive forgiveness for our sins; when we receive Jesus as our Lord, the only Lord of our lives. I began to tell him about Jesus and that's why He came into the world to save us from sin, from our selfishness. As I went on and told him what the Word of God says, this man started to cry. Just then, my husband arrived with the tea; there was such a Presence of God that even he (my husband) started to cry. We went on to talk of the things of God, the promises of God. After a while, we were ready to go. He said, "I want to hear more about God. Please tell me more". Then I realized all he needed was my Bible, so I told him, "Everything I said to you is written in this Bible, so I'm giving this Bible to you."

We drove him to his motel. Just before he got out he said, "I must tell you something I saw when you started to tell me about God". He said he saw fire come out of my eyes and something touched his heart so deep, he could not explain it. He said, "Looking at you felt like I was looking in my sister's eyes". I then told him, "Yes, I am your sister in Christ because you have received Jesus."

I went on to tell him the fire he saw in my eyes was written in the Bible at the day of Pentecost. There was fire over the heads of believers as they were filled with God's Spirit, and what he felt in his heart was God's Spirit touching and filling him.

What I have learned from the Lord: when you are called to witness and you just don't have time; when it's not on your agenda and you obey God's call, the most wonderful miracles will happen. It's God's call - we need to change our plans whenever He says, "Go!" we must go, or we might miss the greatest miracle of all.

Another time, one of my Indian friends who knew the Consular General of India, brought him to visit my store. He came in with his bodyguards, still I wanted him to know about Jesus, in respect to his position as he had people around him. But God always makes a way. We were later invited to a dinner; then I was able to talk to him about our missionary who wanted to go to India. She needed a visa; so I made an application with him and brought my missionary and a pastor that also needed visas for others to go.

A week later, we went to the Consular's office. We were granted our visas. While the business was being taken care of, I asked the Consular, "Do you believe in Jesus?" His response was, "Oh, yes." It was like he believed in Jesus and all his other gods. I began to tell him that God is our heavenly Father, that we have only one earthly father. If we have two we would be mixed up, so our heavenly Father wants us to communicate with Him directly because He loves us and wants to spend time with us. He is the only true God and He manifested Himself in Jesus Christ physically.

Philip asked to see the Father. Jesus said to Philip, "Don't you know Me yet? When you see Me, you see the Father." Well, God touched the Consular, and when I walked out the door, he said to me, "The only God there is, is in you." Isaiah 45: 14 says, "Men of stature shall come to you and say, the only God there is, is in you."

Thank you, Jesus, You live in me.

# I Believe You Desire God's Word

Witnessing to Jehovah's Witnesses

You work so hard to be a witness!

What are we a witness for?

Definitely not a witness for an organization. We must look beyond our organization to find God, Jehovah's truth. God gave us His Word. Let's not study it with other people's ideas outside the Word of God.

We must go to God ourselves; we must get alone with God and ask Him, Jehovah God, to reveal Himself to us personally.

As we read the Scriptures, we will find out: God spoke to His people personally. God wants us to encounter Jehovah God not an organization. Organization is not God.

## Who is Jehovah God?

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." (John 1:1 KJV)

The "Word" is God Jehovah. He, the Word, was in the beginning with God.

"For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one. And there are three that bear witness in earth, the spirit, and the water, and the blood: and these three agree in one." (I John 5:7-8)

*"All things were made by Him; and without Him was not anything made that was made."* (John 1:3 KJV)

"And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us..." (John 1:14)

Jesus is the Word, the Word became flesh. He created everything - the angels and all that exist in the world. Jesus is born of a virgin that makes His Blood, God's Blood, sinless Blood. That makes Jesus God, not a god or some small god.

I know some that call themselves Christians, have made Jesus Christ a small god, they re-wrote the Bible and made a mistake. They took away from Jesus' title (what authority does anyone have to change Jesus' title?). In Isaiah 9:6, the name of Jesus will be called Mighty God (note: a capital letter for God). So, John 1:1-3 calls Jesus God in any Bible you can buy: in a Bible book store, the Protestant, the Catholic or any other that proclaim the Bible calls Jesus God with capital "G". We don't have another god.

So you see, if we really want to know the truth, we will God does not play games.

The Humbled, Exalted Christ

"Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus;

Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:

But made Himself of no reputation, and took upon Him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of me;

And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled Himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross." (Philippians 2:5-8)

"Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature;

For by Him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers; all things were created by Him and for Him;

And He is before all things, and by Him all things consist.

And He is the head of the body, the church; Who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things He might have the preeminence." (Colossians 1:15-18)

Jesus has to be Jehovah. Jehovah is God, Jesus is God, the Father is God. I John 5:7 says, "For there are three that bear witness in heaven: The Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit, and these three are One". These three are One, One God.

When Jesus came on earth, though He was God, He humbled Himself and became as a man; He laid aside His mighty power and glory to become a man. He became lower than an angel just to reach out to us, to save us. Only God can save us; that's why His Blood saved us and we can be saved by believing in Jesus Christ. But first we must know who He really is. How can you have faith in someone you don't know? Romans 10:13 says, *"For whosoever shall call upon the Name of the Lord shall be saved"*. The Book of Acts tells us that at the Name of Jesus people were healed.

You ask yourself who Jesus was praying to when He was on earth. He prayed to heaven to the Mighty power and glory He laid aside when He came on earth. He limited even His own thinking and chose to think as a man. He suffered as a man to pay for all our sins. He came as a Lamb without spot or blemish; a perfect sacrifice for all mankind. He prayed, "Father, glorify Me with the glory we shared". He left His glory as God and became man just for us.

How can we reject such a gift of love? Yet many reject Him with their own intellect. Jesus said if we reject Him, we are condemned.

That's why those who don't want to listen don't want to believe there is a hell. Jesus is the way, the truth and the life. He does not want anyone to go to hell. Hell was made for the Devil and demons. But if we believe the plans of the enemy we will end up in hell.

Whose report will we believe? God's Word or the words of man's organization? God said, 'choose what you want, 'life or

death'. At the end of our lives we will be reminded we heard the truth. Did we want to listen? Do we want to admit we were wrong and humble ourselves and ask God's forgiveness? Ask God and only God to teach us. God's Word says, God's Spirit will teach us all things, Just ask Him.

# Only God Knows the Future

# Witnessing to Fortune Tellers

Yes, most fortune tellers are seeking to know the future. Many people would say, "If only I knew what was going to happen?" That's why people go to fortune tellers – to find out the future. If we know everything about the future, our trip on earth will not be very exciting. We know through God's Word just enough to find out where we were; where we're going and where we will end up. We have all the instructions of how to get there. Now, that should be enough information!

If we believe in God and know God's love for us, we know God has a plan for us: to bless us and give us a future. Isn't that easier than trying to find out everything that's coming our way? I believe that if we knew everything, we would not be able to stand it – it would be too much to handle. That's why God said, "Yesterday is gone, don't worry about tomorrow, take today and do your best to walk and do what is right, one day at a time". This will give you a longer life – simple but true.

The Word of God says, "Unless we become like a little child, we cannot enter the kingdom of God." Well, a child trusts in his father or mother for all. That's the way we need to be with God; a child does not worry like we adults do.

Now, getting back to fortune tellers – if we look to them to tell us our future, we let them play our God; they are human and what they say could plant in us fear that could ruin our lives, creating a big mess. The fortune tellers seek to hear from what they call God and is not, but demons that know what happened to you last week. When they tell you, you start to believe in them. You think they know the truth, but it's the demon's trick to make you believe in them. Then they will start telling you things they say will happen in the future; so you believe, or retain in your brain. Even if you say you didn't believe them, it stays in your conscience and will bother you. Then you will need to get set free of the fear of their words. Words are very powerful. Satan counterfeits many words for his own plan of destruction of your lives. Satan came to destroy, to take your freedom and joy. Satan wants to lord over your life.

For the fortune-teller becomes full of demonic activity; they become confused, depressed, mixed up, out of control beyond their ability to overcome this demonic activity. They open themselves up to receive information from all different kinds of spirits, that's why in their places of business they use every kind of idols, they even use crystals and gems as a power sources, yet God created gems for us to enjoy. The gems have no power to rule our lives.

Satan wants to control us , its just like drugs or other addictions, taking control of our lives, but with Gods spirit we have choices, God respects us, God lets us choose his spirit out of our own will. You know when its Gods spirit because you have peace and love in your heart

The spiritual realm without Gods spirit, is very dangerous. It can lead you into the darkest place. Sometimes it is very difficult to come out of this place without the deliverance of God. If they repent of playing God and receive Jesus into their lives, they will be set free by the power of Jesus' Name through the Blood of Jesus Christ

# Chapter 10

# Lead a Soul to Jesus Quickly

## Jesus Was on the Move

In John chapter 4, Jesus left Judea to return to the province of Galilee; He had to go through Samaria. On the way (it was noon time) as He approached the village of Sychar, He came to Jacob's well. Jesus was tired from the long walk in the hot sun and sat wearily beside the well. Soon a Samaritan woman came to draw water, He asked her for a drink. He was alone, the disciples were at the village buying some food. The woman was surprised a Jew would ask a despised Samaritan for anything (usually they would not speak to them). She made a remark about it and Jesus replied, *"If only you knew what a wonderful gift God has for you and Who I AM, you would ask me for living water."* Jesus explains the water He gives becomes a perpetual spring within them watering them forever with eternal life. Jesus told her to get her husband, and the woman said she was not married. Jesus then said all too true, "You have

had five husbands and aren't even married to the man you're living with now".

"Sir", the woman replied, "You must be a prophet".

Then the woman asked about places of worship. Jesus answered, "Is our worship spiritual and real? Do we have the Holy Spirit's help? For God is Spirit." Then Jesus said, "Salvation comes through the Jews." Then the woman said, "Well, at least I know that the Messiah will come, the One called Christ; and when He does He will explain everything to us." (verse 26) Then Jesus said, "I AM the Messiah." Just then His disciples arrived; they were surprised to find Him talking to a woman but none asked Him why. The woman left her water pot beside the well and went back to the village and told everyone. So you see, Jesus was on the move. He did not condemn this woman, Jesus gave her hope of living water. Jesus revealed Himself to her.

### Just fall in love with Jesus!

Now with all the information we have from the Bible you would think we would start witnessing. We should be excited as she was to go tell someone about Jesus. How sad that we won't step out and tell someone the good news in a world that is lost. You notice the woman left her water pot – how many of us are willing to leave our agendas and obey the call of God on our lives. It does not have to be a big thing, just little steps. It's the small things that God asks for, God will do the big things. Did you also notice this woman would not be approved by many churches to evangelize because she had had five husbands? I'm sure she started to make her life better because she knew that God wanted to bless her and give her living water. Only God knew this woman's heart; she probably had experienced a broken heart and was waiting for the Messiah. She goes to the village to share the good news she heard. Now the disciples had been at a village also. Did they witness? I don't know, but what I do know is many from the Samaritan Village believed He was the Messiah because of the woman's report. I believe the woman fell in love with Jesus. She felt His love. All she wanted to do was talk about Him. That's what happens when someone is in love. Are you in love?

The disciples wanted Jesus to eat, but Jesus said, "My nourishment comes from doing the will of God Who sent Me and from finishing His work." Get God's nourishment and witness; you will get stronger. There is a presence of God when you witness; the angels are there too. That's why the Bible says, "When one soul comes to Jesus, the angels rejoice."

Do you think the church would be stronger if we would be witnessing this good news? Yes, it would be a healthy, strong church – we would be doing what God calls us to do. If Jesus had to do this, why are we not all doing this? Indeed some think it's not their calling. It does not matter what office we think we're in, we are not greater than Jesus.

2000 years ago Jesus said,

"Do you think the work of harvesting will not begin until summer ends four months from now?" Look around you vast fields of human souls are ripening all around us and are ready now for reaping. The reapers will be paid good wages and will be gathering eternal souls into the granaries of heaven! What joy awaits the sowers and the reapers both together! (John 4:34-38)

So you see, we will have good wages in heaven. Can you imagine when heaven says good wages? We work on earth and even if we get good wages money never lasts; even if it did, it's only for a time. You someday will leave it behind. Yes, your family will be blessed if you leave it to them, but again it's only

#### for a time.

But the wages of God will last for eternity. You see, Jesus is preparing a place for us according to our works. We will go to heaven if we just call on the Name of Jesus, that's God's promise to us when we repent from our sins. But a place in heaven is prepared for us day by day. Thank God when we do sin and ask for forgiveness, God wipes it all away through His Blood. The Blood of Jesus set in motion the cleansing of our souls. God also writes in the 'book of remembrance' in heaven all the wonderful things we have said about Him. There is also a Book Of Life, the Lamb's Book of Life - our names are written in it because of Jesus, the Lamb of God, when we receive salvation for our souls. Yes there is joy that awaits the sower and the reaper. We know the reaper will be paid good wages but Jesus also said the sower will be paid good wages. The sower is someone that has witnessed to someone and that person never received Christ. But Jesus said, "I send you to reap where you did not sow; others did the work and you received the harvest." Jesus said, "What joy awaits the sower and the reaper together!"

So you see, if someone tells you they led five people to Christ today and you did not lead one, remember you are the sower if you keep on telling others about Christ. God will reward you in heaven; many will be surprised – they will see someone in heaven and it will be because you just said to them, "Jesus loves you." The people from the Samaritan village said, "Indeed He is the Saviour of the world!"

They said this because they had heard Jesus' Words. Today we have the Word of God, the Bible. When you give a Bible to someone it's like they're meeting Jesus. When my children gave me my first Bible, I had never read one but when I read it, I felt God touched me, healed me and my faith in Jesus grew everyday. You might wonder why some people read the Bible and feel nothing; it's because they do not read it with all their hearts. Maybe they just read it like they would read another book. But when you read it like it's a letter from your father, it will touch your heart. When you read a letter from someone you love you will let every word into your heart and you believe it. When you read something you're not really interested in, it will be just words - not living words. That's why God said, "If you seek Me with all your heart, your mind, your strength, you will know My love for you." How sad God loves every person in this earth. Why do I say this? It's because He takes time to give us different characters, but some of us have had a bad start and don't even love ourselves. But God loves us and desires that we would know Him and what He had planned for us. God hates it when we sin, He hates the sin but he loves and has compassion for us and wants us to tell each other to not give up, to encourage one another to go to the good things He had prepared for us. God hates sin but He loves the sinner. Like a father wants to help his child when he's in trouble - that's how God wants to help us. But He needs our hands to reach out and touch the world for Him. God so loved the world that He gave up His only begotten Son for our lives.

We need to be salt of the earth for we walk by faith not by sight (II Corinthians 5:7). "*Therefore, if any man be in Christ he is a new creature: old things are passed away behold all things are become new*" (II Corinthians 5:17). When someone becomes a Christian, he becomes a brand new person inside. He is not the same anymore. A new life has begun! He feels hopeful, renewed, and has a future in heaven. All these new things are from God Who brought us back to Himself through Jesus Christ. We have been given the privilege of urging everyone to come to His love and be reconciled to Him. For God was in Christ restoring the world to Himself; no longer counting men's sins against them but blotting them out. This is the wonderful message He has given us to tell others - we are Christ's ambassadors. God is using us to speak to you ; we beg you as though Christ Himself were here pleading with you. Receive the hope He offers you – be reconciled to God. Today is the day of salvation.

#### The Nations At Our Door

One day we had an evangelistic meeting in China Town Center on Spadina Avenue in Toronto. We had a large stage in an open concept mall. What a place to minister in! We would bring bands, singers and I would share the Word of God – small messages of love. The songs we sang were all Christian songs. After we finished and were leaving, a Chinese lady came up to me and asked me, "Who is Jesus?" I sat with her and explained who Jesus is; she believed and received. See, we have the nations at our doorstep; we don't even have to travel. God brought them to us. When are we going to pay attention to who is beside us?

When I first started the church, ICC at Spadina Mall, I didn't know there was a Buddhist temple over the church on the top floor. They had been there for years. I remember it was hard to preach a sermon in the church. Speakers would come to preach and would always say it was hard to preach in that church. We made a point of having all night prayer meetings every Friday night for God's anointing to fill our church. One day I walked into the church, I felt so free. I thought God has done something. The owner of the mall came to see me and he said, "well, I guess Jesus is stronger than Buddha." I asked him why he said that? "I have been telling you this for years". He replied, "Buddha left and you stayed." You see, it's amazing how God will speak to people if you pray and persevere. We never looked back, what a place of ministry! We had such fun and joy. There was liberty in the church. I saw prostitutes come into the church and get delivered. They left the streets. Some left Toronto and went back home. You could just see it in their faces, they had Jesus. They would ask for clothes to cover themselves up.

I remember once, there was a fourteen year-old girl that ran away from home. We made arrangements for her parents to meet her at our coffee house – what a reunion that was to see a family come together!

We also had young people from out of town get mixed up with gangs on the street. We would counsel them to go home and buy them a bus ticket to go back. Some were from Quebec and outcasts. So much happened every night, seven days a week. I'm only writing a few stories of what happened at Harvest Time Café.

Recently in one of the seminars I was teaching in Kitchener, I had a gathering in the park - it was a session on personal evangelism. I noticed a man passing by on a bike who stopped. He looked interested in what we were doing. I was teaching the part of how to lead someone to Christ; I invited this Vietnamese man to join us. I took the opportunity to ask right away if he believed in Jesus. He responded quickly, "Yes". He said, "I like Jesus, I like what Jesus did very much". So I instantly said, "If you believe in Jesus and believe He is Lord, born of a virgin and died on the cross for your sins, all you have to do is invite Him in your heart. Ask forgiveness for your sins and He will give you a brand new start, and He will help you one day at a time and give you strength to live for Him". We gave him a Bible and told him where a Vietnamese church was. The man was so excited. God touched him when we prayed for him. After fellowshipping with him for a short time, the man said, "When did Jesus come and do all that for us?" I said, "Two thousand years ago". He replied, "Two thousand years ago? How come I only heard of Jesus five months ago? Why did no one tell me?"

It's amazing how the Holy Spirit is working among us. Recently I was witnessing to a lady on the street and she received Jesus into her heart. As I was praying for her, I looked up and saw a man at the bus stop. He was smiling and seemed to like what we were doing. I then went to him and said, "Do you like to see us praying?" He said, "Yes, it was wonderful to see people who love Jesus." I went on to ask him if he believes in Jesus. He said, "yes". He was a Muslim. He arrived in Canada five months prior and it was the second time he saw people talking about Jesus on the street. I went on to tell him the Deity of Christ and he believed and received Jesus as his Lord and Saviour. You see, so many are looking for the answer. The Holy Spirit had prepared him; all I had to do was to confirm who Jesus was. How can they believe without a preacher? No matter how many seminars I had, I still witness for Jesus wherever I go. I still ask God for a soul a day.

# Chapter 11

# Eternity Without God

Entering eternity without God: everything that is good, everything that would make you happy won't be there, only your memory of failures because you will not have the new mind that God has planned for you to have. Satan steals it. You also have the garbage that is in your old mind. Your conscience remembers how evil you were, how angry, how unsatisfied you were. The sad thing about your place in eternity without God is that you will know what you could have had – your children you could have been with, your loved ones you could have been with. You could have been in a Kingdom with your loved ones and with Jesus who loves you by just saying "I am sorry, Lord Jesus save me!" Instead you chose a place of torment where worms shall never die. The devil is a liar and deceiver. Will you let him destroy God's plan for your future?

## A Heaven- Focused Life or An Earthly- Focused Life?

We hear many teachings today on earthly focused lives. That's fine when you keep your heavenly focus to lead you. But some teachings, like the 'law of attraction', can lead you to the wrong places. Eve was attracted to this wonderful-looking fruit. Satan told her secrets to attract her. It was all good thoughts: she thought she would become wise, even wise like God! She did not yield to God or even ask God, she chose the 'law of attraction' over the law of God. "There shall be no other God before Me!" God warns us all. Where is God in all we think and do? Does God get the glory? Who gets the glory? God said to think on things that are of good report, yes, but Satan will try to counterfeit what God says and deceive you. It's Satan when the organization gets the glory instead of the wisdom of God getting the glory. Remember, Satan wants followers.

# What Will You Choose?

## Rebellion, The Way to Hell

Jesus must be our Lord when He is our Saviour. God says,

"Your own wickedness will punish you. You will see what an evil, bitter thing it is to rebel against the Lord your God, fearlessly, forsaking Him, says the Lord, the God of hosts." (Jeremiah 2:19)

You bring yourself to hell.

God says,

"O, my rebellious children, come back to Me again and I will heal you from your sins." (Jeremiah 3:22)

The fear of God is the beginning of Wisdom. God does not want you to go to hell.

"It is for man's own sin he will die. Why do people use this proverb about the Land of Israel: the children are punished for their fathers' sins?" (Ezekiel 18:1,2)

## You can't blame others for your sins.

"As I live, says the Lord God, you will not use this proverb anymore in Israel, for all souls are mine to judge, fathers and sons alike and My rule is this: It is for a man's own sins that he will die." (Ezekiel 18:3)

God wants to save you and give you new desires and a new heart.

"Your filthiness will be washed. And I will give you new and right desires – and put a new Spirit within you; I will take away your stony heart of sin and give you a new heart of love. And I will put My Spirit within you so you would obey and do what I command." (Ezekiel 36:26-27)

This is to be born again, born of Spirit. (John 3:3)

Forsaking the Lord is to desert, to abandon. We make our own decisions.

Our own sins. We will answer for our own sins. We answer for our own thoughts and decisions.

We can't blame others. Human beings like to blame others; yes many others are to blame but our job is to forgive them because we have been forgiven.

Except for children. All children that pass away before the age of accountability will go to heaven. Mentally ill people also get to heaven when they are not accountable because their minds cannot choose right and wrong; they do not know right from wrong, they are innocent. When Adam and Eve did not know good and evil, they did not need to be saved until sin came into their lives.

# Hell

Hell will cost you everything over and over again! That's eternal separation from God and every good thing.

"And they shall go forth, and look upon the carcasses of men that have transgressed against Me: for their worm shall not die, neither shall their fire be quenched and they shall be an abhorring unto all flesh, they shall be a disgusting sight to all mankind." (Isaiah 66:24)

## What Will Hell Be Like?

You remember what you could have done that was good. Your worm shall never die. A place of torment. You will remember all evil, you can feel it all around you and you can feel it in you. No rest – the deception of what the world calls free is really the opposite of Freedom – when you get addicted to drugs to forget your problem, you end up with the problem you originally had plus the addiction!

When you get tired of your wife and you want to leave her, you get another woman and then you want to leave her too. That's Satan's type of love, to take and destroy God's kind of love which gives instead of taking. God's love grows and is fruitful.

## When we like ourselves only, we become a god.

When we like our religion more than listening to God, religion is our god. That was how Satan originally was – wanting to be god, to be worshiped. God created an angel, this angel chose to be god. Many angels followed ( they are called the fallen angels), that's why we have demons' spirits in this world. God threw them out of heaven because heaven is a holy place, sin cannot live there. (Isaiah 14:14) That's why Satan is called 'prince of the power of the air'. Satan is in the air between heaven and earth; that's why demons look for a place to rest, they look for a place to live. (Ephesians 2:1-2) Satan becomes homeless.

The freedom Satan took brought Satan down. The freedom you take will bring you to hell where your worm shall never die – eternity in hell.

Hell is a place where you are locked up or chained in. You can never leave the place. It's worse than a prison. Satan came to take all your freedom. That's why you don't have the freedom to quit when you're a drug addict. Satan comes in your body and makes his home there. So don't let Satan come near you – rebuke him and he will flee. Keep Satan homeless then he has no power to operate his tricks. When you want to stop Satan you need help to get out of the situation. Only Jesus can deliver you! and if you ask He will.

## Satan's Lie

When you do evil, your mind does not let you forget it, which leads to fear. Satan has you under a lock and chain of fear. When you're full of fear, you're not free. That's why fear is opposite to faith. Faith in Christ will set you free. Satan never created anything, he just counterfeits everything God has made. God gave us pure love, Satan counterfeits love for lust – it just feels the same for the first few minutes but you realize after that it's not deep, pure and lasting like God's perfect love. Satan takes life from you, God pours life into you. Satan puts fear in you, God puts faith in you. We ask ourselves, 'how come we did not see the truth?' The word of God says Satan has blinded our minds so if we know the truth (II Corinthians 4:3-4) we can say and command Satan to leave our minds, our children's minds and

our family's minds in Jesus' Name. Our loved ones have a free choice in Jesus' Name to set us free if they ask by faith. In whom are we going to have faith in? In our addiction's power or in our Saviour's power?

You might ask yourself: 'Why did God create Satan?' Well, Satan was once a beautiful angel in heaven and he saw God worshiped by other angels and so this wonderful angel decided he wanted to be worshiped, he wanted to be god. God saw that and He threw him out of heaven. One third of the angels followed. That's why we have the demonic activity on earth today - the fallen angels. When Adam and Eve were told by God "don't eat of the fruit of the tree of good and evil" God did not want them to be addicted to evil but Adam and Eve ate of the fruit – their minds were scarred by evil. Satan told Eve "you will be like god if you eat of the fruit of the tree, knowing good and evil." Could it be that Eve wanted to be like God? When Eve told Satan that God said they were not to eat of the tree, Satan said to Eve 'that is a lie' (Genesis 3:4) Satan called God a liar. Satan is an accuser, he turns truth into a lie. Satan blinds the mind of man and deceives man to not believe the truth. We need to take our authority in Jesus' Name to set men free from the lies of Satan. Then men will see the truth if they want to.

## Listen To The Truth

The way to wisdom: I want to say the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. Eve and Adam should have known not to listen to any other than God they had a relationship with but they chose to listen to Satan who called God a liar. How sad that is! They lost their respect for God and the fear of disappointing their God. God had given them free choice.

## Heaven is a Free Gift; Hell Cost You Everything

God created hell for Satan and the fallen angels but if we don't

want to go to heaven, we will go to hell. Heaven is a free gift from God. Jesus paid for all sins: big sins, little sins – it's all sin. All we have to do is ask for forgiveness, He said he would forgive us. Don't let any sin go by without asking for forgiveness even if it's the same one all the time – get rid of it as soon as it comes up. Your job is to believe. Don't give up. The devil wants you to give up. We all have sinned. Be willing to change one day at a time. Tell God you want what He wants. God never gives up on you, so don't give up on yourself. After a while you will not have that sin anymore because God will show you the truth about it – it will be ugly. It will stink. Your eyes will be opened, you won't want it anymore. The truth will set you free!

## Two Kinds of Fear

Satan counterfeits the word FEAR. Satan will paralyze people in fear.

Some people are sick because fear controls their lives. Some people can't trust God, even if they know all about God, because they are bound with fear. That's why He said many times in His Word: "Fear not".

God's kind of fear will never put you in bondage. God's kind of fear is filled with respect and love, paying attention to what God would love in your heart, to know that He has a plan for you, to be blessed with all the wisdom He has for you. So you may build yourself up in the Word of God, so you can be blessed more than you can even imagine.

I guess the only way to explain the God kind of fear is how I experienced it with my father. I am very blessed because I have an earthly father that walks in a very respectful way with me. In the same way I fear that I would offend him in his love for me and I don't want to disappoint him. Because I respect my earthly father I always want him to be pleased with me, so I try to respect him in what I know would please him and bless him. I also believe we should learn to respect our spouses. I'm sure this would build up many marriages and respect for our children would build up our family. Respect needs to be re-established today for the Lord to bless His people.

In the same way, we need to respect our heavenly Father because He loves us so much. We desire to always pay attention to His loving call on our lives. He gives us free choices: that is the respect He has for us. Even though He is God, He would not make us do what we don't want to do. God does compel us by His Spirit; God teaches us by His Spirit; God gives us the free will to receive or reject Him. That's why when people receive Jesus as Lord, they must do this because they want to - not because someone makes them. We must all receive Jesus when we know what He did for us, it must be from our own hearts. It must be because we love Jesus.

#### We Were Never To Die

We ask ourselves 'Why are people born sick, cripple or retarded?' I don't know all the answers but one thing I can say: before sin came into the world through Adam and Eve, we were never meant to die. We were never to be sick. We were never to work by the sweat of our brow – sin brought us all these problems. We were never meant to die but were meant to live in unity. Even the animals did not hurt each other – the lamb and the lion lived together.

# Satan's the Liar

When Adam and Eve tasted of the tree of good and evil, they tasted sin and got addicted. Before that Adam and Eve were free. But Satan called God a liar – that if they ate of the tree they would not die. Adam and Eve believed Satan, they were defiled with Satan's mind. To this day people are born with that old

nature. They feed the flesh. The flesh says more for me, all for me, some more for me, yet God had given Adam and Eve all, even that tree, of good and evil, to make their choices in life. God has always given freedom. That's why God said those that don't want to hear won't hear. God does not play tricks. God is the way, the truth and the life. Satan takes, takes and takes until you have no more freedom then you are all of his.

## Satan's Trip into a World of Bondage

What you don't feed will die. Don't feed on Satan's thoughts and Satan will have no power over you. But with Jesus it's a trip out of this world. All you have to do is decide where will you go. You would think the answer is easy but believe it or not some fall for Satan's trick and he blinds the eyes of the people to make something evil look so good. After their eyes are opened they see it was no good at all. Satan can only try to steal what you have, he cannot steal what you don't have. Guard what you have.

How we need to ask God to open our eyes and let us see how God sees in this world that Jesus came to set free. Apostle Paul had his eyes on heaven; he had his eyes on the crown of righteousness. Whatever you keep your eyes on will make you or break you.

### Genesis chapter 3 says,

"When the woman saw that the tree was good for food and it was pleasant to the eyes, a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took it, ate it and gave it to her husband and he did eat, the eyes of them both were opened; they knew they were naked."

You see, before that they saw no evil, there was no temptation. All they had to do was obey God. The verse in Genesis 3:4 Satan called God a liar. Eve should have known the one speaking to her was the enemy of God. God had said to her 'You will surely die.' Then the serpent said 'You shall not surely die.' We usually have a way out of temptation if we pay attention to whose side was Eve on. That's why it's so important to pay attention to God's Word. When people look at pornography today they get addicted to the filth of Satan. The only way they can clean this evil out is to stop feeding it by continuously thinking on it. Starve it, it will die.

## Set Your Brain on Good Thoughts

Doctors are medically proving what you receive in your mind can give you a healthy brain or an unhealthy brain. They have discovered that when the brain is healthy, it shows healthylike vines connecting with each other but when the brain is unhealthy they can see in the brain a dark spot like a blister inside the brain. This blister disconnects from the rest of the brain. This blister-like spot grows as bad thoughts continue, until it interferes with the right thinking. This spot is caused by toxic thoughts that continue to enter in until it creates confusion in the mind. That spot in your brain can be restored in four days if you work at keeping your mind free from feeding bad thoughts like un-forgiveness or any other unhealthy thoughts. Think good thoughts – think on things that are of good report; repent of your sins, then worship God.

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# The Resurrected Christ

John 4:26 says, He is the Messiah. He is the "I AM that I AM". He is the Alpha and the Omega. He is Jehovah. Jehovah means Salvation – He is Saviour. Luke 2:11 says, He is the Saviour. When you know who Jesus is you can accept Him into your heart. He will heal your broken heart. He will give you life. He will give you hope for tomorrow, the hope of heaven. Jesus does not lie. He does not give you false promises. He tells you who you are and where you're going. Only receive Him so He can direct your life and give you a hope and a future.

To know who you are, is to know you are forgiven. You are loved by Him, that is LOVE. Then you can love Jesus and be secure in Him no matter what you go through because He has the final answer for you. His plan is to give you the joy the enemy has stolen and a purpose to live in this world no matter what's going on. God will have the last say, "Well done, my child! You believed in Me to make a way for you." The end is entering the Kingdom of God. What a destination we have for all whose names are written in the Kingdom of God!

#### A Trip Out of this World

Everybody loves to take trips. When you follow Jesus I promise you it will be a trip of a lifetime! Don't leave Jesus behind but take Him everywhere you go. That's why Jesus said He's married to the backslider. Jesus never gives up. As long as there is life, there is hope. That's why we must also think and believe that's the mind of Christ. That's why He said think on things that are of good report. The good report is when Satan tried to destroy us, mercy came through Jesus. Mercy said NO to Satan. Life and death came face to face and death has lost its sting. Oh, what a message we have for the whole world! Satan wanted to take us, control our lives with addictions, discouragement and fear. But Jesus came to give us life and life more abundantly. Satan took for himself. Jesus gave of Himself.

# Chapter 13

# Testimonies

## My Blessings

I must finally say something about my life. I have been so blessed. Yes, I have had trials and tribulations but I did come out of it all truly blessed, looking to heaven as my destination. I thank Jesus for leaving heaven to bring heaven on earth, yet, Jesus had to leave earth to send us the Holy Spirit. With the Holy Spirit in our midst today we are continuing to learn and experience the power and Presence of God's wonderful love. So you see, Jesus left heaven then Jesus left earth. Abraham left his family, left his land to obey the voice of God. Now, I don't compare my obedience with Jesus, I had to leave my church and my friends to move downtown where I did not know anyone. I tried to find a home church but couldn't find one. But that was God's plan because He wanted me to start a church in the inner city. I started to do what I could, after seeing the needs of people on the streets. As long as there are people around you, you can work for God. Instead of looking for my blessing, I looked to bless others – I obeyed God to just do the small things He wanted me to do.

I remember going to church one evening at Queensway Cathedral. I was waiting for a bus at the bus stop after church. There was a young man and we started to talk. He had been at church all day and told me he was hungry. He had not eaten all day. Now I had my bus token and five dollars extra to take a cab to my house from where the bus drops me off, as it was dark and I didn't feel safe in that area. That's all the money I had but the Lord told me to give the young man the five dollars so I obeyed. Just then, a taxi was driving by. He stopped, backed up and asked where we were going. I told him "Spadina and Queen". He said "Get in, I'll give you a ride". I told him I had no money. He replied "It's ok, I'll take you there". So the young man and I went with him. As we were driving I asked the taxi driver "What made you stop to pick us up?" The driver said "Well, it's like this: If I had not eaten all day, would you give me five dollars?" Well, that shut me up and I couldn't talk the rest of the way. The Bible says strangers could be angels. I believe God sent us His angels that night to take me home. That's what obedience does: it moves the hand of God.

So just do what God wants you to do and He will surely bless you.

### My Christmas Blessing

One night, a week before Christmas, I decided to go shopping and buy all my gifts between 6:00 and 9:00 p.m. so I went to the mall. I had been busy working at my store and had no time to shop all month. I had worked all day and now I would shop until 9:00 p.m.. I had to move quickly to get all the shopping for my family done.

I did all of it and I was so tired. I called a cab to go home thinking my day of work was finished. But you see God still had work for me to do. As I got in the cab I rolled down the window, I had been very hot in the mall, I looked at the driver and saw a turban on his head. The Lord said, "Talk to him". I was very tired and didn't want to but the more I was silent the louder I could hear God say "Talk to him!" After a while I gave up on myself and obeyed God and just said to the driver "Thank God it's a nice night!" The driver replied "Do you believe in God?" I said "Yes". He said "How do you know God is real?" I told him because God's Word is real and powerful. Then he said "How can you prove that?" I told him about Joshua 10:12-14: Joshua prayed to God to make the sun and the moon stand still for about twenty-four hours to conquer their enemies! And God answered the prayer of one man to save His people.

I was told years ago when the first satellite was sent into orbit nothing seemed to work because there was missing time in space so when they realized the Bible talked about God tampering with the time, they registered the time out as written in the Bible, entered in the data and the work proceeded. Even if people don't believe in the Word of God, God's Word will come to pass because God's Word is in the atmosphere waiting to be seen! King Hezekiah was dying and the Prophet Isaiah was told by God, that the King would not die and the King asked Isaiah for a sign that he would live. The King asked the Prophet to ask God to make the sun go backward ten dial, as a sign that the King would live, so God answered Prophet Isaiah's prayer. There was two places in the Bible that God tampered with time, for man.

Many scientists say the walls of your home hold words you have spoken, that's why some homes you walk in are peaceful, others are not peaceful. Well, I finally told him, "Do you now believe in God's Word? Jesus Christ is the Word of God; He became flesh for us to understand who God is, Jesus is God. Do you Believe?" He said "Yes". So I asked him " Do you want to receive Him into your heart as Lord and Saviour?" He said "Yes." He prayed and received Jesus.

Just then a taxi from his company stopped us and asked "Is this the car a woman is preaching in?" My driver said "Yes, why do you ask?" The other driver said "Well, we have been paralyzed for one half hour listening to this woman's preaching! The dispatcher came and contacted us because all we hear is her preaching on the radio!" My driver replied, "See, my radio is off!" And showed him. My driver then took the radio apart and we heard the dispatcher say "Hello! Hello!"

Well, can you imagine God crossing those wires! You see, I had the blessing of Abraham that night. I obeyed God even if I didn't feel like it. To obey is better than sacrifice. I was so filled with joy. My message to them: even if you don't believe God's Word, it still will come to pass.

## My Son Raised to Life

I was living in Kitchener at the time. I was sick every night with swelling and pain in my stomach. I went to the doctor, they found out after many tests I had cancer of the womb. I did not know the Lord Jesus personally but I believed in miracles, though I had never seen one. I was on my way home from the doctor, he had booked me in the hospital in two weeks for an operation and as we parked the car I saw an ambulance arrived at my son Mark's school. I wondered what happened. I stayed outside in the parking lot and watched only to see my husband run to the car. He said "It's Mark! He's been hit by a car!". We went to the school and the ambulance had just left so we rushed to the hospital. When we got there we saw him bleeding. He had broken bones, head injuries, internal bleeding and was in shock. I passed out. When I came to my senses I prayed "God, let him live". I went on to the intensive care room and stayed there for forty-eight hours. It was like I was in a dark hole. It felt like the whole world stopped turning. I didn't have knowledge of the Bible and the promises of God, I didn't even know how to pray. Mark was in shock, his body would spasm continuously.

My life stopped but you see, God was there, even if I didn't know. After numerous hours of standing beside Mark's bed, I began to pray out loud like I had never done before. I said to the Lord, "Lord let Mark live, even if he is crippled, let him live so I can hold him in my arms again. Lord I give him back to you and if you want to give him back to me, I will do my best that he will love you and serve you".

Then all of a sudden Mark opened his eyes for the first time in the intensive care ward. He looked at me with a sad face and tears in his eyes. He said, "Mommy, I'm going to miss you". Well, all that coming from a five years old, I knew he was telling me he was dying. I then responded, "Mark, don't worry, I'm staying here with you". I wanted to change his mind of thinking. He then said, "Mommy, you don't know what I mean; I don't want to leave you, I'll miss you". Then he went to sleep. The shock and shaking stopped and he slept peacefully.

I then stayed watching him. I had decided when he opens his eyes again I will put on a big smile. Well, he opened his eyes and I put on the biggest smile; he looked at me with a little grin on his face and said, "Mommy, don't smile like that, you look like a clown." Well, I knew then he didn't have brain damage because he knew it was a phony smile.

In a short time he began to recover – the bleeding in kidneys stopped, the hemorrhage in his leg stopped. They moved him to

a regular room. All he had to recover from was a fractured bone. Amazing, because when he was hit, he was thrown twenty-two feet and his boots went eighteen feet farther! He recovered and said he had no pain. God took over when I gave him back to God. I never knew we are to dedicate our children to God. When he was baptized, that was dedication done by the church but this dedication was done from me and only me to God.

As I visited Mark in the hospital he looked so happy one day, he wanted to tell me what happened. He began to tell me, "Mommy, you know when I didn't want to leave you, I went up and up; I looked down and I saw all the room." He began to explain to me the counter in the intensive care ward was round. Now, that really spoke to me because there is no way he could have seen that all the way across the room as he was always in a bed because one of his thighs was fractured, he couldn't even sit up.

Then he said, "I saw someone over my bed; I went up and up through a tunnel and I came to a light. It was bright, it was nice and warm there. Then I saw a nice Man".

I said, "How do you know the man was nice?"

Mark said, "Mommy, he was so nice (like he loved the Man); the Man said, "Come, Mark." Then I got closer to the Man.

Mark saw someone kneeling beside the nice Man. I believe prayer touched heaven; then the 'nice Man' said "No Mark. Go back.". Mark said he didn't want to leave. The place was very nice – there were flowers all over. There was singing and music all around! Then he said he opened his eyes and he saw me the first time that's why he cried and said, "Mommy, I don't want to leave you, I'm going to miss you".

Well, can you imagine what was going on in my mind? This was a five year old boy not knowing the Bible. Even with such

a revelation in what he said, God had answered my prayer. I touched heaven that day and I didn't even know. So you see, it's all God – all we have to do is ASK.

Well, one week went by, I had to go to another hospital to get operated on, and it went well. I never had the diagnosis of cancer again. I came out of the hospital on Christmas Eve and Mark also came home the same day. We were finally all home – what a blessing that was!

I then started to go to church as I knew God has touched us. We then moved to Ottawa; that's how we encountered the Holy Spirit and the love of God in a Bill Prankard meeting. Our work transferred us to Windsor; that's where we moved to a place where we were surrounded by Born-again Christians.

My children began to attend University Gospel Temple. Mark came from church one night and said, "Mom, I was so embarrassed today. I heard this singing in church; it was like what I heard in heaven and they call it singing in tongues. I cried when I heard it and the young people wondered why I was crying so much!" He continued, "It was the same singing, except nicer". When Mark was seven years old, he had told me who the 'nice Man' was, he said He was Jesus.

Well, I attended this church and it was wonderful! I got to know my neighbours. One night we found out there was an evangelist in Detroit called, W. V. Grant, and many miracles were happening. We went and during that meeting my husband and I received Jesus into our hearts and I was never the same again. When we prayed the sinner's prayer, Mark, our son was laying his hands on us. My salvation came through the hands of our children and they gave me my first Bible shortly after.

I would like to say to Mark and Mike, "Thank you, for giving to the Lord, your time to bring the knowledge of salvation to your mother - I am a life that was saved".

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I am also thankful for my late husband Marks, salvation. The last time I saw him alive in the Hospital, he had an experience of seeing Heaven, before he died. He looked so happy and I saw with my own eyes that Jesus took away the sting of death.

# Chapter 14

# Life

Your real life is not what's going on around you. Your real life is what goes on in you. How you look at life makes the difference. The kingdom of God is in you.

When Jesus comes into your life, the Spirit of God is in you. The Spirit of God teaches you all things. The Spirit of God strengthens you. The Spirit of God calls you to repentance.

The King of the Kingdom of God lives in you. Be in the right relationship with Jesus. Be in the right relationship with yourself; forgive yourself when you repent.

Rest your heart. Trust God. Have faith in God. Be satisfied in God; God will act on your behalf. Have a good attitude and peace and joy will follow you. Trust and obey. When you trust God, you have faith in God. Without trust in God, you have no hope, no peace, no joy. God said, those that trust Me, *"I will Bless"*  Jesus said in Mark 11:24 NKJV,

"... Whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them."

God Is Bigger Than Life: Rely on the Power of God Surrender

- Surrender is the narrow road
- Surrender is giving to God
- Surrender is trusting God
- Surrender is giving our lives to God
- Surrender is giving up the past
- Surrender is forgiving others
- Surrender is giving up the past problems
- Surrender is letting God take over everything in prayer knowing He can take care of all situations
- God is bigger than life! Why not surrender your life?
- Your future? Your direction? Your finances? All these belongs to God when you surrender all.
- Jesus is in control of life.
- Jesus is in control of the past, present and future.
- Jesus is your hope.
- Jesus never fails.
- Jesus paid in advance for your future; His cross did it for you.
- Jesus is in charge of time.

- Jesus sees you complete even if you don't.
- Jesus speaks; He is the Word.

Vagueness (No purpose, passive)

See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is (Ephesians 5-15-17, NKJV).

Live purposefully and make the most of your time. Don't wait to feel ready – you need to take a step.

Vague: when you wander/ wandering instead of doing. Day dreaming: you wish you were ready. Wish, wish, wish: you don't need a wishbone; you need a backbone.

The children of Israel wandered for forty years, going round and round the same mountain. They forgot their passion for what God was doing, giving them miracle manna everyday.

Some marriages are the same way. They take each other for granted; they are unthankful for every day they have with their loved ones; they lost their passion for each other, they forgot the miracle of love. They wandered instead of praising God.

Make a joyful shout to the Lord, all you lands Serve the Lord with gladness; Come before His presence with singing. Know that the Lord, He is God; It is He Who made us, and not we ourselves, We are His people and the sheep of His pasture.

Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, And into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His Name. For the Lord is good; His mercy is everlasting, And His truth endures to all generations. (Psalm 100:1-5, NKJV)

## The Power Of God

Do you believe for those you lead to Christ? Recently I went to the store to buy a few things. When I got out I saw three men standing talking. I always have tracts so I gave them all one. I proceeded to tell them about Jesus. One was willing to receive Jesus Christ but another said he was Jewish and didn't believe in Jesus but went on to tell me this world needs one thing and that's peace. I went on to tell him Jesus is the Prince of Peace. I asked him if he wanted peace. He said "yes". I asked him if I could pray for him. He said "Yes, pray for peace". Well, I laid my hand on his shoulder and asked the Prince of Peace to give him peace. The man jumped and said "Wow!" He felt something touched his heart; it scared him. He told his friends that were watching "Man, that's real, that's scary!" Then he asked me again to pray and again God touched him so hard he left and came back again and said "What is this I felt?" I told him Jesus was revealing Himself to him. Now his friends were watching; they all received Jesus as their Lord; they also felt the peace of God. I then sent them to a Jewish Christian church.

We must trust Jesus with them; we must believe God's Word to them will not return void.

## The Power of the Holy Spirit

## "Lord, make them shake!"

One Friday night we had a team come from the U.S. to do evangelism on the streets. Their leader was a large man, full of the Holy Ghost. We had a time of prayer before going out and I heard him pray, "Lord, when they receive you, make them shake!"

Well, I had never thought of praying a prayer like that before but I agreed with him. Then we went out to evangelize in front of City TV building. There were young people there, so I went up to three young men and began to talk to them about Jesus. Only one was interested and believed; he agreed to receive Jesus and when he did, his body started to shake; he was overwhelmed. The others that were not interested got interested as they saw this was real. They said Jesus is real; they all came to the Lord, the power of God touched them all. They will never forget the Power that touched them that night.

So you see God has a plan. When the preacher prayed, "God, make them shake". I believe when we minister to the lost, we sometimes go out there to touch the world the same old way all the time. Well God says "This is a new day". God always has a new way to show us. Don't go with the same stale old way, God has a new plan every day.

## Evangelism

Evangelism is so simple. The least complicated you make it the better it is. Evangelism is about communication. If we can communicate we can evangelize. God is waiting for us to step out and say "Hi", especially to the lonely, the poor and the needy. That is the recipe of being blessed by God.

Can you imagine? God is looking to see if someone will take time for another today, not yesterday or tomorrow, but today! Do you want to be blessed? Do today what you are called to do. You don't need money to be kind to someone. I remember a man that slept in the bus stop, every morning I would see him there. I would just say 'Hi' at first. Then he got used to seeing me. Then I started to say, "Hi, how are you today?" I would ask him if he wanted a coffee. After a while he would ask if I wanted a coffee; he wanted to buy me one. He started to feel good and important about himself. He was about seventy-five years old and had been living in the streets for twenty years. One day I went by and saw him he had combed his hair and I said "Hi, don't you look good today". He replied "Yes, I've decided to leave this life and I'm going to live with my sister". He did leave the street and ended up working in a shelter. Just say 'hello to someone and give them the feeling that they are important.

#### Deliverance was 2000 Years Ago

#### Just receive it.

Stand on the Name of Jesus; I believe whether we understand or not, we must trust God when we pray. We are not even to try to figure it out.

One day, a mentally insane person came into our church. I took authority in Jesus' Name over the demonic activity in her mixed-up life and commanded it to leave. Just then a man's voice came out of this woman's mouth. I stood on my ground. In Jesus' Name, the young lady got set free that very minute. It happened very suddenly.

Well, praise God that demon got homeless; that demon had no right to stay where Jesus was. We must be very careful and not open doors for the enemy. The enemy can only enter a person's life if we let him. We must not think of the enemy. Only think on good reports, good things of God. You must never be afraid of the enemy; don't have faith in the enemy, have faith in God. The enemy will flee from you.

The enemy has been defeated 2000 years ago.

### Laying on of Hands

The Bible says, "You shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover!" I used to go evangelize on Yonge St. when I met a mixed-up young lady. She had a mental sickness and was very angry and fearful of everyone. I invited her to our church. She came nightly and we would feed her. We had services every night. Every time I would have a time of prayer at the altar she received prayer. After a year of receiving prayer, I got a call from her doctor. Her doctor told me she was doing very well and to keep doing what we were doing to her. I said, "All we do is pray for her; every time we prayed, she would fall under the Power of God".

So don't kid yourself when people fall under the power of God - God touches them. It's not our job to question people that fall under the power of God. We should leave God's things to God. That girl became like another person, she was released from her anger. She trusted. She went back home to her family.

Now, isn't that a fruit of God's work in her life?

## The Keys of the Kingdom of Heaven

The Sadducees and the Pharisees tested Jesus' claim of being the Messiah. Jesus called that nation evil and unbelieving (Matthew 16:1-19). Jesus told His disciples to beware and watch out wrong teachings. Jesus asked His disciples, "Who do you say, I AM?" Simon Peter answered, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the Living God".

Jesus responded to him, "Blessed art thou, Simon, son of Jonas, For My Father in heaven has personally revealed this to you – flesh and blood hath not revealed it to you". Jesus said, "You are Peter, and upon this rock, I will build My church".

The 'Rock' is knowing Jesus is God and standing in this truth. Man cannot reveal this, only God can. All the powers of

hell shall not prevail against it. Jesus said, "I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatsoever you shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatsoever you shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven".

When you believe Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, heaven agrees with you through the Name of Jesus. All authority and power has been given to us through Jesus. Jesus broke the curse, we receive the blessing.

If we teach any doubt about Jesus' deity, we're not teaching truth and we will not be blessed by God.

Chapter 14

# My Trip To Thailand

In 2008 I went on a Missionary trip to Thailand. What a trip that was.

We arrived in Bangkok at 3am. and the flight we had to take to Phuket Island, which was our destination, was only leaving at 9am. Being overtired, I couldn't go to sleep, so I started talking to a man, also waiting for his flight, only to discover that he was a Pastor. We talked endlessly about Jesus and were really excited, laughing and enjoying our conversation, when a lady seated next to us got interested in our conversation. We shared Jesus with her; she believed and received Him as her Lord and Saviour. This lady was leaving for England, so this was a divine appointment. There was so much joy and laughter in our little corner of the room and when I looked across, I observed a very distinguished man, all dressed in white, looking at us very intently, possibly wandering what we were talking about that was causing so much laughter and joy. This gentleman just kept staring at us, so I decided to approach him and told him why we were laughing so much. It appeared that he was from Saudi Arabia, and a Muslim. I said to him that God loves him so much and did he believe that Jesus was born of a virgin. He said yes. I explained that Jesus' blood was the blood of God and shared many scriptures with him, pertaining to the Deity of Christ. He then believed, and received Jesus Christ as his Lord and Saviour.

What a night that was, 3am and two new names written in the Lambs Book of Life. The Bible says that when one receives Jesus as Lord, all the angels in heaven rejoice, so that night all of Heaven stood at attention and rejoiced with us. This brought to mind a prophetic word I had received a while ago, which said, "You make Heaven laugh".

The Saudi gentlemen asked me if I would come visit his Country and he also asked me for a Bible. I gave him my personal Bible, as he said he wanted to share this Word with all his friends. Alleluia, only God knows what happened to my Bible in Saudi Arabia.

## My Missionary Trip to Phuket Island

Phuket Island is the Island where the Tsunami occurred and I met so many Muslim people who received Jesus as Lord, after that disaster.

As I spoke to them, they said they realized that it was only the Christians who had so much Peace, in spite of the circumstances surrounding them. There is even a Christian Church, in the Muslim area, with many more Christian Churches, springing up in the area. I was given an invitation to minister in one of these Church's and what a time we had with the Holy Ghost. There was laughter, visions, and people on fire to go out and evangelize. So after teaching them on evangelism, we then went out to the beach to minister to the tourists from all over the world, as this Island is a great place of tourism.

What an incredible joy to see so many receive Jesus.

## ICC-Phuket Island

A Church plant on the Beach was started and we had our first service, which was awesome. Many came to the Lord, but one Chinese man in particular, stands out. He received Jesus and went and gathered all his family (7), brought them to the beach and they all received Jesus.

One of the visions of this Church was, to watch over children that had been left to fend for themselves, often being used for the sex trade. We took them to safety by finding homes for them and registering them in School.

## The Biggest Buddhist Temple on Phuket Island

One beautiful day a Buddhist man invited me to the largest Buddhist Temple. I welcomed the invitation, as I knew this had to be God!

We drove up a very high mountain and the flowers and scenery were breathtakingly beautiful and I told my companion this, as I knew that once we were inside the Temple there would not be any time for compliments. We arrived at the Temple and the first thing that greets you, is a large statue of Buddha, made of hard gray stone. This statue was to be covered in gold, which is really a shame as you see so many homeless children, being sold for money on the streets of Bangkok and lower villages. Plastic flowers adorn the Temple and everything appears so cold, in spite of this being a hot Country. Through it all I began to see people that God loves, God created, God knew them, God was calling them, but they couldn't hear Him. I walked up to a very old Buddhist Priest as I felt Gods love for him. I spoke to him about Gods love for him, which was interpreted to him by a temple worker. He smiled. I continued to tell him that if I had come all the way across the world just to be able to tell him this, then I was satisfied. The interpreter then said that he loves Buddha, and I agreed but said to him that Buddha never said he was God, he was a teacher, but that God had created them. The Bible says everything that was created, was created by Jesus Christ of Nazareth. I explained that this is the one and only God that came into the world as a man, laying down his mighty power and glory, humbled himself and came as a man, though he was God. He died on a Cross-for our sins, once and for ALL and whosoever, believes it shall not perish but enter the Kingdom of God.

I also explained that when they received this salvation, it's free! I told them that they don't have to come back into this world as an ant or a dog if you don't live a good enough life. Jesus has already paid the price on the Cross, for us to have a new start and a clean start and every time you sin, confess your sin to God, one day at a time with a sincere heart, willing to change from day to day. Only believe. Just then the Temple worker received Jesus as his Lord and Saviour, I prayed for him right there and he lifted his hands and praised Jesus, thanking him for his salvation. Well the burden of coming back as an ant or flee was washed away with the blood of Jesus. This man felt Gods wonderful love and was very excited. This caused another Temple worker to also want prayer. She received Jesus and began praising God also.

I was then escorted by another worker to the Altar and what really amazed me was that I felt a strong presence there, but when you know the Sprit of God, you sense that this is not a good spiritual presence. There is a vast difference between the Spirit of God and the Spirit of evil. Evil spirits do not feel peaceful or loving-only Gods spirit will bring true peace and love. And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.

Matthew 24:14

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