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FAITH OF A LITTLE CHILD

The Lord told me, "Talk as if to a five year old. Teach to a five year old. Maybe then an adult will understand and believe."

"Grandpa, Jesus is in my heart!" My grandson exclaimed to me. I replied, "That's great! May Jesus always be the Lord of your life."

A few days later, he was getting angry and not sharing with his brother. I asked him, "Is Jesus still in your heart?" He bowed his head and furrowed his brow saying, "Yes, Grandpa."

Sometimes we forget who is in our heart. The Lord will help us to will and do His good purpose. (Philippians 2:12-13)

KEEP PREDATORS OUT

The serpent brought the temptation. Adam did not shut the door. The Lord will not keep the hedge of protection up for you if you let it down. We need to guard ourselves and others.

Those who are born of God keep themselves inside the hedge of God's protection. The wicked one touches him not. (1 John 5:18) Stay away from letting fame, fortune, guys and females into your heart and mind to influence you away from the Lord's will for your life.

STALKERS

At various times in my life people with various agendas were sent by the devil to seek to deceive and lead me prey to these various temptations. Like Jesus, they promised the world, but only sought my downfall! (Matthew 4)

"Watch and pray lest you enter into temptation." (Matthew 26:41) I learned to always have people around when I was with certain individuals. Like David, I prayed that the Lord would deliver me from all liars, deceivers, and unscrupulous people who do not have the Lord's purpose and plan in their heart and mind. *"Get behind me, Satan!"* Jesus said to Peter. *"You desire the things of man and self, not the will of God."*

The Lord will deliver you from evil and people being used of the devil on assignment. *"They went out from us because they were not of us."* (1 John 2:19)

GOD'S HEAT BLANKET

In the early 1980's we were going to start the new year with baptisms recognizing the new life and beginning in Christ Jesus. Over 30 people were scheduled to be baptized.

On New Year's Day it froze, and the snow was falling. Many people would have postponed, but these people would not be deterred. The work of the Lord must go on and it did!

As the people were celebrating what the Lord did that day, I came out of the freezing cold water after 20 minutes. To my amazement, the Lord had wrapped me in His thermal blanket. Not only was I not chilled to the bone, but I was sweating in His warmth.

Who says the Lord does not take care of his own when we are about His business?

STRANGE FIRE

This is a term that is used for an unacceptable offering to the Lord. Praise music is not always praise music, just because it has Christian words. The music of the Holy Spirit invites heaven. The music of the world invites demons. Remember, Satan was Lucifer before he prided himself in leading the heavenly music, and God removed him from heaven. He is still playing music, but not to and for the Lord. One day I was invited to a "Christian" concert in the park. A band in the park draws an audience. As the concert proceeded I noticed something odd going on in left field. The Lord prompted me to go and see.

A guy had a girl on the ground and was on top of her. Taking another person with me, we ran out to where they were.

He was holding her down, poised, and appeared to do her harm like an animal over its prey. I asked her, "Do you want this?" Crying, she said, "NO!" "You must get off her in Jesus' name," I said. The youth never looked at us or moved. Suddenly, I felt a very slight brush of an angel's wing cross my temple and face. The youth sprung off of the girl taking one "all you can hit" punch that glanced off me and struck the fellow that was with me in the mouth.

My angel had protected me. My friend was bleeding profusely. The youth just stood there frozen, having given his best hit, expecting the worst to come.

"Jesus loves you!" I quietly said several times. (*"A soft answer turns away wrath."* Proverbs 15:1)

He first looked at me, seeing no harm done by his punch. Then he stared at my friend who was bleeding from his mouth and had blood all over his shirt.

Neither one of us lifted a hand against him. "Jesus loves you and has a good plan for your life! Jesus shed his blood to save you," I repeated as I gently touched his shoulder in Jesus' name. (You could see that he could not figure out why we did not hit him back.)

He stared at us, shaking his head, and ran away. I know the Lord had touched his life, saved the girl from harm, and was healing my friend.

"MY CUP RUNNETH OVER"

A man came up to me following a service saying, "Pastor, my cup runneth over." I replied, "You will just need to ask the Lord to get you a bigger cup!"

This man faithfully came to services three times a week. He came early and stayed late. He loved the Lord, the word of God, the ministry of the Holy Spirit, and us. The Lord had more for him if he would be able to receive it. Jesus said, "*Let he who has ears to hear, hear what the Spirit of the Lord is saying.*"

Three weeks later the man came up to me again saying, "Pastor, I prayed and the Lord gave to me a bigger cup!"

LOVING CORRECTION

For a period of several weeks I was awakened each night from my peaceful sleep about 3:00 AM. At first, I would tell the devil, "You cannot steal my sleep in Jesus' name." I continued to be woken up.

I know it was not the devil because once you bind the devil he is bound and cannot hinder you in Jesus' name. Then I thought it was me, so I stayed up later so I would sleep through the night. That did not work either. I still woke up at 3:00 AM.

God gives His beloved peaceful sleep, so why was I still waking up? I asked the Lord and He showed me that *He* was waking me up.

"Father, why would you wake me up from the peaceful sleep which you give to me after I work hard for you?" He replied, "Because, son, that is the only time you are quiet enough to hear me talk with you."

I got out of bed, "Lord, forgive me, I love listening to you!" From that day on, I purposed to talk with the Lord all day long whenever He wants. I am available!

HEAD TO THE CURB

Trauma is prevalent whenever the devil is seeking to steal, kill, and destroy. On many occasions, the Lord used three power gifts of the Spirit to destroy the work of the devil - the gift of faith (where one sees a healing and a miracle over time), the working of miracles (instantly), and the gifts of healings (instantly).

A young man was thrown forty feet off of his motorcycle. Not wearing a helmet, his head was crushed against the curb. He died in the ambulance and was restored in a coma state for over forty days. The diagnosis was that, if he lived, he would be a vegetable.

In the name of Jesus to the glory of God, he lived! After a year his mother said, "He is better than he was before the accident."

Another man was thrown over fifty feet through a closed Mercedes sunroof. He stated, "Something took me through the car roof and threw me into the field." He had sixteen broken bones in the back and clavicle. At the hospital, as we prayed, the Lord took the pain away when we believed Him.

A few weeks later the man's wife wheelchaired him into the church service. I had him stand up and touch his toes. In the name of Jesus, he stood up and touched his toes (which he had never done in his life before) and was filled with the Holy Spirit, speaking in tongues, thanking the Lord.

X-rays were taken which confirmed every bone in his body was healed and whole. The Lord turns what is intended for evil around to His glory!

TORTOISE SHELL

As a lady stood in the prayer line, I saw a tortoise. I said to her, "You need to be like a tortoise - a hard shell on the outside that does not allow you to take offense, and gentleness on the inside that does not give offense."

NEVER RETIRE

A dear friend of mine sent me a letter that he was retiring from the ministry to do other things. For some reason this greatly bothered my spirit. Depression tried to come upon my mind and a fatigue on my body.

I rebuked it off me in Jesus' name. The Lord spoke, "Son, you are never going to retire. You are just going to take a lot of holidays." While everyone around me is retiring, I am going strong about my Father's business. The Lord has renewed my youth so I can finish strong all that he has given me to be and do. (As of this writing I am in my 57th year of ministry caring for God's people.)

(See appendix for newspaper articles about Glory To God Ministries)

STORAGE SHEDS

Often when the Lord teaches you, He will use illustrations drawn from your life experience. For example, the people of Jesus' day understood agriculture, fishing, etc. In my case the Lord used my experiences with catalog stores, garden shops, and toy departments.

The Lord taught me how faith works. He said, "It is like this. You have an idea of what you need or are looking for. (1. Determine your need.) You go to the catalog and find what you are looking for. (2. Go to the Word of God and find your promise.) You call the store and say, "I want the storage shed on page 106 for \$150. Payment is to be made on my debit card." (3. Pray based on the promise. Jesus paid the price.) You thank them and they tell you the storage shed is on the way and in 2 or 3 weeks you will receive it. (4. When you pray, believe that you have received and you will see it. Thank the Lord!) (5. Be at peace knowing that it is done. It is on the way.)

The Lord continued, "Son, when you called the catalog store you knew your order was placed and on the way. You did not need to call them back and order again and again. Otherwise a truck would drive up in 2 or 3

weeks and deliver 20 storage sheds. In the same way, when you pray you do not need to doubt that you have received from me, and you will see it come to pass.”

OWN NOTHING

What you worry and fear about in your life is what has become an idol to you and it can be taken away or stolen from you by the thief. This is what happened to Job. (Job 3:25)

The Lord showed me that everything I have came from Him. If in turn I give it back to Him by using it to His glory, no thief can steal from me because I know that it all belongs to the Lord. I own nothing and the life the Lord gave to me is His also.

So when the devil comes to you saying, “I am going to take your own life, your mind, your health, your spouse, your children, your business, your house, your car, your future,” you will respond, “You will have to talk to the Lord Jesus about that because it all belongs to Jesus Christ my Lord. Leave me now because you cannot touch me, in Jesus’ name!”

MY HELPER

The Lord has given us His precious presence to help us at all times of life. Unwittingly we often look to self, spouse, others, resources, etc. The Lord removes those influences from us at times, so we can draw near to Him and He to us. (Isaiah 30:21)

I remember a time when all the resources in my life (which the Lord used to encourage me) were gone. The Lord had me send Diana back East to protect her from what was happening.

Injustice and untruth were all around. “*Many profess unfailing love, but a faithful servant who can find?*” It is true. When the enemy comes in like a flood the Lord will show Himself mighty. He said to me, “Look up Psalm 121.” As I read, the Lord became my Helper - my very present help in time of trouble (See also Psalm 46, 34, 91.)

“*I will lift up my eyes to the hills from whence cometh my help - My help cometh from the Lord.*” Jesus be praised! (Psalm 121)

PRIORITIES

In the life of the believer all things are permitted as the Lord directs, but not all things are profitable to accomplish God’s purpose and plan and glory. In other words, if the Lord is not directing what you are doing, it will not accomplish His purpose and glory.

“*Trust the Lord with all your heart, lean not to your own understanding. Acknowledge Him in all your ways and He will direct your path.*” (Proverbs 3:5-6)

For instance, in my early years of ministry the Lord gave me an impression that I was not to play golf for a while. It ended up to be about two years.

There is nothing wrong with playing golf, but He had other things He wanted me to do with Him for His purpose and glory.

Then one day He said, "Son, tomorrow you are going to play golf." It had been so long since I had played, I doubted that I was hearing the Lord. It was his direction.

At 7:00 AM I received a call from a friend to play. At the course we were placed with another player who used the Lord's name too much and kept asking the Lord to curse his game.

On the back nine holes I asked the gentleman, "Is Jesus Christ your Lord?"

He replied, "Yes, I am a Catholic."

"Were you asking the Lord Jesus to bless or curse your game?" I inquired. "You used His name so often!"

"Oh, I never even thought about what I was saying." he said.

I asked, "Did you learn about taking the name of the Lord in vain?"

"Yes, I went to Catholic school." he stated.

"When I use the name of the Lord Jesus, I am talking with Him. Don't you think we would play better if we would ask the Lord Jesus to bless our game and time together, rather than cursing our game?"

"Absolutely!" he responded.

We prayed in Jesus' name asking the Lord to bless our game and our fellowship. The Lord improved all of our games, and we for certain had more fun together.

The Lord had a purpose and a plan for that man and all of us that day. Since then the Lord has done many miraculous things on the golf course.

I had learned a lesson about not just doing what you do because you enjoy doing it. Rather, live your life in obedience to the steps the Lord directs you to do which will accomplish His purpose and glory.

PLEASURE

The Lord impressed me with how He lives. He said, "I only do what I want to do! I only do what I take pleasure in doing! Do likewise." This sounds like the selfish person's dream. The difference is the Lord's purpose is not about Himself, but about loving others. The Lord's desire and pleasure is about giving to and loving us. He wants us to do likewise. It is well expressed in the Lord's words when He calls us to Himself, when He returns to take us with Him forever. He will say to us, "Well done faithful ones. Come and receive all my pleasures which I have prepared for you."

SUPER SHOT

On one golf outing I was having an awful day hitting the ball everywhere but where it should go. On the 12th hole I remarked to the player with me, "I'm not having fun today. I'm trying to play golf rather than having fellowship with you and the Lord."

I started to praise the Lord and have "church" on the golf course. My next shot went into the sand trap by the green. I continued to praise the Lord. Then something happened. As I hit the ball out of the trap it shanked, going 20 feet in the wrong direction from where I was aiming. It hit the edge of the green and began to roll backwards towards the cup. Rolling 30 feet it "plunked" into the cup. Everyone was amazed!

I have always said that the Lord does all the good shots. I do the others. A man told me one day, "I guess the Lord is not playing today!" When I started praising the Lord and not putting the emphasis on playing golf, the Lord started playing that day. The rest of the holes were birdies and pars.

ONE PROMISE

We live in a day and age where technology has brought an overwhelming amount of knowledge to people. "*Knowledge puffs up, but love (truth) edifies (builds up).*" (1 Corinthians 8:1-2). We are to be seeking God's truth related to God's faith, hope, and love to have and live God's life His way.

The devil presented to man counterfeit knowledge related to evil false teaching, and interesting but unprofitable information. God's truth is what we want. A person needs to rightly divide between God's truth (God's word) and counterfeit knowledge.

As I was looking at my Bible I heard a voice, "You don't know everything in that book." I began to feel bad. Although I had read the Bible countless times it was true that I did not "know" everything in the Bible.

Immediately, the Holy Spirit spoke to me, "You do not need to know everything in the Bible. You only need to "know" one promise in any given area to send the devil running."

The Holy Spirit was countering the devil, telling me God's knowledge and truth for living victorious in Christ. It is not how much you know. It is what you do with what you know (application) that makes the difference.

POWER BEAMS

One day a lady said to me, "Pastor, the Lord has given me the healing ministry."

I replied, "That is great."

She countered, "But there is no room here for my ministry. You pray for all the sick."

I responded, "Do you have a minute? I want to show you something. Sit down, and I will ask the Holy Spirit to show you what really goes on here at church."

Sitting there she began to get excited.

"What do you see?" I asked.

"I see you in the prayer line. All kinds of people are there with different problems. You are stretching out your hand toward them." (She got really excited.) "I see power beams of light going out of your hands towards them."

I asked her, "What else do you see?" (She got really excited again.)

"I see a full house of people with their hands extended. Power light beams are going into the people who came for healing. (Then she stood up jumping up and down she was so excited.) "They are getting hit with God's power light beams from both sides!" she exclaimed.

All God's people in Jesus name have been given by the Lord to pray for the sick. The Lord is the only Healer - Jehovah Rapha - "*I am the Lord that heals you.*"

WHY PEOPLE COME

In the early 1990's the Lord wanted us to do a series on "Blessing". He asked me the question, "Why and when do people come to see you?" I replied, "Father, the people usually come to us about 1) relationships with people, 2) finances, 3) physical health, 4) mental health, 5) spiritual needs (God).

The Lord responded, "Their order of need is mixed up, and that is why they have problems and not blessings.

If they would put their 1) relationship with Me first (spiritual), then I would order their 2) mental health, 3) physical health, 4) finances, and 5) relationships with people."

The Lord continued, "These are the five areas of blessing. In the wrong order they become the five areas of cursing or need. Teach the people to put Me first and to seek Me with all their hearts, for I desire to bless them in these five areas. They need to learn My ways so they do not perish." (Hosea 4:6)

GET OFF ME

Many times over the years the Lord has sent me on assignment to cities for only one person or to work a work that He desires to do. I exist to advance the kingdom of God, not my own enterprise. In one such instance, He sent me to a church where He wanted to do "a move of His Spirit." (Jesus worked the Father's works in the synagogue.)

I was not to preach or teach, but to pray and encourage the pastor and the people to believe God. The Lord wanted to do supernatural things in and through that place.

Most churches say they are "Spirit-filled", but in reality, do they allow the Holy Spirit to do what He wants, or do they control things by what they believe and permit to happen in the church?

The Lord does everything decently, with pure heart and in order. I was not the authority in that house so I submitted myself to the pastor in that place. I told him what I was there for and what I was to do, if he desired to allow me to do so!

He agreed and I was faithful to do and say only what the Lord had me there for, no more and no less for about six months.

On one occasion, the pastor was teaching from the book of Acts. Then he started talking about how everyone in the church was sick or catching the sickness and how he was sick. The next thing I knew, something tried to get on my throat. (The Lord sends forth His Word and heals. This pastor in his ignorance was sending forth a word of sickness, and it tried to hop on me!)

I spoke aloud (devils cannot hear your thoughts), "Get off of me, in Jesus' name!" It left me.

Later, the pastor asked me what I was doing and I told him, "Speak life and health, not sickness and death. You are teaching the book of Acts. Speak and work the works in Jesus' name, Do not spread unbelief!"

Another time as I was sitting in service, I glanced over to see a lady who was attending one of our bible studies. I saw a glow come over her which I have seen when the Lord is going to do something with someone.

Following the service, I heard commotion out front of the church. This lady had fallen down the front steps and hit her head. There was a large bump on her head and she was partially conscious.

The church people were scurrying around all upset attempting to get medical help for the lady. I explained to the pastor that I had relationship with this woman and asked permission to pray over her.

"Certainly!" he replied. I knew that this had happened for the glory of God as we worked the work of God. I had the pastor pray with me and some of the people joined in.

That day she was released from the hospital in perfect condition with no evidence that anything had even happened, to the glory of God. It was a testimony to them of God's healing power when you believe in the name of Jesus. The Lord was showing Himself mighty to those people.

Another time in a bible study at this church the Lord revealed His presence and power. The leader of the group was seeking the Holy Spirit and would call on me about where a Scripture was in the Word. (Remember I was not to preach or teach, but to pray and could share where a Scripture was.)

Suddenly, a lady manifested demonic influence, throwing herself to the ground and screaming. The people panicked and ran out of the room. The leader and I were the only ones present. He did not know what to do. I did because the Lord had taught me. (See *Satan's Defeat* book)

I looked at him, and he said, "If you can help her, do it." I spoke the name and blood of Jesus over her and cast it out. When the people returned, she was sitting there to the glory of God, like nothing had ever happened!

The leader explained to the class what had happened using the word of God and they believed, but the pastor started to harden his heart to the things of the Holy Spirit. I moved on to the Lord's next assignment. The pastor was moved to Alaska. The church continued, but not in the power of the Holy Spirit (man's church).

10¢ OFF

In a dream the Lord showed me that the count of the offerings the week prior was off by 10 cents. So I asked the people that were in charge. They verified the count was off.

We agreed that this would never happen again! The Lord does His accounting of His money for His church.

CURBSIDE HERALDS

Ever since the Lord built our new facility a phenomena has occurred. People are drawn to the building. They stop and take pictures. They park and pray. It is holy ground.

The Lord said, "I will fill this house with My glory!"

I ask people how they found this place. They say that they drove by. When I pursue the question, hundreds of people have said that they had a leading or urging to go to service there.

In one particular incident two soldiers came to service. One had been stationed in Iraq and the other in Afghanistan. I asked them the question, and they replied they had driven by the day before and something told them to go to service there the next day.

So they came. Prayer was done for both of them and they received the Holy Spirit, speaking in tongues. Prayer was also done for one of the soldier's dad who was in the hospital in the area.

The Lord's angels are actively calling people to the house of the Lord to come and receive what He has for them.

"SHE IS WITH ME"

A child was brought up to the prayer line. As I prayed over her I had a sense that she had been molested. Speaking with her mother, I found out that she had all the classic behavioral signs of molestation.

She came another day a few weeks later. As I prayed I had the same impression. I asked the mother if she was married. She said, "No." I asked her, "Do you have someone living in the house?" She replied, "Yes, my boyfriend."

"I believe your daughter is being molested and I will have to report this." She went into denial (as so often happens), and I did not see them again.

A couple of months went by when I received a call from the neighbor who had brought them to church.

“Come quickly!” she said. I brought some people with me. She took us over to the neighbor’s house. The front door was open, but the mother was not home. The boyfriend was drunk and passed out on the couch. The little girl was in the bedroom - dead on the bed.

We called the authorities at 911. As we were waiting for the authorities to arrive, we prayed over her believing for the Lord to raise her up as we had seen Him do with others.

However, this time the Lord spoke to me, “Leave her alone, son. She is at peace with me.” I quit praying and committed her to the Lord.

Apparently, her little sister was also being abused. The drunken boyfriend was imprisoned. Years later the mother thanked us for intervening on behalf of her and her family.

A REALIZATION

Knowing the will and the power of the Lord, I have grown to believe that nothing is impossible to the Lord and to us in Jesus’ name. I approach everyone who comes to us with God’s faith, hope, and love that works miracles over and over again.

We have had the privilege to see the Lord do countless miracles over the years, often in spite of the unbelief and ignorance of the people in relationship to the Lord. (See sample letters from medical doctors and testimonies in the appendix.)

People must continue in the faith. Like Jesus told the man, “*Go and sin no more lest a worse thing come upon you.*”

Something I have noticed in over fifty years of caring for God’s people is that some people do not continue in the faith, hope, and love of God. They want all the blessings but do not do anything to stay free. The Lord calls them “spiritual leeches”.

They suck the spiritual life out of you, taking your time and money if you would allow them to do so. They refuse to go to church except when they want something. They are like a cup with a hole in the bottom - always filling and never retaining.

Such people are demanding and never thankful. The Lord taught me about these people after many years of them causing strain on me, my family, and the ministry. They are distractions who have chosen not to change. Minister to those who want to change and want to be the Lord’s disciples.

The Lord told me, “Leave them alone. They are the pigs who do not appreciate the pearl. They are the blind who lead the blind. They feed off your spirituality while having none and desiring none of their own.”

Herein was the revelation, “Son, you cannot help this person!” I had to come to this realization that I could not help a certain man because he really liked what he was doing and did not want to change.

I now understand what the Lord said, “*Today I set before you blessing and cursing; life and death - choose life.*” (Deuteronomy 30:19-24) “If they do not receive My Word, shake the dust off your feet and go on to the next person.” (Matthew 10)

FALSE PROMISES

The Lord says, “*I am not a man that I should lie nor the son of man that I will change My mind. Have I not said it and will I not do it? Have I not promised and will I not fulfill?*” (Numbers 23:19)

All my life I have sought to live by these principles and promises. I know the Lord will do exactly what He says He will do. I will do the same.

Over the years we have seen the Lord fulfill His word through His people so many times. His true people do what He directs them to do when and how He directs. They are the faithful ones and will receive the Lord's reward. (Malachi 3:16-18)

Others make promises to the Lord's work that they do not intend to keep for whatever reason. Ananias and Sapphira (Acts, chapter 5) are examples. While others were selling lands and houses and giving to the ministry of the Lord (Acts chapters 4-5) they did not do what they said they were going to do. The Lord held them accountable to their words and their promise to the Holy Spirit. They both died. This is why Jesus did not entrust himself (life) to man, but rather he entrusted his life to the Father (John 2:23-25) “*Many profess unfailing love, but a faithful servant who can find?*” (Proverbs 20:6)

We have seen many people promise to do many things for the ministry but never deliver the goods. Recently I was encouraged by someone who had promised to give a gift years ago, and now sent the gift. Every gift is a blessing to God's work and the Lord will bless accordingly. They did not forget their promise.

In another situation, a woman came up in a church service and told everyone she was going to give her house and estate to the church. This was an unsolicited action on her part. Everyone applauded and gave thanks to God for her generous promise.

Someone came to me after service and said, “Pastor, you did not appear to be too excited when she made that promise.” I replied, “Until I see the gift realized in the ministry's account, I do not rejoice.” She never gave the gift! I have seen this many times.

Unfortunately, for the people who make the promises, they do not realize they curse themselves by not following through on the blessing. The Lord will hold them accountable and responsible for what they have and have not done. When the Lord gives a promise I do not have to see it before I believe it. With man it is different. (Numbers 23:19)

CIA APPROVED

A man with the palsy was brought to us by his neurologist. He came to the services several times and received prayer in Jesus' name. The last time I saw him he wanted to give a testimony as to what the Lord had done.

He shared, "I have been all over the country seeking help for my palsy condition. When I first came here I could hardly walk and my balance was nearly gone. I was a CIA agent and I had you checked out before I came. You are clean." I responded, "That's nice to know." He continued, " I had prayer and Jesus has helped me. I can now play handball again. I am thinking of taking up golf." Praise the Lord!

TAKE A STAND

Often the Lord will speak to me in dreams. In one such dream I was being chased by myriads of tiny hideous creatures with large teeth, sticks and spears. I was running away from them, but they just kept pursuing and pursuing and pursuing.

Suddenly, I stopped, jumped up in the air, doing a pirouette, and landed feet planted staring right at all of the creatures. I raised my hands and a large shield appeared on one arm. In the hand of the other arm appeared a large shiny sword.

Seeing this, the creatures had panic in their eyes as they skidded to a stop, falling all over each other in their confusion. I began to advance towards them with a determined walk and then at a full run. They scattered and then disappeared.

I heard the Lord's voice, "*Be strong in the Lord and the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God. Stand and having done all to stand, stand. Drive the enemy away in the authority which I have given to you in My name, Jesus.*" (James 4:7)

You must live your life with God's purpose and not allow yourself to be shoved around or on the run from thieves who are attempting to keep you from God's blessing. Be aggressive in the Holy Spirit, not passive.

TO LIVE OR DIE

The apostle Paul says, "*For me to live is Christ, to die is gain. But I am here for your sake that you may grow in the things of God.*" (Philippians 1:21) Paul understood the dynamic between physical and spiritual life and death. It is all determined in and through Christ Jesus in whom we live and have our being now and forever.

The physical realm is not our life. Through faith in Jesus Christ we return to our place as spiritual beings even though we still have these physical, temporary bodies. As long as we are in this physical body, we cannot be who the Lord has intended us to be or have what the Lord has intended for us to have with Him - eternal life. (2 Corinthians 3-4, 1 Corinthians 15, 1 Thessalonians 4)

The world dwells in and on the physical. Heaven dwells on the spiritual. That is why the mortal (subject to death) must take on the immortal (eternal). This is only possible through faith in Jesus Christ (born again of heaven - John chapter 1).

For the Christian there is no death (John 11), but rather we go from life to life. The physical perishes, but the spiritual remains in what the Lord calls "Paradise", awaiting Jesus' return (1 Thessalonians 4) when the new spiritual body is given to our "born again" spirit.

Every Christian has been given a purpose and a mission in life. Once you are finished (and you will know when you are finished), the Lord will take you to Paradise.

Jesus said, "*It is finished*," and went to Paradise. Paul said, "*I have fought the good fight of faith and finished the course*." I believe, in many instances, that the Lord prepares people and their loved ones for their departure.

In one such instance, a woman said to me, "Pastor, thank you and the congregation for your prayers, but the Lord is calling me home." She went to the Lord that week.

All my family went to the Lord peaceably - Dad on his birthday, Mom in her sleep, Grandpa at the bus stop. My other Grandpa on Christmas Eve went in and kissed Grandma, saying, "Goodbye," and woke up in Paradise.

Life and death are in close proximity. You want to make the most of every moment you have life and relationships.

Another man was told he was going to die soon. The Lord showed him six things that he needed to do to finish. He did five of them but not the sixth. He left his wife in debt and without provision.

Normally within minutes to ten days after the prayer of release, the person goes to Paradise.

HEART'S DESIRE

It has been my desire since a little boy to go to Paradise with Jesus. The Lord has saved my life many times, so that I can finish out what He has given me to do. (Psalm 91)

I realize that I must and will finish everything before I go home to Jesus. However, many people do not realize how wonderful or appreciate how awesome leaving this life to be with Him is really going to be. I am envious, in a Godly way, of those who have gone.

As the Lord's return approaches, we are preparing people to meet the Lord and be ready. I love sharing about how amazing this will be - to be absent from this body and to be with the Lord forever, face to face.

One day, following such a message, a man approached me, "Pastor, I am looking forward to dying now. I used to be afraid of it, but now you have shown me how wonderful it will be to be with Jesus. Thank you!" We must finish what the Lord has given us to do and then go to glory.

SWEET PARTING

On a Monday evening following dinner the Lord spoke to me, "Go to Herbie's house and prepare him to meet Me." I told Diana I was leaving to go to her dad's house to prepare him to meet the Lord and to be in Paradise.

The Lord has given to me the privilege to see Him do many wonderful things over the years of my life, but I was about to witness one of the most remarkable things I had ever witnessed.

Diana's parents had been married for sixty-three years. At that time, it had been my privilege to be part of their family for thirty-six years. Herbie and my dad both died at eighty-eight.

When I arrived, Diana's parents were both in the room watching TV. They turned the TV off and I proceeded to tell Herbie, "The Lord told me to prepare you to meet the Lord." (He had been raised physically [heart attack] from the dead twenty years earlier, received Jesus, was born again, baptized, and filled with the Holy Spirit.)

I invited the Holy Spirit to minister to us, sharing the promises of the resurrection, "*I am the Resurrection and the Life. He who believes in Me though they die, yet shall they live. And whoever believes in Me will never die,*" (John 11) Jesus says.

I asked him to reaffirm his faith in Jesus. He and Diana's mom stated, "Jesus Christ is my Lord!" Then I told him that Jesus would be coming to pick him up to go to Paradise soon to be with Jesus forever. We prayed, releasing him to the Lord. The Lord's peace was present.

It was then that something wonderful happened. Herbie turned toward Louise, taking her by the hand and said, "I love you. Thank you for caring for me all these years."

In the thirty-six years I had known them, I had never heard him say any endearing words or shown any touch of affection. He then kissed her. A miracle had happened.

I left having done what I was given to do. They shared that precious Holy Spirit time together.

Thursday evening of that same week Louise and Herbie were together. Herbie lay on the bed and suddenly he breathed out, exhaling, as a peace and smile came over him. His spirit left him - his body remained. Jesus had come to pick him up to take him to Paradise.

DEAD BURY DEAD

Jesus said, "*Let the dead bury the dead.*" (Matthew 8:22) He never performed or attended a funeral. He enjoyed people while they were with Him. He never had a funeral.

The Lord is the Lord of the living, not of the dead. (Mark 12:27, Romans 4:17) If the person is not at their own funeral, why should anyone else be there? We would be there with only a body. The person is in Paradise if they have Jesus. The Lord did not come up with the idea of a funeral, man did that for man.

Before the Lord showed me these things, I performed and participated in funerals. I observed and came to understand many things. Those who had a genuine faith in Jesus and a genuine relationship with the person did not have to have a funeral because they celebrated the person and the relationship the Lord had given them in life together. They looked forward to a future and a hope together with Jesus and their loved one.

I tell people, "When I go away on a vacation or business, do you sorrow and grieve and give up on life, being depressed?" Their response is usually, "No." People do not see each other every day for many reasons, sometimes by choice and other times by circumstance.

The Lord has told people before, "You did not care about this person or spend time while they were living with you, why now do you show up at their funeral?"

Love, respect, and enjoy people's company while they are alive. Give them a gift while they can enjoy you and the gift. Do not waste money and time on a dead funeral. They are not there to enjoy you or your gift. Hopefully they are with Jesus, having lived and believed for Him, looking forward to being together forever.

Jesus says, "*In my Father's house are many mansions. Behold, I go to prepare a place for you. And I will come back again for you that where I am you may be also.*" (John 14:1-3) "*My peace I give to you. A peace the world cannot give. My peace I give to you.*"

SUNRISE

People love memorializing events, and I love getting together with other ministers, so here we were on "Easter" Sunday before sunrise at the park to celebrate Jesus' resurrection from the dead.

The ministers are all sitting there. Some of the people are still gathering. The Lord spoke to me, "Son, what are you doing here awaiting the sunrise (pagan practice). I was *already risen* when the unbelievers came to the empty tomb early in the morning on the first day."

Jesus had risen after the seventh day Sabbath (at dusk) the night before. The ladies who came at sunrise the next morning came to prepare Jesus' body for burial, not to celebrate His resurrection from the dead.

That was the last time I went to a sunrise service. Let us memorialize what God wants, not what man does. Jesus said, "No, Peter! We are not going to pitch tents here and stay awhile." (Remember the Transfiguration).

BLESS THE CITY

When you understand that you are blessed in the city, blessed in the country, blessed going in and going out (Deuteronomy 28), you will want to bless everyone around you. Glory to God Ministries has always sought to be a blessing to whatever city or region we have been a part of. Just like when the Ark of the Covenant was placed in some people's house in David's time, so the blessing of heaven will be wherever we are permitted to be. (See appendix for letter from the police chief of Cathedral City)

I remember when city leaders encouraged us to build a cathedral in Cathedral City. It is an honor of and to God to be at the entrance to both Cathedral City and Palm Springs on the main street of the entire desert community.

Over the years, we have played a role in the development of the city and the region through contribution and counsel, spiritually and physically, as the Lord has directed. As the ministry has prospered, so has the region.

When we first arrived in the area, the Lord said, "Go to the desert. You will be a part of a major move of my Spirit in that region. The whole world comes there." Another time the Lord said, "I have prepared you to minister in this region."

TEAM

It is a privilege to be part of God's team. Since we have arrived in the Desert, we are, at this writing, one of the oldest ministries in the region. We have seen many ministers come and go for various reasons.

The Lord must call and prepare you to minister in the region that you are assigned. One day I was driving down Sunrise Avenue in Palm Springs. The Lord said, "Son, I have prepared you to minister in this region."

There are many worldly temptations that can lead you off the track. The Lord showed me not to compare or compete. Be an example. Share what I am given - no more and no less. Keep myself pure in the love of God.

OPINION

Jesus never received the praise or criticism of people. He did not look to people for affirmation. Because He knew the hearts of men. (John 2: 24-25)

The Lord does not care about our opinion about anything. In fact, He said to me one day, "I do not care about your opinion or anybody else's opinion. Continue to teach and tell My people My Truth."

Opinion changes! Truth does not change! I am always careful about myself and others when I am praised or criticized too much. Sometimes you want to praise and hear praise about yourself. Other times you can be too hard on yourself. Others do not always have godly thoughts about you either. People change their thoughts, but (Numbers 23:19) the Lord does not change.

We have to learn not to take personally what people say and do. Ask the Holy Spirit to show you if you should receive it or not. Is it from the Lord or from the person's or devil's agenda?

"You are great, but I have issue with the people," someone once said to me. I replied, "I love these people, so if you have issue with them, you have issue with me." I never saw them again. I guess I was not so great.

Another time a guy was venting his feelings about me in a loud "prophecy-like" form; that is, he spoke as if it was thus saith the Lord. I replied, "I am sorry for you, but my Daddy in heaven does not talk to me like that nor in that tone." (He was yelling at me.)

He ended up losing everything. No weapon or word said against a child of God will prosper, but it is turned back on the one speaking it. (Isaiah 54:17)

UNWANTED GIFT

One Christmas Diana and I gave our nine year old grandson a battery operated toothbrush. When he saw what it was, he said, "Who gives someone a gift that they will never use!" We laughed and responded, "Someone who loves you and does not want to see your teeth fall out of your head."

We love our grandchildren. How much more does the Lord love everyone? The more I thought on this the Lord brought back to remembrance how He had provided salvation, the greatest gift, to all people. Yet, He showed me how very few people, relative to all the people since the Fall of Adam and Eve, will actually receive and use His salvation.

He told me, "My people do not want to be My disciples. Many are called but few are chosen (receive the call)."

I was greatly troubled by this, but I understood. The Lord has freely given out of His love this most wonderful gift of sonship and all the privileges of heaven. But people do not appreciate what has been given, nor do they see a need for it.

"Who gives someone a gift they will never use!"

Lord Jesus, enable the people to believe, praise, worship and do Your will. Enable them to appreciate and receive Your wonderful gift of relationship with You.

GOD-THOUGHTS

Many times over the years the Lord has given me "God-Thoughts" to present to His people. One such example is recorded here in regard to John 10:10.

Notes by Pastor Randy 10/8/2016:

"The Lord Jesus is love.
Love is life.
Life without love is not life.
Life without Jesus is not life.
To love is to have life.
To be loved is to have life.
Jesus loves you unconditionally.
He gives life unconditionally.
Man loves conditionally.
Man has no life and gives no life.
Because man has no life to give.

The Lord Jesus loves you and gives to you love and life unconditionally, without limits.
The life of love has no limits.
Love is freely given.
Love must be received to have and produce life.
Love must be returned (given back) to produce love and life in another.
Man must receive Jesus (the Lord's love) to be able to love the Lord and give love to a brother.
This is Life: to love and to be loved!

Jesus says, *"But I have come that you might have Life and Life more abundantly."* (John 10:10)

"The Lord is love and I be loved.
I am the Lord's Beloved.
His banner over me is love.
I am love and I am loved.
So I can now love the Lord and I can now love you!"

ANNUAL WORDS

Every year the Lord has given a "Word" for the year as an encouragement to the Body of Christ regarding what will be happening and what God's people will need to do. This has come since 1978. In order to give you an example, here is a Word of the Lord for 2019:

WORD OF THE LORD for 2019
Supernatural Manifestation and Increase

"Step up! Stand up! Grow up in the faith! Prepare yourself for My coming. You are My Bride! Each part must do their part, and My Church will behold My glory (My presence) and will be glorified in and through Me.

Believe Me and do what I tell you, and you will see My results, for I will do it! You will see the increase as you abide in Me and My Word abides richly in you. For have I not said it, and will I not do it?

Do not limit Me by your own understanding! There are no limits to what I have and what I desire to do for you. Believe Me and act on My Word. Ask Me what I want and how I want to do it. Then step out in faith. Ask, seek, knock.

The waters did not part until they stepped into the water. Salvation did not happen until I gave Myself for you. Sow the seed I give to you, and watch the trees grow and produce much fruit to My glory, saith the Lord. Work My works, and I will bring it to pass, for I work with you."

This is a year of supernatural manifestation and increase as God's people pursue His righteousness, glory, faith, hope, and love. The Lord, not us, will do it as we step out and tell the people how great our God is and believe Him to do what He says in Jesus' name.

Thanks to the Lord for your faithfulness to Him and to us. The Lord has always been faithful to do what He says He will do for His ministry to all of you and through all of you.

In Jesus' love, together with you in the Lord's service,

Pastor Randy
Minister of the Lord Jesus Christ"

DEMONIC DECEPTION

A lady came to me one day and said, "I am so upset with my husband that I am not going to stop being angry with him until sunset." Being a Christian she was referring to Paul's words by the Holy Spirit in Ephesians 4:26ff.

"Be angry. But do not sin. Do not let the sun go down on your wrath. Do not give a place (opportunity or a home) to a devil."

The devil often quotes and twists the Lord's Word to his own advantage as he did with Jesus. "Throw yourself off the temple. Does the Lord not say He will send His angels to catch you?" He was quoting Psalm 91.

I said to the lady, "You are deceived. You will have every devil in town by sunset. You do not want to give the devil even a moment outside of the will of God or he can steal, kill, and destroy. It is not the will of God for you to hold on to wrath." (James 1:19-20, Ephesians 4:25-26)

SPIRITUAL SONGS

Many of the Psalms that David and the priests wrote were actually songs from the Lord by the Holy Spirit. Early in the ministry we discovered that as we would praise and worship the Lord, songs from the Lord would instantaneously be composed and the singers and musicians would play them in sync and in one accord.

The Lord would use all types of music composition by giving His words, an instant melody, the rhythm and the beat. It was amazing - supernatural songs from heaven. He desires His people to worship in spirit and truth.

This special working of the Holy Spirit went on for many years until, like happened to Lucifer, self came in and turned heavenly music into earthly. The Lord told me to sit the singers and musicians out to "graze in the pasture and get renewed." Within weeks most of them were gone.

Periodically musicians would come through, and the song of the Lord would come through us and them to their amazement, but I am still waiting on the Lord to send the Holy Spirit people to flow through, if the Lord would grant it. One must have the God- heart and no self to worship Him in Spirit and truth.

UNLIMITED REVELATION

The Lord uses many ways to reveal His truth to His people. As we constantly acknowledge the Lord (Proverbs 3:5-6), He is constantly directing our steps and revealing Himself to us by His Spirit and His Word.

One day I was watching a simple movie entitled, *The Bear*. As I watched the baby bear wandering around enjoying his life, the Lord spoke to me, giving revelation.

In the movie, it came to a point where the little bear was obviously frightened, but it did not reveal why. Whimpering with fear, the little bear backed up, as the camera revealed a large cougar swatting his paw at him. In desperation the little bear stood up as tall as he could stand, growling as big as he could (It was a big yelp).

The camera flashed back to the cougar, and you could see the hesitancy and fear in the cougar as he then ran away. The camera went back to the little bear still standing as big as he could. Was that why the cougar ran away in terror? The next frame revealed the truth. There stood daddy grizzly bear in all his glory roaring as loud as thunder right behind the little bear who was continuing to stand and roar as big as he could.

The Lord revealed to me that when I stand in the Lord as big as I can, He is standing up in all His glory and might, roaring from the heavens on my behalf. If the Lord Jesus be for me, who can be against me? My Daddy rules and reigns, and there is none like unto Him.

SPECIAL OFFERINGS

The Lord had told me to have the people give three “special offerings” a year. These offerings gave a special boost to taking the Word to the nations through all the media and supplied for special ministry equipment and building projects.

We were to ask the Lord Jehovah Jireh (the Lord who supplies an offering) as to what and how He would have us to give. It is always an adventure in faith as to how and when the Lord would supply the offering.

Personally, I found that the Lord supplies the offering that He has designated in many ways. One time He directed Diana and me to “give it all”. Another time He had a person slip an envelope in my pocket which was the sum total of the figure He had given to me. This happened right while the offering was being received. (I had been concerned because I did not have my offering.)

Another time, the Lord said, "You already have the offering, It is in your bank account." We never have lacked for any good thing as we have believed and allowed the Lord to supply in obedience what He wants and how He wants to do it. (Luke 6:35-36, 2 Corinthians 9)

BLESS THE CHILDREN

Jesus said, "*Bless the children, allow them to come to Me, for of such is the kingdom of heaven.*" (Mark 10:14, 16) I love the privilege that the Lord and parents have afforded me to bless their children with the blessing of the Lord.

One of the supernatural functions of the Holy Spirit's manifestations is the "gift of faith" which pronounces and causes miracles, healings, and blessings realized over time. Combined with the word of wisdom, the gift of faith will pronounce blessing which will be realized years later in a person's life. (Abraham, father of great nations. Jesus, for He shall save His people from their sin, etc.)

In one such situation a dad came to me many years after he and his wife had brought their child to us for blessing. He said, "I always kept the blessing you spoke by the Holy Spirit over my girl. She has become just what you spoke- a praiser to lead people in worship."

A blessing was pronounced over a minister and his wife that they would be having a child. (It was unknown to me that they could not have children.) A year later they brought their healthy little girl to us for a blessing.

I have seen this working many times - that the Lord makes the "barren couple" with child. One woman did not even have all the parts needed to have a child.

You always want to pronounce blessing over all your children, spouse, self, and all that you possess. Bless and do not curse. Speak Spirit and Life.

I always prayed blessing over my wife, children, and grandchildren. Each time a baby was born I would bless them with what the Lord would say over them in regard to their life and His plans for them.

At one birth, something interesting occurred as I was praying in the Spirit and pronouncing the Lord's blessing. My grandson was in the warming tray looking the other direction from me. As I began to pray, the baby turned his head and was looking at me and listening to me pronounce the blessing. This is impossible. It was like he was being attentive to the Lord's words! He knew the Lord was talking to and about him. (See appendix for photo.)

It is the Lord's desire to bless all the children. Each one is special and different. The Lord says that He knew each of us before the world was formed (Ephesians 1:4-6, Jeremiah 1:5) and He knew us in our mother's womb.

Before I was conceived, my mom had dedicated her first son to the Lord's service. I had always, from a little boy, wanted to love and serve the Lord. I did not know what I was to do until the Lord revealed it later and is still revealing it until I go home to be with Him forever.

After I completed seminary my mom told me what she had done. Subsequently, she and my dad also dedicated my sisters and brother to the Lord as well, and all of them and all our children and grandchildren are blessed.

And so the Lord will bless you to the third and fourth generation of those who love Me and keep My commandments.

THE DEMAND

Jesus says, "he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father. And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son." (John 14:12-14 NKJV)

The term "ask" used here means "demand". This is a banking term. It is just like placing a demand on a banking account. For instance, you have an ATM card. You go to the bank. The password is the name of Jesus. This is not your account, it is God's account. You have authorization in the name of Jesus, so you never go to pray in lack. You have everything you need in the heavenly account. You just need to ask (put the demand on the Lord's account in Jesus' name and receive what the Lord has in the account for you.)

You have everything you need for this life and godliness in the account. (2 Peter 1:3-4) The Lord Jesus has supplied it already for you for your entire life and ministry. When it is time you just need to ask and receive. It will be there when you need it in this life. There is no lack to a believer.

When my son was a little guy he wanted something, but I told him he would have to learn to work and save for it. His simple childlike faith responded, "Oh no, Dad, all you have to do is go to the bank and they will give you the money!"

This was a little child's perception of the working. He watched me going into the bank without the money and when I came back out, I had the money.

Jesus has done all the work for us. He has given us the access to His heavenly account which contains everything we will need for this life and godliness and the one to come forever. When we believe Jesus and use the password "Jesus", all the Father has for us will come to us spiritually, mentally, physically, and for relationships. Praise the Lord!

COMPANIONS

The Lord has blessed us all of our lives with wonderful companions who always brought us great joy, love, fellowship, and laughter. Whether it was the dogs, chickens, duck, turtles, fish, monkey, doves, iguanas, tarantula, parrot, guinea pig, or rabbits, we found great delight and pleasure in all of their interesting personalities and ways. Many stories and much fun was had with these gifts from the Lord to us.

Just as the enjoyment and life we have had with the people in our lives, these companions from the Lord have enriched our lives with unconditional love and faithfulness. Thank you, Lord, for the privilege to have our pets as friends.

Like I believe the Lord orders our relationships, so I believe the Lord orders the pet companions in our lives. I want to share with you an interesting working that occurred with our last two dogs, Nilla and Teddy.

You want to enjoy people and pets as long as you have the privilege to have them, and so we did have and will do until we are finished with our assignment in the earth. Everyone is precious in their own uniqueness, and you cannot compare them with one another.

Nilla was a Jack Russell and chihuahua mix. Diana would call her “my jacked-up chihuahua”. Teddy was a Maltipoo (Maltese and Poodle mix).

One Christmas, our daughter brought out what appeared to be a purse. She had just gotten herself a Labradoodle and I was holding Nilla. I saw the bag start moving and saw the puppies eyes (Cocoa). I said to myself, “Lord, if we have to have a puppy, please let it be Nilla.”

My daughter stopped and said to Diana, “If you want Nilla instead of Cocoa (they were sisters), it is okay.” I jumped in with Diana and said, “Absolutely!”

You can tell from a dog’s eyes (like people) what is in them. Nilla was calm, quiet, and a loving lap dog. Her sister was anything but that.

Nilla was a wonderful puppy who was with us for many years. One day I had a vision in which I saw a puppy that looked like a furry, fluffy snowball. It appeared and was gone. I said to the Lord (with sorrow in my heart), “But what about Nilla?” There was no response. About a month later, Nilla became sick. We prayed, and she was like a little puppy again for a couple of days, and then turned for the worse.

Diana and I both were grieving, for we knew it was her time to go to doggy heaven. I drove to the vet but he was not to be there until the next day.

As I drove off, Nilla left her bed and came and sat herself on my lap curling up under my hand. She lay there for a few minutes and then got up and went to look out the window. It was as if she was taking her last look at this world. She curled up in her bed.

The Lord spoke to me, “Son, release her spirit to Me.” I did so, Nilla sighed and lay motionless. I drove back to the vet’s office and they kindly took her. This was in November of that year.

Months passed as we grieved. In January, my daughter and I determined mom needed another puppy. We went online searching. We flashed by the puppy I had seen in my vision. She backed up, and there he was, just as I had seen him. My daughter ordered him and Teddy was to be shipped as soon as he had all the preparatory things done. Interestingly the Lord’s timing is always amazing. Teddy was born four days after Nilla had gone to the Lord.

Teddy flew across the country and arrived in Palm Springs. We were waiting. He arrived in a pet carrier. As soon as the door was opened, he leapt into Diana’s arms, licking her face like he had known her all his life.

The Lord truly goes before us in life preparing the way for His will and purpose to come to pass. Teddy is Nilla on love steroids - what a wonderful gift from the Lord.

EPILEPSY, BE GONE

I constantly go back to the Lord's words that He taught me about healing in the 70's, "If you are healed, what would you normally be doing at this time of the day? This question is what makes the difference between receiving the miracle or not. If when you pray you truly believe you have received what you have asked for (Mark 11:22-24), then you will act accordingly by doing what you were doing before something happened.

You will not continue to speak and act like you are sick, depressed, lonely, fearful, etc. You will take up your bed and walk, not when you feel like it. You will act on God's faith in you. When people do this they will see the miracle.

This is why it is so important that people continue to speak and act on God's Word in spite of the reports, feelings, and circumstances. God-faith overrides all those things and when acted on it will believe and receive the Lord's miracle. I have had the privilege to personally experience and see so many other people experience this over the years.

As the Lord told me many years ago when I was meditating on Numbers 19:23, "It is impossible that what people consider impossible not happen when you act on My Word." In other words, All things are possible to those who act on the Lord's Word (Matthew 20:17) because He will keep and perform His promise. It cannot be any other way.

It takes courage and trust to believe God and act on His Word because everything is telling you differently.

In one such case, a family came to us who had a child who was having multiple seizures every day. How difficult it is to see a loved one going through horrible things. You just want it all to go away, but there it is day after day.

The question is, "Whose report are you going to believe? The Lord's report or man's report?" The prayer of faith was done in Jesus' name. (I know that when this is done the healing power of God is available and released to work the work that is necessary.) Our part is to encourage the person or family to believe that it is done and to act accordingly.

A few weeks went by after we had prayed, and the mother shared with me her struggle with believing the Lord and her doubts because of what she saw, in addition to the fears she was experiencing. "Lord, I believe. Help me remove my doubt." (Mark 9)

When she took her "stand" in the Lord she started treating her son as a normal healthy boy, like he was before this came on him. She took off his helmet, and the seizures ceased. The doctors were amazed. The family was, and is, blessed. The little boy is filled with Jesus' life and energy and blesses everyone he meets.

“FEAR NOT, ONLY BELIEVE”

When Jairus’ servant told him that his daughter was dead, Jesus told him, “*Fear not, only believe, and she will be made whole.*” Jesus told him to hold the faith even though all hope was gone. He stopped the despair, doubt, and hopelessness before it began. Jesus then proceeded and raised Jairus’ daughter from the dead.

Four girls were in a car that was run off the road. Two died instantly. Two were not given to live. One was a part of the ministry with her mother. They were raised in the Jesus’ faith teaching.

One day shortly following the accident, the Lord gave a word to the mother through us. “Fear not, only believe, and she will wake up whole.” Both girls were in a coma.

I have seen it happen many times that after a traumatic event occurs everyone gathers around attempting to believe and yet dealing with their own doubts, fears, and faith. As time goes by the people dwindle.

The mother sought to encourage the other parents as the Lord had encouraged her, but to no avail. They believed she would be better with Jesus. The Lord says, “*My people perish for lack of knowledge.*” (Hosea 4:6) She went to Jesus. Praise God for his comfort and promises of the resurrection!

The mother was comforted by the Lord’s sure word. When He gives a word it will happen just as he said. The weeks went on and I continued to encourage the mother to believe the word of the Lord, “Fear not, only believe and she will wake up whole.”

Then one day as I walked into the girl’s hospital room, she was sitting up in bed with her mother present. She looked at me and exclaimed, “Pastor, come and give me a hug!” The Lord had raised her up just as He had said! She had woken up whole. Today she is married and has a son. Praise the Lord!

We have seen the Lord do countless workings like this one over the years. People have fallen off roofs, hitting their heads, brain tumors, cancers, heart and lung issues and on and on, healed by the Lord. The Lord is so good. “*Fear not, only believe and they will be healed.*”

The people are taught that we are believing for them to be able to finish what the Lord has placed them on this earth to do. He told me not to pray that people live or die, but to pray that they be able to finish strong, and not be taken before that time.

WHAT DO YOU SEE AT THE FINISH?

Following several lung surgeries, a lady was to be sent home to hospice. Each time she was told a procedure might work, her hope would rise, only to find that it did not work.

The Lord told me to anoint her with oil and to ask her a question. I did so and then I asked her the question, "What do you see at the end of this?" She immediately replied, "I see myself breathing perfectly well." She had not been moved from her faith. She was going to breathe perfectly well. "*Be it done to you according to your faith!*"

She lived another 20 years, breathing perfectly well to the glory of God!

BELOVED SLEEP

Your spirit and soul never sleep. Your body needs sleep. It is important that we learn a balance between rest and activity. The sluggard or lazy person has not learned this balance and as a result does not have a productive life.

I used to think that sleep, although needed by the body, was unproductive time. The Lord showed me how to make "sleep time" productive. The Lord said, "Before you go to sleep, pray that the Holy Spirit direct your sleep time."

Over the years, it is during that sleep time that I have received direction personally for the care of the people, direction for projects, and for the ministry. "Sleep time" has become to me something that I now look forward to as it is quite undivided time with the Lord and rest for my body. "*The Lord gives to His beloved peaceful sleep.*" (Proverbs 3:23-24)

PATIENT PATIENT

The word of God tells us that through faith and patience in God we will see all the promises of God fulfilled in our lives. (Hebrews 6:12-15) (See Patience booklet)

One of the most difficult things that I have discovered in caring for God's people through countless occasions and events including my own is that we need to understand that this life is not about me. We are to be to the praise of God's glory. We are to be about our Father's business.

I am the Lord's child because of the blood of Jesus. He is lavishly loving and caring for me daily. I am about His life and purpose. I am in His hand. He directs my steps and path. He gives to me all that I need for life and godliness. He gives to me all authority to work the work of God, to destroy the work of the devil. He daily fills me with every good thing from His throne.

The Lord knows my beginning from my end. He goes before me to prepare the way. He has provision waiting for me when I need it - spiritually, mentally, physically, financially, and in relationship. The Lord affectionately watches over me and cares for me and says, "Cast your cares on Me."

Now this is what we need to understand! If this is all true - which it is, then how are we to be when things in life happen? What do we need to know and understand?

Nothing can happen to us except the Father knows about it. The Lord knows the plans He has for us, for good and not evil. Plans to give hope and a future. The devil seeks to destroy, but the Lord has better plans and ability (grace) = power to accomplish His purpose in the situation.

The question to ask is not, "Why is this happening to me?" but rather, "Lord, what do you want to accomplish in and through this event?" *"Many are the afflictions of the righteous but the Lord delivers us out of them all."* (Psalm 34:17-20)

Jesus states it this way, "When you are being persecuted for My sake, it is not you being persecuted but Me." (Matthew 10, John 15:18-25)

Remember: Galatians 2:20 - *"I am crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who lives but Christ who lives in me. The life I now live, I live by the faith of the Son of God."* The Lord is not going to let His children remain in the grave.

The Lord has a purpose, a mission, a testimony to His glory that He wants to accomplish and work. When we are going through situations, He is going through them with us!

The Lord is using us in order that His glory will be in places we probably would not be in and to reach people we would never have met had the situation not occurred. We are lights in that place. As we are "patient patients", trusting the Lord, we are lights for Him.

Bind the devil in Jesus' name. Be patient and know the Lord has a bigger purpose that He wants to accomplish in and through the situation. You are the Lord's agent and witness in that situation, place and time to the Lord's glory. You are in the Lord's hands. What was intended for evil, the Lord will turn for good for His will and purpose to be accomplished.

Trust - believe - and be a patient patient as you go through the circumstance. A testimony is happening and will come to full fruition to the glory of God.

THE TRAIN SET

A couple came into the office and gave the ministry a new train set in a box. The Lord had put it on their heart to do this. They instructed us to give it as the Lord directed us.

A few weeks later, while in service, during the prayer line, a young man came forward for prayer. He was about 18 years old, with physical and mental infirmities. Everyone was believing the Lord to touch and heal his conditions.

However, to everyone's surprise, when I asked the man, "What would you like from the Lord today?" He replied, "I would like a train set."

The Lord is so good! He put it on the people's hearts to give a "deluxe" train set. (They had no knowledge or relationship with this man.) Then the Lord brought him to church. (I had never seen him before or after.)

I instructed our staff to go get the train set that the Lord had prepared for the man to receive. He walked out thanking the Lord for his new train set.

We have seen this working of the Lord many times over the years. Personally, myself and others have been led of the Lord to purchase items for no reason and then later to give obediently where the Lord directs. Praise the Lord for his generosity to His people. The Lord knows how and when to deliver the goods.

Many years later, as I was writing this account of the train set, the mother of this boy came to service. She gave a testimony about how her son had been blessed of the Lord that day. Not only did he receive the train set, but he lived for many more years than was expected, being a joy for the Lord to everyone he met. She still has the train set, set up and running!

WHAT DOES THE LORD WANT AND HOW DOES HE WANT TO DO IT?

This is the way to approach the Lord in prayer. *“Trust the Lord - lean not to your own understanding. Acknowledge the Lord in all your ways and He will direct the path.”* (Proverbs 3:5-6)

In my life, I have seen the Lord do things in many different ways. It is vital to ask the Lord, “What do you want and how do you want to do it?” Then obey what He directs and do not try to figure it out with your own understanding.

If you try to figure it out, you give the devil an opportunity to interfere. Do not have your own expectations or another person’s. Stay with what the Lord gives you to do. The thief will try to confuse you and steal your peace and faith (confidence) in what the Lord directed.

In one such incident, I was told that I had a hernia. Seeking the Lord in what to do and how to do it, I felt directed to have the surgery. I had peace and knew that the Lord would take care of everything and the recovery. As the time drew closer to the surgery, I started having thoughts and dreams that something bad was going to happen. “You are going to die on the table. You are not going to recover,” were the thoughts that came to me.

The thief was trying to move me into fear. I had to set myself in God’s faith. You cannot go into situations in fear. God’s faith and confidence in what He had directed arose. Everything turned out easy, ordered, and fine. Glory to God!

KNOW WHO YOU ARE

The old prideful self and the world are always wondering, “Who am I?” “Be your own person.” Striving for position, recognition, superiority, or power is common ungodly behavior.

As Christians, we are freed from the need to compare and compete, and from inferiority or superiority. It is very difficult to be your own person when you do not know who you are and why you are here.

We know who we are - children of the most high God. We know our purpose - to bring the Lord glory through loving Him and his people. We know our assignment - to be lights in the darkness sharing the good news of Jesus with the world from whatever place or platform the Lord has given us to do.

Jesus knew who he was - He came to bring us heaven, to show us who the Father is and to save us. He showed us (our example) how to live the life He gave us.

John the Baptist knew who he was - He was the voice crying in the wilderness, "*Prepare the way of the Lord.*" He had learned his place and his role in life. When Jesus began His ministry, John passed his ministry on to Jesus. "*I must decrease and He must increase.*" "*No man can take to himself something the Lord has not given to him.*" (John 3:27)

The Lord will show you what your place and role is in this life. Ask him.

WHY WAS I BORN?

Many people have asked this question over the years. The answer is very simple when one understands the love of God. The Lord wants everyone to be saved.

People are born separated from God because of Adam's sin. People are born to live and die and go to hell as a result of this separation.

However, the Lord loves us. Jesus came so we could have real life. We are born physically so we can have the opportunity to hear and receive the good news of the love of God for us and be "Born again". The first birth from the earth was physical. The second birth from heaven was spiritual through faith in Jesus Christ. (John chapter 1)

In Christ Jesus, we now begin our eternal life as we finish out the Lord's purpose and plan (our cross) for our new life to love and care for His people rather than ourselves. When we are finished, we, like Jesus, will leave this earth and be together with Him. We look forward to the "new heaven and new earth" which the Lord will prepare for us and all believers in Jesus who love Him and have done His will to live with Him forever.

GOD-THOUGHTS

- "*Make it your ambition to live a quiet life. Do not meddle in other people's affairs.*" (1 Thessalonians 4:11-12)
- Do not compete or compare yourself with others.
- Share what you are given to share - no more, no less.

- Be overwhelmed with what you do know about the Lord rather than overwhelmed by what you do not know.
- Peter was the only one who asked Jesus to let him walk on the water. Do not be afraid to ask for the impossible if the Lord is doing it.
- Anticipate the rewards when you have finished the Lord's cause set before you. The crown is waiting.
- Lord, I enjoy you! Be spontaneous with the Lord. He is with you.
- You have the Greater One in you. Overcome in all situations through Christ Jesus!

(See TIPS FOR LIFE book on the website)

LETTERS AND INVITATIONS

Over the years we have received invitations from ministries all over the world to come to minister to the people. The Lord directed us not to go (we have not gone once to any of them) but rather send forth His word to the ministers and the people in those places through the books and the media. The ministers would then minister to the people and love and care for them in their own countries. (See appendix for sample invitations. See appendix for photo of the Canadian group)

We were instructed by the Lord to establish a base of operations from which to send the word to the nations. We were networked and affiliated with the ministries by and through the Lord's Spirit and the Word of God - Divine appointments in the USA and in the other countries.

The Lord said, "You will never know in this lifetime how many lives will have been touched by my Spirit through you." We just want to be faithful to touch the people the Lord would have us to reach in the way He has given us to reach them, "one person at a time."

FROM HERE TO THERE

In the spirit world, there is no distance, time, or space. A young lady came into the prayer line. As she was praying for her dad who lived in Mexico, the anointing of the Lord in Jesus' name flowed upon her, and she fell to the floor in the Holy Spirit.

At the exact same moment, the Lord touched her dad who was outside a church in Mexico. He too fell to the ground by the Holy Spirit. Simultaneously, as I touched her in Jesus' name, the Lord touched him in Mexico.

He was healed and delivered of Satan's bondage. Later when he came to visit his daughter, in California, he testified about what the Lord had done, was "born again" in Jesus, and filled with the Holy Spirit, speaking in tongues to the Lord's glory.

When people are believing the Lord, there truly is no distance, time, or space to what the Lord can and will do as His Holy Spirit directs. The Lord is amazing!

THE UNPARDONABLE SIN

It has often been taught and thought that the unpardonable sin is suicide. However, this is not true. The only reason for this is that the person is not alive to ask the Lord's forgiveness.

The truth is that when Jesus was teaching about this sin it was in relation to the religious people calling that which was done by the Holy Spirit as being done by the devil and vice versa. (Matthew 12:25-31)

In 1 John 5:16 the Lord tells us to ask life for one another if we see them sinning. There is a sin to death. I do not judge what that sin is in a person's life as this next account will show. Always ask for life for one another.

Years ago there was a man who in a drunken stupor drove off a cliff. He was injured, becoming a paraplegic. I met him through his wife's intervention. He was "born again," receiving Jesus and repenting of his sins, filled with the Holy Spirit, and delivered from alcohol. At another time he was dramatically delivered of demonic possession, standing to his feet as the demon left him.

As the years went by, he opened himself back up to demonic thoughts and activity. He began to think that he was the true "prophet" and I was the false prophet of the book of Revelation. He stalked me, driving by my house, speaking against the ministry and myself.

My practice, and what I learned from the Lord, is to pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you. Needless to say, we had no fellowship with each other.

After a while, the Lord did not put him on my heart to pray for him.

Had he committed the unpardonable sin? I did not know. But if anyone had, it would appear he had. It is not my place to judge. I just went on about the Lord's ministry. The Lord will deal with him accordingly. Always bless, do not curse.

One day as I was driving to the desert, the Lord told me to "turn around" and go where this person lived. I knocked on the open screen door. I heard his voice telling me, "Come in." He was in the back bedroom of the cottage.

When I saw him he smiled and greeted me joyfully. The man I knew was back. The "false prophet" was gone. The Lord had delivered him. He said to me, "Do you want a cup of water?" I went and brought one for both of us. (If you give a cup of water to a man of God you receive his reward - Matthew 10:40-42) It is a matter of honor.

He proceeded to ask my forgiveness, thanking the Lord and me for all that the Lord had done for Him. We cried and rejoiced together in the Lord and I left.

An hour or two later, I received a call from a person who was helping him. Jesus had come and taken him to be with Him forever. The Lord had enabled us to reconcile. We were at peace with each other and sweet Jesus. What an awesome Lord we love and serve!

Friends, never give up on anyone including yourself. The Lord has not and will not give up on any of us. The reality of this truth became so evident to me that day. If anyone had committed the unpardonable sin, that man had. But the Lord's grace and mercy would not let the devil have him. The Lord saved and delivered him from the deception that had overtaken him. Hold the God faith, hope, and love for each other. (2 Timothy 2:24-26) Let us not give up on each other.

COVID STORIES

FEAR - FEAR

Within a few days the entire world was caught up in deception and fear, shut down and paralyzed by the grip of fear for their lives. The thief had come to steal, kill, and destroy.

Masquerading as a humanitarian effort to preserve life, the devil used unscrupulous people to shut down economy, isolate people, cause shortage and loss mentally, physically, financially, and in relationships.

What is really scary is that people believed the lies and false information, the diversions from the facts, science, and truth that the media and authorities were spreading. Greed and power plays were controlling the people. It was war against them. The Lord says that when the enemy comes in like a flood, the Lord will raise a standard against him. (Isaiah 59:19) What is intended by the devil or evil people for evil, the Lord will turn around for good. (Genesis 50:19-20) The Lord's perfect love will cast out fear, for fear has torment. (1 John 4:18) The Lord reigns! Let the earth rejoice!

During this time, as we have in all times, our goal was to keep the people's focus on Jesus, the Word of God, and the ministry of the Holy Spirit, in order that the people would remain united, stable, immovable, and abounding in good God works.

The Lord's faith, hope, and love will cause us to overcome in all situations. This time was no different than all the other times in this life. We honor the Lord and his authorities." *Many are the afflictions of the righteous but the Lord delivers us out of them all.*" (Psalms 34:17-20) If it is not one thing it will be another - but the Lord delivers us out of them all. He turns the evil back on those who are causing it to happen.

Some Fear Busters: Psalm 34, 42, 91

The Lord used this time to draw many people closer to Him and to come to Him. Whoever calls upon the name of the Lord Jesus will not be ashamed nor lack for any good thing. It was a true test of who and what was in us and an opportunity for many people to come to the Lord.

The ministry under the Lord's guidance and direction flourished during this time. The world that does not believe in and follow the Lord suffered great loss, but the True Church of the Lord Jesus prospered. As the

people believed the Lord and obeyed His Word, a cleansing and a purifying was happening, preparing us for the Lord's return. Values and priorities were being tested.

The key in times like this is to keep your eyes on Jesus and to keep going. The Lord has already been in our future and has a plan and a provision waiting for us when we get there. So we are to be very strong in the Lord and courageous, not afraid or discouraged. (Joshua 1:5-9)

GROCERY STORE INCIDENTS

Everything in the world is about supply and demand. This is how the world controls people. Through fear of shortage, loss, and fear for one's life, the world manipulates people.

During the time of "covid" I found it very interesting that people were stocking up on toilet paper. The candy shelves were full.

One day Diana sent me to the store to pick up a few items. Checking off my list, I eventually found everything and proceeded to check out. As I was waiting in line, a sweet lady behind me said, "Sir, you are only supposed to have one loaf of bread. Didn't you see the sign?" (I had 4 loaves.)

I responded, "No." (I was in too big a hurry checking off my list to get out of there.) "I'll just let the clerk take care of it. Thank you."

When my turn came, the clerk smiled and said, "Sir, you are only supposed to have one loaf of bread. Which one do you want?" "My wife likes this one," I responded. "I will be happy to take the other ones back." He laughed and said, "No, we have someone who has been assigned to do that." (Apparently, others had not seen the sign as well.)

On the way home the Lord spoke to me, "Son, I said, '*Give us this day our daily bread.*'" We live one day at a time and the Lord will supply. (I was just doing what I do, not wanting to go to the store often.)

However, in different times we must adjust our ways accordingly. If I had seen the sign I would have taken one loaf as the sign said. I needed to be more attentive.

Another time as I was standing in the checkout line, an older man (It is all relative. I am 72.) kept turning around looking at me. I was wondering what was wrong, when all of a sudden he yelled at me, "You're too close!" I saw the fear in his eyes. I had not seen that kind of fear in a long time. He was afraid for his life. I apologized and stepped back. Then I noticed two large bottles of whiskey was all that he had in his cart.

DRIVE BY PRAYER

For forty years Diana had talked about buying a building with a drive-through window so she could do a “Toot and tell, or go to hell” confessional. The people could drive by and get rid of their sins. I would just laugh and say, “I do not think so!”

During the “covid” time something to this effect actually became a reality. The people would stay in their vehicles and drive up behind the church for a conversation, a prayer, a blessing, etc. It was amazing what the Lord did.

We had just presented and blessed a new book, Painted By God which we also gave out to the people. The Lord wanted to give something “beautiful” to them during this time. This, too, was a desire that Diana had for a long time. (See appendix for photo of Diana)

The Lord will put things in your heart for an appointed time. *“He makes all things beautiful in its time.”* (Ecclesiastes 3:11) He will also give to you the desires of His heart that He puts in your heart when you delight in Him. (Psalm 37:14)

TIME IS OUR FRIEND

As evil increased throughout the world, the Lord’s grace (ability, favor) was increasing more and more. Time will always give opportunity for the truth to show itself.

The Lord works within time to accomplish and show forth His plans and purpose (Jeremiah 29:11-12) and to make His “beautiful” results come to pass (Ecclesiastes 3:11).

Evil lies, false plans, demonic deceptions through evil people will always be shown for what they are (exposed). The Lord will destroy the work of the devil by his TRUTH. Justice will prevail. The Lord laughs from the heavens (Psalm 2) at those who are plotting against the Lord and His Church.

We just need to believe God’s promises, be patient and persevere, and we will see the victory of our God (the Lord Jesus Christ)!

“Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord delivers us out of them all.” (Psalm 34:17-20) Through faith and patience we will see all the promises of God realized in our lives. (Hebrews 6:12)

Just keep going, Do not fear, or get discouraged, or give up on doing God-good works. In due time (season) we will reap a good harvest and see the glory of God come to pass. (Joshua 1:5-9, Galatians 6:9-10)

Remember: In the Lord Jesus there is always a resurrection and a happy forever!

THE FIREPLACE

Following the breakout of Covid in the world, Diana and I moved to the desert. The Lord had shown us to make that move following her mother's departure to be with the Lord.

As one continues throughout our lives to allow the Lord to direct and order our steps, He will continue to do so to the very end. The "ongoing saga of life and adventures in the Holy Spirit" continues to go on until we are finished.

Every day is a new day. The Lord's mercy is fresh and new. The Lord's grace is sufficient. Strength and wisdom are present. Whatever we need for the new day is ours in that moment.

And so we began a new adventure establishing our new home. In different areas or circumstances we need to know how to acclimate ourselves to our new environments. We never want to give an opportunity to the thief.

In the desert a person needs to hydrate. Our move was in the heat of the summer. I thought I was drinking enough water, but apparently, I was mistaken.

One night, I broke out in a 104° fever. In my delirious state, I had lost cognition and control of my bladder. Diana rushed me to the hospital ER. As we prayed in the Holy Spirit, she took authority in Jesus' name and I agreed. (I was "out of it" but in the Lord's hands.)

Apparently, it was a UTI which had turned into sepsis! The thief had tried to take my life again, but in Jesus' name I was delivered.

After six days, on my birthday, they swung the door open (I had been in isolation) and said, "You are free to go home!" I thanked the Lord with them and for them as the very kind doctor spent some time with me explaining what had happened and how to proceed.

Upon arriving at home, I rejoiced in the Lord with Diana. The Lord had done it again! I was feeling so good! (Her rewards are going to be so great in heaven!)

Two days later the evening was cool, so I went to turn on the fireplace in our new home. The key to turn on the fireplace was in a weird place behind a shutter. Not thinking, I turned the gas on before putting the lit match in the fireplace.

The fireplace exploded as the match hit the gas. A power burst of fire singed all my facial hair and burned my face. The Lord spared my eyes again. The blast knocked me backward, and my knee and leg twisted.

The next morning, my leg was twice the size of the other leg. Of course, we believed the Lord, did the ice packs, and acted on the healing.

A month went by and my follow-up appointment came for the UTI and sepsis. I inquired of the doctor as to what had happened with my leg. He called it a "Baker's cyst." However, "to be safe I am sending you to get an ultrasound." He said.

I was received immediately. The test showed that I had blood clots in the swollen leg. They rushed me to the ER to treat me for the blood clots.

****Always remember: Our lives are in the Lord's hand. It is not about us. The Lord is working something in somebody's life. He has a purpose to touch someone through us as we are lights (witnesses) for Him and patient patients. The devil cannot steal! We will finish all the Lord has for us to do before we go to glory. Months of treatment went by. When they finally released me, it was not really clear what happened to the clot. It was of no effect. I know the Lord did have effect on those who were so faithfully caring for me.**

People may wonder why all these things happened to someone. The apostle Paul gives a good answer which I know is true. It is so "we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God." (Please read 2 Corinthians 1:3-11)

I know whom I have believed. (2 Timothy 1:12) I know that the Lord has me in His hand. He will rescue me from every evil attack and will bring me safely to His heavenly kingdom. To Him be the glory forever and ever. (2 Timothy 4:16-18) We will behold His glory in every situation of life now, and to come we will behold Him and His glory face to face!

The Lord Jesus is our Lord and nothing has power over us other than Him. To Him be the glory, the power, the dominion, the honor, now and forevermore. We are created to be to the praise of His glory. Thank you, Jesus!

CARRY ON

This is what I tell people. "We must continue (carry on)." As long as we have life and breath we are here to "Praise the Lord." The "ongoing saga of life and adventure in the Holy Spirit" is continuing and carrying on.

The Lord gives us everything we need (grace) sufficient to deal with everything during whatever phase of life or circumstances we may encounter and face. So what is the next blessing we will encounter?

In my case, as of this writing, I am passing kidney stones. This, too, shall pass! The ER doctors said he had never seen someone passing a kidney stone on both sides at the same time.

Funny thing! I had no pain. The first stones passing I slept through for two days. The Lord had anesthetized me. The other side is still in process of being of no effect, a non-entity. The Lord calls things that be not as though they are, and it happens (Romans 4:17). Again, what is the Lord doing and why are we going through these things? While in the ER waiting room, a young man sat down next to me. He was afraid.

He was a middleweight boxer. He had a covid shot, and heard that two high school athletes, who had no medical history before the shot, died of heart problems.

His right arm was shaking following the shot. That was why he was in the ER. We talked. He showed me video of some fights. I had him go to our website. The Lord was present and we parted in the Lord's hands. A divine appointment had happened.

****A divine appointment brings people in touch with the Lord who is our source of every blessing.**

CARRY ON SOME MORE

In “the ongoing saga of life and adventure in the Holy Spirit”, one thing often leads to another. Most experiences are through time and process. We need to be “patient patients.” Patient endurance and

perseverance are a must to be developed in life (James 1:2-5) because if it is not one thing it is another happening all around us. We are always waiting for someone or something.

You have heard it said, “Go the extra mile.” *“Be strong in the Lord. Stand in the evil day and having done all to stand - stand.”* (Ephesians 6:10-13)

A Word from the Lord:

“But I would say unto you, “Why are you going the extra mile, standing in the evil day and not fainting in doing good? Is it not to see and realize the victory that I have promised? Is it not to participate in the harvest and see My glory and good displayed? So continue to do good and you will see all I have prepared come to pass for you and those around you,” saith the Lord.

The kidney stone on the left side was a boulder and too big to pass, The concern was that it would block the duct creating a serious issue with the kidney.

I was referred next to a urologist who told me, “It will be six weeks before I can do the surgery.” (One would think if it was identified and it could cause harm, why would you not just destroy it?)

Now it is time to *“trust the Lord, lean not to your own understanding, acknowledge Him in all your ways and He will direct the path.”* (Proverbs 3:5-6)

Do not let life and people make you crazy, fearful, or give up. The Lord has you in His hand! The devil is bound! The Lord’s good plan is working! So enjoy your life and praise the Lord no matter what is going on. When the dust settles, it will all be to the glory of God and your good testimony.

Before the procedure could proceed I was sent to have more tests - blood work, EKG, etc..The results came back. I was told, “You have a perfect heart.” Praise God! I told the person who said this, “Now I just have to keep it KIND!” (Colossians 3:12-17)

How do you think this story will conclude?

YOUR COUNT IS OFF

For certain - do not keep a record of wrongs! Love keeps no record of wrongs. You will have a miserable life if you do this. The life of love is the way to enjoy life. (1 Corinthians 13).

However, this story is not about keeping a list of wrongs but rather keeping a list of all the times the Lord has saved my life. I identify with the Psalmist when he wrote about how the Lord redeems us and saves our life from the pit.

The fear for your life (self preservation) is one of the devil's best weapons of control over people's lives. Jesus says, "If you seek to save your life you will lose it. But if you lose your life for My sake, you will gain your life."

(Matthew 10:39) "The thief has come to steal, kill, and destroy, but I have come that you may have life and more abundantly." (John 10:10)

The Lord wants to give us His life and more. (Psalm 91) We cannot save our own life and have the Lord's life. Die to self and live for God. It is the Lord's life that the devil wants to keep us from, and he wants to steal, kill, and destroy it.

From day one the thief has attempted to take my life, but the Lord has always intervened. It has been ridiculous how many times this has happened as you have seen from the stories.

I asked the Lord following one of the life threatening events, "Why do all these things happen to me?" He replied, "Because I've given you a big mouth. You are going to tell the whole world what I have done for you."

The Lord told me not to pray that people live or die, but to pray that they finish what He has given them to do. This is the key. We must finish our assignment (cross) that the Lord has given to each of us before we go on to glory. The Lord's grace (ability and favor) will enable this to happen! Believe this and you will see it come to pass.

One day as I was boasting in the Lord, recounting his marvelous wonders and works in my and others lives, He said to me, "Son, your count is off. I have saved you so many more times than you can think of."

He proceeded to show me many more incidents than the stories I would share with the people, let alone all the "weapons" that were formed against me in the spirit world which He never allowed to happen.

Friends, the Lord has kept us from so much evil that we are not even aware of. Praise His Holy name - Jesus! May this bring you great peace.

The Lord continued, "Do not continue to count the times which I saved and rescued you. Tell the people to say, "Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord delivers us out of them all!"

A NEW REFORMATION

As the Lord is preparing His Church for His return the Holy Spirit is working a cleansing and awakening within His people. A separation is happening between the Lord's true Spirit church and man's church.

“In vain (for nothing) you worship me, teaching for doctrine the traditions and commandments of men instead of the commandments of God. They honor me with their lips but their hearts are far from me.” (Matthew 15:8-9)

“Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only those who do the will of Him who sent Me. ‘Did we not do this and that work in your name?’ and I will say to them, ‘Depart from Me you workers of iniquity. I do not know who you are’.” (Matthew 7:21-23)

There are millions of people throughout the world who are sitting in churches, but who are not going to be in the kingdom of God when Jesus returns. The Lord loves all these people and wants them to be with Him.

It is because the Lord loves these people that he is giving them an opportunity in these last days to come out of the lies and deceptions that man and the devil have ensnared them in. The Holy Spirit is speaking the Lord’s truth to them to expose and destroy the “religious” pollution in the churches.

Doctrines of devils (1 Timothy 4:1-7), Mary and idol worship, God’s commandments being changed and deleted, false beliefs and teaching, man’s traditions, etc. will be destroyed. Truth (to the way the Lord wants things) will come forth.

The Lord’s day (7th day Sabbath) and true worship will be restored. The fear of the Lord, holiness, and obedience to the Lord’s Word and commandments will be evident. (Malachi 3:16-18) It will be a new Reformation.

There are also millions of people sitting in churches who have not been filled with the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues. These people have not sought out the “spirituals” (the gifts) of the Holy Spirit. Hence, the Church has been powerless to work the works of God. (Mark 16) (Acts 1:8) (1 Corinthians 14:1, 12:1) (John 14:9-12)

There is one Church of the Lord Jesus Christ. It is not divided. There is one faith, one hope, one God and Father of us all who believe in Jesus Christ as Lord (Ephesians 4:3-4)

All “brands” of the Church which are centered around who or what people believe or do not believe concerning God’s Word will be done away with when people come into the unity of the faith. (Ephesians 4:12-16) There will be no more Catholic, Lutheran, Baptist, Pentecostal, etc. when people are believing for all the parts of the Bible and operating the way the early church did.

The effect of the Reformation in the Church was to “clean up” the Body of Christ; however, it also created the divisions we now have today. Luther said, “Let no man call himself a Lutheran or a papist, for neither Luther nor the pope died for your sins.”

Cleaning up the Body of Christ did not happen! This is why the Lord has begun a NEW Reformation before He returns. It will bring back the cleansing fire and power of the Holy Spirit, the truth and order of the Lord to His Church as it was at the beginning before man corrupted it.

We are a part of this movement by the Holy Spirit worldwide.

In Jesus’ name, Lord, purify your Church by the blood of Jesus and the truth of your Word. Enable people to turn from the deceptions and believe for all you have for them.

GOOD INSTRUCTION

All of my life I have sought out good instruction and sought to do good instruction. God's wisdom, knowledge, and disciplines are the principal profitable ingredients to having a productive, enjoyable life to the Lord's glory and to our good. (Proverbs 1:1-7)

The Lord Jesus has given us this life abundantly. We now need to learn to operate in it. *"Work out your own salvation for it is the Lord who is enabling you to will and to do it."* (Philippians 2:12-13) (I recommend the Amplified Bible version for this verse.)

What the Lord has always given me to bring to His people is "practical Christian living" to the glory of God. The Holy Spirit is our Teacher.

The Lord wants us to have His truth. He then gives us the grace (ability and favor) to understand what He wants and the grace to be able to do it just the way He wants it done.

Here is a good word of instruction for these last days:

"Remind people to be subject to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready and willing to do good, to slander or abuse no one, to be kind and conciliatory and gentle, showing unqualified consideration and courtesy toward everyone. For we too once were foolish, disobedient, deceived, enslaved to various sinful desires and pleasures, spending and wasting our life in malice and envy, hateful, hating one another.

But when the goodness and kindness of God our Savior and His love for mankind appeared [in human form as the Man, Jesus Christ], He saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we have done, but because of His own compassion and mercy, by the cleansing of the new birth (spiritual transformation, regeneration) and renewing by the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out richly upon us through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that we would be justified [made free of the guilt of sin] by His [compassionate, undeserved] grace, and that we would be [acknowledged as acceptable to Him and] made heirs of eternal life [actually experiencing it] according to our hope (His guarantee).

This is a faithful and trustworthy saying; and concerning these things I want you to speak with great confidence, so that those who have believed God [that is, those who have trusted in, relied on, and accepted Christ Jesus as Savior,] will be careful to participate in doing good and honorable things. These things are excellent [in themselves] and profitable for the people. But avoid foolish and ill-informed and stupid controversies and genealogies and dissensions and quarrels about the Law, for they are unprofitable and useless.

After a first and second warning reject a divisive man [who promotes heresy and causes dissension—ban him from your fellowship and have nothing more to do with him], well aware that such a person is

twisted and is sinning; he is convicted and self-condemned [and is gratified by causing confusion among believers].”

Titus 3:1-11 AMP Bible

END OF THE MATTER

Life centers around the spiritual, mental, emotional, physical, financial, and relationships. From birth to death our lives are a series of events, decisions, choices and willful actions occurring in time.

For the people who have chosen to follow the Lord Jesus, the Lord will order and direct their lives. For those who have chosen to follow the devil, the world, and self-preservation, these factors will produce a meaningless, futile life.

The Lord gives to every one equal opportunity to have an abundant life. He sets before us blessing and cursing – life and death. He then says, “Choose life.” If you do what is right you will be blessed. (Deuteronomy 30:15-20)

In Christ Jesus the Lord has given us the ability (grace) to choose life in Jesus and to follow what the Lord has prepared for us (good things) (Jeremiah 29:11-12)

From a little boy I wanted to know what the Lord considers “blessed.” I wanted to do those things. But I also wanted to know what was “cursed.” I did not want to do those things.

People shape their own lives and future by what they believe, who they serve and what they do for better or worse. Solomon understood well that everything in life, apart from the Lord, is meaningless! (Ecclesiastes 12:8)

The Lord’s Word and God-faith, hope, and love are the only things that will remain. “*Whatever you do in word and deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.*” (Colossians 3:17)

Life as we know it now will continue until the Lord Jesus returns and establishes His new kingdom forever with no more evil, only goodness. We want to remain faithful to the Lord to that time and receive the crown of life and forever be with the Lord.

I will conclude this book of life episodes and stories in my life. My life here has not yet concluded. There will be more stories. The Lord knows how it will be. There will still be more stories of your own. Let all the glory be to the Lord!

For this lifetime, here is the end of the matter. I encourage you to read Proverbs and Ecclesiastes.

“Furthermore, because the Preacher was wise, he still taught the people knowledge; and he pondered and searched out and arranged many proverbs. The Preacher sought to find delightful words, even to write correctly words of truth.

The words of the wise are like [prodding] goads, and these collected sayings are [firmly fixed in the mind] like well-driven nails; they are given by one Shepherd. But beyond this, my son [about going further than the words given by one Shepherd], be warned: the writing of many books is endless [so do not believe everything you read], and excessive study and devotion to books is wearying to the body.

When all has been heard, the end of the matter is: fear God [worship Him with awe-filled reverence, knowing that He is almighty God] and keep His commandments, for this applies to every person. For God will bring every act to judgment, every hidden and secret thing, whether it is good or evil.” (Ecclesiastes 12:9-14 AMP)

All of my life I have wanted to serve the Lord, and love, care for and bring the Lord’s Truth to His people. The Lord has encouraged me at every phase of my life. Someday, I will hear His words, “Well done, faithful son. Enter into all My pleasures which I have prepared for you!”

Someday I will present all of you to Jesus to enter into all the Lord has prepared for all of us. We will all be “together forever” with the Lord and each other. Awesome!

The Lord told me that we will never know all the lives and circumstances that He has touched and blessed through His ministry through us.

As John 21:25 wrote, “And there are also many other things which Jesus did. If they should be all recorded one by one (in detail), I suppose that even the world itself could not contain (have room for) the books that would be written.” Amplified Bible

The Lord Jesus gave to us the ministry of Jesus. His ministry and Kingdom will continue to advance until His return. Lord Jesus, be praised!

THE STORY CONTINUES

Upon arriving in the desert, the adventure of life continued. As we continued to acknowledge the Lord, He continued to order and direct our steps. We found a beautiful home which was perfect for us, as we were to spend a few years in Covid and medical lockdown. It was to be “Puerta backyarda.”

As I have shared in previous stories, many more events occurred following our coming to the desert. The New Reformation movement and message for the Body of Christ evoked a definite response from the devil as the Lord’s Spirit began to take back what the thief had stolen from the church through deception and lies in false teaching and practice.

ANGEL OF LIGHT VISITATION

Following the incident of the kidney stones passing, I was awakened at 2:00AM by a gentle nudge on my shoulder. (Like a parent awakening their child.) A gentle soft voice spoke to me, “Wake up. It’s time to go. You have done well and finished what you were given to do. It is time to go home (meaning, to die and go on.) “Do what you need to do,” the voice said to me. (I did not see the presence.)

I quietly got out of bed and took my stash (money) and brought it to Diana who had woken up wondering what was happening. I kissed her telling her what a wonderful wife, mother, and grandmother she is and the Lord’s blessing to me for all those years. (We will be 50 years as of this writing.) Saying good bye, I went into the next room following this presence.

Another voice spoke, “Enough!” The Lord spoke, and the visitation was over. (I went back to bed.) The devil had attempted to “sweet talk” me out of this life. Before it had always been violent attacks and incidents. This time it came as an angel of light as if the Lord had sent him.

The adversary fled when the Lord said, “Enough!” He is upset and has stepped up his program to kill people. The Lord is on the move to get His Church to tell the people (who are not saved) the gospel and be “born again.” The devil knows his time is short!

The Lord told me, “The devil has stepped up his plan to destroy people. He is not just playing with them anymore. He is flat-out killing them, so they do not have opportunity to be “born again” in Jesus. Since Covid this has been happening worldwide. Look around! This has been happening. There is an urgency to our message. The Lord kept me again. Therefore, with His ministries around the world we will raise up mighty people of faith to work the works of the Lord, and destroy the work of the devil.

ALL OUT ATTACK

Remember in a previous story, how the doctors said that my heart was good. As the dirt started swirling in the desert when a tornado came into our area, something changed. It became apparent what the masks were for – it was not the Covid, but to avoid breathing in the dirt and sand.

The verse about, “*Let everything that has life and breath – praise the Lord!*” came into play. That was my verse during this time.

I could not breathe to blow out the candles on the breath test. The medical people sent me into the urgent care. They sent me by ambulance to emergency care.

I had become a “water balloon.” All at once I had blood clots in my heart, lungs, and legs which caused me to swell and not be able to breathe.

Previously, I had ministered to someone who the doctor had told, “You are going to die shortly.” Naturally, it devastated them! The Lord had to get them out of depression so their faith could rise again. Yes, we will all die when we are finished with our assignments in life. Not by the doctor’s determination, but by the Lord’s say. (Remember the man who had fourth stage cancer. After the Lord’s touch and faith prayer, he lived for another ten years to finish his assignment.)

The Lord spoke through my doctor, “You have a lot going on right now.” Interestingly, months later another cardiac doctor said the exact same thing in past tense and then added “I will be watching over you.” I knew that was my Father in heaven talking to me through him.

My life, as always, is in the Lord’s hands. He knew this was going to be happening long before it happened and had His provision waiting. My body was stabilized. The blood clots were dealt with. I lost 65 pounds in five weeks. The Lord renewed my strength, turning what was intended for evil around to His glory again. To this day, they cannot figure out what caused all the clots at once, but we know what it was. The thief had done an “all out” assault. Because of the Lord and His wonderful care through all the people He used medically (and believers believing) that the assault was thwarted and to no effect.

Prior to all this, I had prayed that the Lord would help me to “move my mountain” (the weight I had gained over the time of my inactivity) and to show me the future direction. It was like I was at my own funeral. The Lord was preparing His people for the future. I am so blessed as I was watching them carry on, doing what they had been taught. It was like I was floating down the river. My life was in His hands. The Lord was touching all kinds of people’s lives as I was called to be a “patient patient.”

Always remember: It is not about you when you are going through things. You are in the Lord’s hands. “What do You want Lord? And how do You want to do it?” I could not do anything except what I was directed to do” Finish your assignment strongly. When this all occurred, my heart was functioning at 20 percent. At this writing, I am going in to do another test to measure where the heart is now (six months later).

The Lord does not need much to do much. (Remember the loaves and fish multiplication). All I know is that as long as I have life and breath from the Lord, I am going to praise Him! The Lord is Good!

THE GLORIFICATION OF THE LORD’S CHURCH

Jesus prayed for us in John 17 that His Church be glorified as the Father has glorified Him, that we all would be one (united), ready for His return. Right now the Lord is working a “New Reformation” to bring His “Church” in to this unity of the faith and perfection which Ephesians Four is discussing.

The first Reformation in the 1500 and 1600’s did not do all the Lord wanted to be done. Justification by faith (not works), the priesthood of all believers, bringing the Word of God to all believers’ understanding and languages was done. However, Mary worship, the pope’s position and edicts (power) was not removed, man’s traditions, rituals and rites were still being practiced. The Commandments of God were not changed back to

God's way (especially the 7th day Sabbath). The Church was divided – Catholic and Protestant. Many new brands of churches were formed because of what people believed or did not believe (divided, not unified church).

Something major is being done by the Holy Spirit in these times. It will take changes in the ministers to be willing to humble themselves, renounce the false teaching to receive the Truth, and courage to stand up for what is the Lord's Truth which is not popular.

It is not a matter of having right information or doctrine. It is a matter of heart-love for Jesus and holy Jesus living. Those who call themselves ministers of the Lord will be accountable for what they share and how they live.

As I am writing this the Lord's judgment has begun on the household of faith. It will then proceed to the world. Then Jesus will come back for His one true Spirit church.

As Christians, we are in the world, but not of it. In these last days it is not our responsibility to "save" the world (Jesus already provided salvation for those who would humble themselves and repent turning from their selfish ways and believing on the Lord Jesus and keeping all of His Commandments).

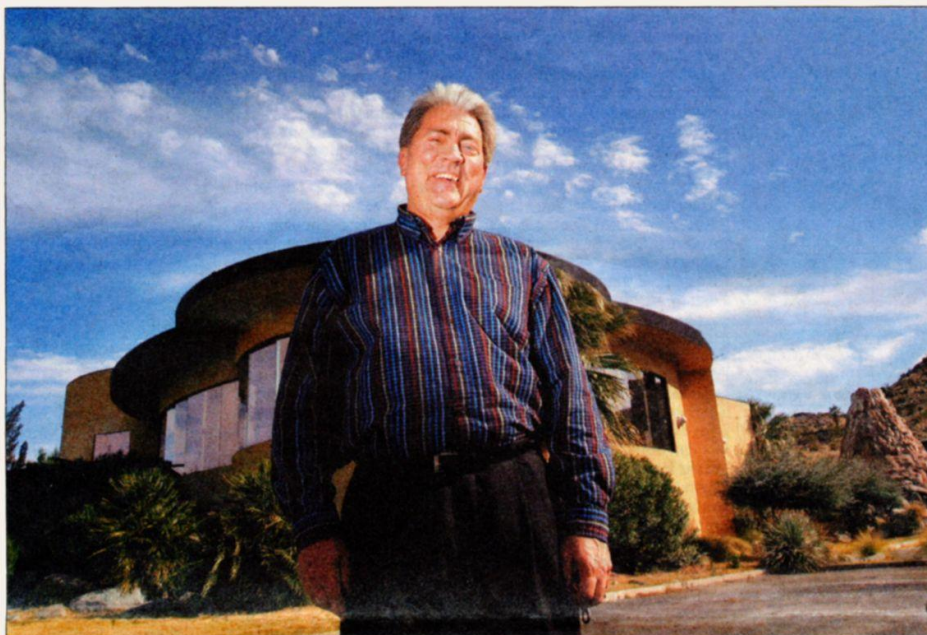
Our responsibility is to be about our Father's business – preaching the Gospel about the love of the Lord in Jesus for everyone. We are to present the Lord's gift of Jesus for the people's salvation and to live a life (example) of the love of God in others around us: honoring, loving, giving, caring, sharing, etc.

We are not here to make this world a better place. This world is under the Lord's judgment and will be short lived. There is an urgency to our message.

APPENDIX

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FIRE THE BRIMSTONE: LAST RITES OF POMPEII



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The building now owned by Pastor Randy Brodhagen and Glory to God Ministries International used to house a famous nightclub.

CHANGING SOUL

Palm Springs church buys infamous nightclub site

BY KIMBERLY PIERCEALL
THE PRESS-ENTERPRISE

Churches don't usually tear down a two-story volcano before installing pews, but most churches don't move into a landmark Cathedral City nightclub once known as the "Last Nights of Pompeii."

"We seem to have a habit of taking over places that were once nightclubs," said Pastor Randy Brodhagen with Glory to God Ministries International, which paid \$2.1 million for the former Pompeii space. The ministry once removed a mechanical bull when the church moved into a different Cathedral City bar.

A little real estate investment went a long way for Brodhagen and his church. In 2000, Glory to God bought 90 acres of land from the failed Palm Hills Development LLC for \$350,000 — the cost of back taxes. Five years later, the church sold the land to real estate developer Shadow Valley Heights LLC for \$3.5 million.

The nightclub and 2.4 acres of Cathedral City hillside were on the market since 2004.

"At the time, the price was a little aggressive," said Michael Kassinger, a real estate broker with Sperry Van Ness. It had been in escrow several times with other nightclub and restaurant developers, including a Las Vegas-based supper club, and even other churches, but Glory to God was the only one able to pay, he said.

Brodhagen said he expects to spend at least \$1 million more to renovate the former nightclub space and install stadium seating for the 300 to 500 parishioners at each service. Glory to God has offices in Canada and Nigeria and

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HIPSTER HAVEN TO HOUSE OF GOD

The former Pompeii nightclub at 67-399 East Palm Canyon Dr. in Cathedral City has been many different restaurants and night spots, but never a church.

1957

Prince Michael Romanoff, a Rodeo Drive restaurateur, built Romanoff's on the Rocks, soon frequented by Frank Sinatra, Lauren Bacall and Tony Curtis, among other Hollywood stars.

1960

A drugstore owner bought the space and renamed it Rim Rocks to keep Romanoff's fancy china, silver and furnishings with the "RR" monogram.

1972

Joe Hanna and Sherman Harris bought the property and kept it a restaurant with live lounge acts nightly until 2 a.m.

1983

George Simone, a Honolulu nightclub owner, rented the space and renamed it "Last Nights of Pompeii." Soon the space would have a working volcano, an animatronic band, Jacuzzi rooms and a swim-up bar.

SOURCE: JOE HANNA AND NEWSPAPER ACCOUNTS



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Inside the "Last Nights of Pompeii" nightclub.

1986

The California Department of Justice's Organized Crime Division arrested Pompeii part owner Dominic Peter Lucci for selling cocaine at the club.

1993

Pompeii closed after an arsonist set a fire inside the club. A string of nightclubs and restaurants tried to take its place.

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Glory to God Ministries buys the property for \$2.1 million and tears down Pompeii's two-story volcano.

POMPEII: Popular nightclub described as an 'adult Disneyland'

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broadcasts sermons in the Middle East.

Renovations will include a television studio to put more broadcasts on the Internet, Brodhagen said.

Since 1957 the site has been a revolving door of restaurants and nightclubs but none quite as successful or doomed as Pompeii, once described as an "adult Disneyland" and eventually the focus of a cocaine bust.

It wasn't just any club. "It was a West Coast Studio 54," said 78-year-old Joe Hanna, who worked for a company that furnished the building since the 1950s and later bought the property with restaurateur Sherman Harris.

From 1983, the club brought in celebrity VIPs like Motley Crue drummer Tommy Lee and actress Heather Locklear, lo-

cal and would-be scene stealers from Los Angeles who lined up along Highway 111 to get in. For a premium, the club offered Jacuzzi rooms and a swim-up bar, before the Riverside County Health Department stepped in, said Hanna.

"It was pulsating," Hanna said.

But Pompeii's demise was inevitable.

In 1986, one of Pompeii's part owners, Dominic Peter Lucci, was arraigned for selling cocaine at the nightclub as part of a larger investigation by the California Department of Justice's Organized Crime Division, according to newspaper accounts.

"You went into Pompeii and you knew there was dope. It was in your face," Hanna said. Lucci was Pompeii's only fall guy, but the other club owners including George Simone, "fled to all

corners of the globe," returning once a month to pay rent, Hanna said. And in 1993, Pompeii succumbed to a fire, later deemed to be arson-related.

"They were before their time," said Hanna, shaking his head.

Long before Pompeii built its iconic volcano, trendy restaurateur Michael Romanoff thought he could bring his successful Rodeo Drive bistro to vacationing stars in Palm Springs. He built his Romanoff's on the Rocks restaurant in 1957 and, sure enough, Frank Sinatra, Lauren Bacall and Tony Curtis frequented the joint.

The view from the restaurant tucked at the bottom of a hill was immaculate, Hanna said.

"If you looked out over the desert, there was nothing there," he said. There was also no one in Romanoff's restaurant during the summer heat spells,

prompting him to close it two years later.

"The next time I see Palm Springs, I want to fly over it," Romanoff told Hanna.

After Romanoff, a local drug-store owner bought the property and called it Rim Rocks for the next 10 years so he could keep Romanoff's monograms on all the dishes and fixtures, Hanna said.

"It's been everything but a church," Hanna said.

And by 2004, Hanna and Harris said it was time to get out.

"I think a lot of people will look up as they drive by and think of Pompeii. It was 26,000 square feet of fun," said Steve Johns, Pompeii's general manager and current partner at South Beach nightclub in Palm Desert. "If the walls could talk ..."

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God is center stage at Rev. Brodhagen's church

By LINDA J. BARKMAN
Post staff writer

"We're not the typical little church on the corner," said Rev. Randy Brodhagen, in Cathedral City. "We founder and Minister

of the Gospel at Glory to God Ministries, which meets in the former home of Bronco Billy's nightclub-turned Brown Bag Theatre in Cathedral City. "We do a lot of sound

service. We believe in demonstration of the spirit and do alot of power healing. This building was perfect for our needs."

"People came here when it was a theater because they wanted to see something special," Brodhagen added. "Now people come to this place because God is present here. He's the center of the stage."

Surprisingly little renovation work was required to adapt the 18,000-square-foot building for the needs of the growing church which was founded in 1978. "We needed a sound-engineered building because of our musical ministry," pointed out Rev. Brodhagen. "We also needed a large seating capacity and an area where we could serve meals. We have all that here."

Glory to God Ministries, which originally met in a laundromat in Banning, lacked a permanent church building until taking over its present site last May. It has proven to be an appropriate, if unlikely, move, requiring only minor alterations. Even the black and white color theme was retained, although modified. "Everything was black in here," Brodhagen recalled. "Even when the lights were on it was black. God is light. He can't run around in a black room." So the walls were painted white and a backdrop

of clouds, representing the glory of the Lord, was added behind the stage.

"The old dance floor is now the blessing area," said Brodhagen, adding with a chuckle, "Sometimes they dance to the Lord there now. They're jumping for joy."

The former bar area is now used for food service, the theater area has become the sanctuary and a nursery area and classroom space have been added around the perimeter. According to Brodhagen, part of his vision for the church was to have a Christian School associated with the ministry. That vision became a reality with the opening of Glory to God Academy and Home School, a private non-denominational school at the church site

which will accommodate students in kindergarten through 8th grade beginning Sept. 8.

"The vision the Lord gave me was to work with people and equip them to do the work of God," said Brodhagen, a former Lutheran preacher who hails from Salem, Ore. "The school has been added into that vision. It's a part of the education — of training people in the way of the Lord."

Brodhagen, who obtained his masters in divinity from Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, said his upbringing had a lot to do with what he's doing today. "From the time I was just a little guy, I wanted to serve God," he said. "I didn't know how or what but I was brought up in a way that allowed the Lord to do his work."

A four-year let-terman who was once looked at seriously by the St. Louis Cardinals, Brodhagen went from being an altar boy to class leader and president of his seminary. "It was like God was preparing me for what he had ahead," he said. "I've always just had a burning desire in my heart to love God and to love people. I've read the word of God all my life. It was like God had me in his own program all the while."

In addition to authoring a number of books and publications, Brodhagen is host and teacher of the international radio broadcast, "Witness of Power," and of the television broadcast, "The Love of God."

"We're a very media-oriented church,



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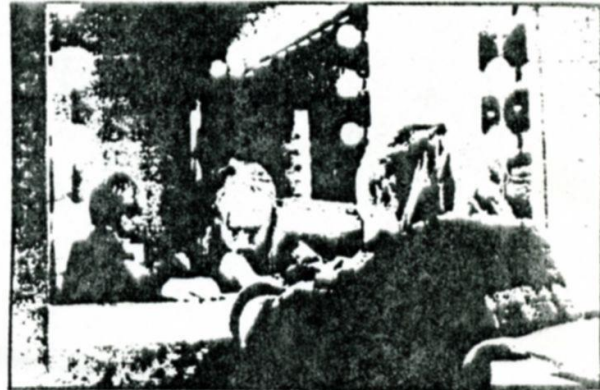
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TESTING 1-2-3 — Surrounded by stage lights, Stephen and Kristen Little undergo testing for enrollment at Glory to God Academy, part of Glory to God Ministries, which is now located in the converted Brown Bag Theater in Cathedral City.

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reaching people through television, radio, books, and newspaper columns" Brodhagen said. "That, also, was part of the vision."

"All we're doing here is lifting up Jesus," he added. "We do a lot of counseling and teach practical Christian living. People who come to this place should expect to see here what happens in the New Testament. They can see living proof of how God can change a life."

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MICHELLE YEE, THE DESERT SUN

Glory to God Ministries International has purchased the former Osko's night club building at 67-399 East Palm Canyon Drive in Cathedral City.

Religious conversion: Church buys site of vacant nightclub

BY FERDIE DE VEGA
THE DESERT SUN

CATHEDRAL CITY — Over the years it has been a restaurant, a supper club and a night club noted primarily for its erupting volcano, but now Glory to God Ministries International has purchased the former Osko's night club building to give it a much different function.

The 18,000-square-foot structure, which sold for \$2.1 million, will be converted into a church building that will include a television studio, according to Michael Kassinger, one of the brokers with Sperry Van Ness who represented the seller, Harris Partnership.

"I think they're going to do a pretty extensive renovation on the property," Kassinger said. It is located at 67-399 E. Palm Canyon Drive.

The structure was built in 1950 and was renovated in 1986, according to Sperry Van Ness.

Kassinger said over the years, the building has housed Rimrock Restaurant, Pompeii Restaurant and Night Club, and Osko's night club.

The Rev. Randy Brodhagen, the pastor of Glory to God Ministries International, could not be reached for comment on Monday on what was planned for the property.

The church, which is currently located at 68-625 Perez Road in Cathedral City, has been in the Coachella Valley since 1979. It holds services on Saturdays and Sundays.

Brodhagen was a Lutheran pastor before starting Glory to God Ministries International.

The Osko's property was on the market

What it has been

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SOURCE: SPERRY VAN NESS

for 18 months, Kassinger said, noting the sale was completed two weeks ago.

"We had a very wide range of people interested," he said.

Potential buyers included those who wanted to convert it into a health club, another night club and a supper club, Kassinger said.

"There was even one who wanted to make it into a kind of holistic center for meditation and food — a wellness type center," he said.

Three other churches considered buying the property, but they could not raise the funds for the down payment, Kassinger said.

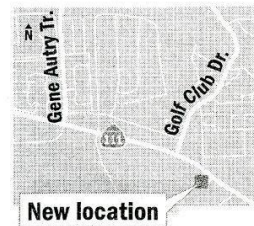
"I'm pleased it was finally purchased," said Cathedral City Mayor Kathleen DeRosa. "It will be a beautiful entry to our city. It'll certainly be a community asset."

DeRosa said she hasn't spoken yet to anyone from the church about its plans for the site.

"The property has been a challenge property for as many years as I can remember," she said. "This is an opportunity for an organization to put it to a very good use. We know this organization will be there for many years to come."

Former night club to become church

Cathedral City-based Glory to God Ministries International has purchased the former Osko Night Club on East Palm Canyon Drive in Cathedral City for \$2.1 million. Brokerage firm Sperry Van Ness says the buyer plans to convert it into a church with a TV studio.



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Glory to God Ministries Int'l.

History: The church has been in the Coachella Valley since 1979. The leader and founder of the church is the Rev. Randy Brodhagen. He was a Lutheran pastor before starting Glory to God Ministries International.

Location: 68-625 Perez Road, Cathedral City, 321-5222

Online: More religion news at thedesertsun.com/religion



October 13, 1983

Terri Bartholomew
937 E. Oakland
Hayes, CA 92343

RE: WHEELER (BARTHOLOMEW), Richard
PF#: 6016452
DOB: 4/75

Dear Ms. Bartholomew:

I am really very happy to learn that Richard has been doing extremely well as far as his Legg-Perthes disease is concerned. I was told by Dr. Moheimani, who saw Richard on the last visit during my absence, that he was taken off the brace, as he felt that the Perthes disease had healed. Perthes disease is a disease which happens during early childhood, where the head of the femur changes due to most likely vascular insult. Prior to his last visit on October 17, there is a note that his Perthes disease condition of the head of the femur was healing, but it had not yet healed. My initial plan was to keep the brace on until November 1983, and then remove the brace. However, I am really glad that the brace was taken off earlier, because of the healed condition of the Perthes disease. I surely hope honestly that Richard will do extremely well in the future. Hopefully, I will be seeing you again.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Satish K. Lal'.

Satish K. Lal, M.D.
Orthopaedic Surgery

SKL:cmw

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ORTHOPEDIC SURGERY
365 TERRACINA BLVD., REDLANDS, CALIFORNIA 92373
PHONE (714) 793-2746

May 11, 1979

Re: Joseph Duncan

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter will verify that the above-named 43 year old leadman for the City of Beaumont was involved in a motorcycle accident on April 24, 1979. At that time he sustained a fracture of the medial portion of the medial femoral condyle of the right leg. He was placed in a long leg cast and put on non-weight bearing.

It was my opinion that he would require from 6 weeks to 3 months to heal his fracture. However, the patient returned in 2 weeks indicating that he had no pain whatever and that it was his opinion that the fracture would be healed. The cast was removed and x-rays were taken and the fracture appeared to be healed. The patient was allowed to begin weight-bearing and he has absolutely no pain or problems of any sort.

This result is totally unexpected. It is, at minimum, three times as fast as would have been expected and is nothing short of amazing.

Sincerely,



Edmund T. Dombrowski, M.D.

ETD:mab

TESTIMONY: H.G. PALM SPRINGS, CA

I have suffered with rheumatoid arthritis and all its miserable side effects for forty years. I have had seven operations for corrective surgery due directly to the arthritis and several other operations due to its side effects.

I was led to believe that this was my “cross to bear,” and that upon death I would surely enter God’s Kingdom because I earned his great privilege by my suffering. It did not seem right to me – but this is what I had been taught.

In May, 1975, I was declared totally and permanently disabled. In November, 1982, praise God, I was led to read Randy Brodhagen’s book, *Victory*. I only got to page ten, and I knew why I felt all along that God didn’t want me to suffer. This is where Randy says: “I am an heir of God. God says that ‘my God will supply all my needs according to all the riches in glory in Christ Jesus’ (Philippians 4:19). I’m talking poverty when God calls me an heir to the treasures in heaven, and I run around saying I am sick when God says by His stripes we are healed (1st Peter 2:24). I had better start calling things the way God calls them.”

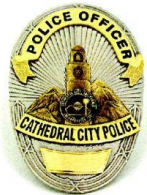
I knew then that, as His heir, I could claim the treasure of Jesus’ healing. I wanted that!

At the next meeting with Randy, I asked Jesus to take away my pain. Randy asked if I had any problems in the past with anyone that could be blocking my healing. I recalled that my mother had been very possessive of me. I did not, now I know, blame her – but unconsciously I did have resentment in my heart. We first prayed for that and then for the healing. As Randy prayed over me, I knew something was happening to me. The pain was being drawn from me and I was being filled more fully with the Holy Spirit. I was being healed inwardly as well as becoming free from the arthritis which literally held me a prisoner for those past forty years. Thank you, Jesus! Praise God!

Since then I have become more mobile, pain has completely diminished. I can do things I haven’t done for years, such as shop, move furniture, etc. I can even concentrate more on the Lord’s Word. Thank you, Jesus.

A few weeks later Randy again prayed over me as I asked for the healing of my digestive tract, which had been terribly abused by all the pain killers and other medication I had been taking. Almost immediately there was a big improvement. Even my ankles and legs were not swollen any longer. Praise God! I am less hyper, less fatigued, and, in general, in much better health.

My husband, Ray, who was present at the meeting when my arthritis was healed, had a healing of his finger injured in his youth – it straightened out while I was being prayed over. Thank you, Jesus.



CATHEDRAL CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

September 6, 2011

Re: Recommendation Letter for Glory to God Ministries

To whom it may concern,

My name is Kevin Conner, and I am the current Police Chief in Cathedral City California. I am writing this letter to inform you about the community relationship Pastor Randy and Glory to God Ministries has established with the City of Cathedral City, and the Police Department in particular.

Years ago the Police Department shared a building with Glory to God Ministries. The Police Department was in need of expansion space. Once day Pastor Randy came into the Police Department and asked if there was anything he or his ministry could do for us. We related that we were in need of space, but could not afford the additional lease payment and the utilities that would be demanded. Pastor Randy said he would see what he could do, and went back to his board to discuss our dilemma.

Much to our surprise he came back to the Police Department and informed us that Glory to God Ministries would pay the lease and utility payments, if we could arrange the tenant improvements needed. We were successful in getting the funds necessary for the tenant improvements, and Glory to God Ministries paid the associated lease and utility payments for several years. They made the payments until we moved into the new Police facility in 1998.

This has been the type of neighbor and faith based partner Pastor Randy and Glory to God Ministries has been to the Police Department. We will always be indebted to Glory to God Ministries for their generous contribution of space, as well as Pastor Randy's prayer support for the police Department and the men and women associated with it.

Glory to God Ministries continues to be a good faith based partner to the Police Department, and we look forward to a continued positive relationship.

Kevin H. Conner
Chief of Police

68700 Avenida Lalo Guerrero Cathedral City California 92234
Phone (760) 770-0301 Fax (760) 202-1469



Bishop I.P.
WH Christian Centre, Nairobi, Kenya

Dear Pastor Randy,

Greetings to you brother, through Christ's Name. I am contacting you from Nairobi, Kenya.

I would like to invite you to visit and minister with us in Kenya. I see you doing a Pastors conference and revivals in the church. I would love to provide as much information once I hear from you.

Kindly do reply to me.

Thank you and blessings.

Pastor F.W.
BAGENM Uganda, Africa

Praise the name of our good and great God.

Christian Greetings to you in the mighty name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Beloved one of God Thanks for that great work you doing in building the kingdom of our father God over there.

Your ministry is a great life changing one to us as a family and a ministry.

Just as we were going through most of your posted ministry messages here on your Facebook page, and be account, have been greatly blessed by your ministry beloved one of God.

Am the founder of the ministry here in Uganda Africa by his grace. On behalf of this ministry, I would love to humbly and kindly request you, To allow us to become your sons and daughter in ministry, and you become our general overseer and founder of this ministry over here in Uganda Africa.

This kind and humble request comes to you After a ministry leadership meeting here at church where we come up with an agreement to get a general overseer who will become our general overseers and founders.

After a prayerful meeting, we have all agreed as a church and ministry, to humbly request you become our general overseer and founder of this ministry here in Uganda.

We are ready to work with you and under your ministry administration in Christ Jesus name.

My the good lord bless you greatly in Jesus name. We will be so grateful for your positive response in Christ Jesus name.

Pastor W.
Kenya, Africa

Dear pastor,

I greet you in Jesus name, hoping and trusting you're doing well but the grace of God.

I am pastor W. from Kenya, am called to preach the gospel, I run two 3 small churches with close to 160 followers and we love Christ as our savior.

I have been working independently and depending upon God in everything until I came across your website, am happy that the work you're doing touched me and my heart pushed me towards what you're doing, I'll love to affiliate with you as we look forward to hearing from you.

I would love to welcome you, teach us your doctrines and start the pillars of your ministry here.

May the grace of God guide you and be with you all, am eagerly waiting to hear from you.

May God bless you in abundance.

Pastor R.F.
ELC, Lahore Pakistan

Respected Dr. Randy

Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ. We are praying for you, family, Ministries and especially Lord Jesus bring you in Lahore Pakistan.

I have desire you to come in Lahore Pakistan to share Word of God in our 1st largest EL Church 25,000 Members Every Sunday in Single Service and also share Word of God in our 1st Christian Satellite Isaac Television Station Studio which will reach 200 Nations. We would like to arrange your Open Air Evangelistic Souls Winning, Gospel Crusade and Leadership Conference. Thank you and God Bless You. I look forward to hearing From you soon.

Pastor H.K.

Hi Rev Randy C Brodhagen in Jesus Christ,

I am so happy and thankful to send you this Email today. My aim to write you this Email is to invite you to come here in Malawi to preach the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. Please try your best to reply it amen. To say about the work of our Lord Jesus is still going very well but the problem is the virus, as for prayers we are still praying for you day and night for God to give you long life. Lastly pass my greetings to the whole family and to all friends of yours there, and I am waiting to hear more from you my brother in Jesus Christ, may God bless you amen.

Yours in his Glory,
Pastor H.K.

Brother D.O.
Kenya, Africa

Praised God ,

I humble myself before the creator of the universe who created both what can be seen and what can not be seen and through His love towards mankind He sends His holy son Jesus Christ to come and die for our sins and hence so that we might be saved through him according to the holy Bible book of John 3:16.

After following you closely for some time now , I have to admit the fact that I personally love and am blessed with your precious awesome teachings on your website (<http://www.glorytogodmedia.org/>) I personally have been encouraged a lot as far the word of God is concerned.

Whatever teaching that I have been getting from your website , I would not like to keep it for myself but to share with people over here so that they too can receive these powerful messages and be blessed and hence winning souls for God's Kingdom before the rupture, before the return of Jesus Christ.

Therefore allow me to make a humble request for the first time before the creator of the universe by humbly requesting your permission to allow me to reprint/ reproduce your teachings messages materials so that I might go to the streets, villages, house to house, prisons to schools and distribute them to children free of charge.

Pastor K.B.
GEM, Pakistan

Greetings in the most gracious and powerful name of Jesus Christ GE Ministries is working for the Gospel of Jesus Christ throughout Pakistan and reaching the unreached with the Word of God. We have a network of 10 pastors and evangelists. Pakistan needs the Gospel.

The world is dying, satan and sin is destroying the humanity and especially Pakistan is facing the worst terrorism and worst economical crisis in these days, strategies are designated to overcome these greatest issues but only Jesus the Prince of Peace, can transform lives and bring change. God came into the world to save and redeem it from the curse placed upon all mankind.

God has led us to you with a vision to strengthen the pastors, evangelists and local missionaries. We together can bring a powerful unity and revival in Pakistan to win many souls by empowering and networking the pastors, evangelists, local missionaries and independent churches working here and set the slaves free and provide clean drinking water which is the desperate need for the people..

Especially we can unite Church leadership, organization training, seminars, and plant churches. Establish networks in Christian community, against religious discrimination and become the stronger voice of persecuted Christians in Pakistan.

We are thankful to God who gave us the opportunity to contact you. Please feel free to get back and ask any questions you may have.

**Pastor J.B.
TMR Church**

Hello,
Greetings in Jesus' name.
I am a pastor based in Bukoba town in Tanzania east Africa.
I would like to invite you in Tanzania for gospel crusade and church leaders' fire conference.
I look forward to hearing from you soon.
Yours in Christ.



Canadian Glory To God Ministries Board



Pastor Randy and His Wife, Diana



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Pastor Randy and His Daughter, Erin



Pastor Randy and His Son, Jesse



Pastor Randy's Son, Jesse and Daughter, Erin



Pastor Randy's Grandchildren



RESUME

DR. RANDY BRODHAGEN

Professional Background:

1978 - Current Founder and Senior Pastor - Glory to God Ministries, International, Hdqs. Palm Springs, California, USA; Whitewater, British Columbia, Canada, and Lagos, Nigeria

1996 - Current Field Representative - International Convention of Faith Ministers

1975 - 1978 Senior Pastor - Grace Lutheran Church, Banning, California

1973 - 1975 Assistant Pastor - Concordia Lutheran Church, Wilmington, Delaware

 Student President - Concordia Seminary, St. Lewis, Missouri

 Assistant Pastor - St. John's Lutheran Church, Bellville, Illinois

1967 - 1973 Campus Youth and Activities Coordinator - Concordia HS, Jr. College, Portland, Oregon

 Concordia Sen. College, Ft. Wayne, Indiana and Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri

 District Youth Supervisor - N/W District, Lutheran Church (Mo. Synod)

 Working Minister/Priest - Southwest District Missions Department

 Lutheran church, Prescott Valley, Arizona

Education and Degree:

1967 - 1969 Concordia Junior College, Portland Oregon - AA Social Psychology

1969 - 1971 Concordia Senior College, Portland Oregon - BA Social Psychology

1971- 1974 Concordia Seminary, St. Louis Missouri - Masters in Divinity

1988 - 1991 Oral Roberts University, Tulsa Oklahoma - Doctor of Ministry Program

1989 Trinity College of Ministerial Arts, Aba, Nigeria - Doctor of Divinity

 Aff/w Golden State Univ. Int'l Theological Seminary & Honolulu Univ.

1996 Pilgrims Theological Seminary, Aba, Nigeria - PhD in Christian Mgmt.

 Aff/w Carolina Christian University

Affiliations and Associations - Present and Past:

Ordained Minister - Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod

National Religious Broadcasters

Network of Christian Ministers

Charismatic Bible Ministers International

International Convention of Faith Ministers

World Harvest Ministerial Association

Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability

Voice of Hope World Broadcast Network

American Association of Christian Counselors

International Christian Broadcasters

Inter-Valley and Palm Springs Ministerial Association

Better Business Bureau and Chamber of Commerce

Glory To God Ministries International - Canada

Glory To God Ministries International - Nigeria

Notable Accomplishments:

Dr. Randy Brodhagen has authored seventy plus books based on practical Christian living, which have been distributed around the world. He has been broadcasting on International Radio and Satellite Television throughout seven continents since 1978. Through his inspired direction and leadership, Glory to God Ministries has become an internationally known provider of religious, counseling and family enrichment programs. The Lord has also called him to be a minister to ministers.

Personal Information:

Married to Diana Brodhagen (1974). Children - Erin and Jesse

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