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Guide*

He will guide you into all truth.

—John 16:13

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Chapter 1

Motivated by the Great Commission

Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.

He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

And these signs shall follow them that believe....

Mark 16:15-17

Are you a believer? If so, God never sent you out empty-handed. He said if you are a believer, there are certain signs that will follow you when you are going somewhere in God. And these are not natural signs; they are *supernatural* signs.

Verse 17 says, **"...in my name shall they cast out devils."** How many know there are devils in the earth? There are devils in Africa? There are devils in America? But God did not call Christians to be defeated by the devil; He called Christians to *cast out* devils!

Verses 17 and 18 continue, **"...they shall speak with new tongues; They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them."**

Poison is not supposed to kill you. Bad water is not supposed to make you sick. Microbes should not contaminate your life. You shouldn't catch the Hong Kong flu when it's going around. Why? Because there are certain signs God gave you that set you apart as a believer—and one of them is the supernatural ability to repel harmful things that normally hurt unsaved people.

No, I am not telling you to go out and drink poison! Remember, the devil tempted Jesus to jump off the pinnacle of the Temple, but you must never do what the devil tells you to do.

We're not in the business of *tempting* the Lord our God; we're in the business of *serving* the Lord our God. But while we're on our way to serve Him, we can count on His supernatural aid and provision.

Notice what happens next: **"they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover"** (verse 18). Look at your hands. Say, "These are healing hands. According to the Word of God, there is a sign that accompanies me. When I lay hands on the sick, they shall recover!"

Seated in Heaven

Verse 19: **"So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God."**

Jesus Christ is bodily seated at the right hand of the Father. Never again will He preach another sermon bodily. Never again will He heal another person bodily. Never again will He cast out another devil bodily. When He spoke to the Church, He said, "*Go ye*," and then He ascended and sat down.

This is what happened after that: **"And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following [accompanying]"** (verse 20).

God has chosen us not only to be *carriers* of the message, but *inheritors* of supernatural power that gives us what seems to be an almost audacious attitude.

The writer of Hebrews said, **"So that we may boldly**

say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me" (Hebrews 13:6). That's almost audacious. That's almost pride when you look at it in the natural or the flesh.

It is God's perfect will for you to put your hand to the plow. It is God's perfect will for you to be motivated by The Great Commission. It is God's perfect will for you to believe in God-ordained projects.

God Won't Do It All

Men and women are going to fail in the earth today for lack of support. There are fivefold ministries that are going to quit the ministry, preachers that are going to get a secular job, and churches that are going to close down because the congregation will not support them.

This is because the devil has successfully brought the mentality to the Church that, "If God wants it done, God can do it." But Jesus is seated, and He will never do the job for you.

The Great Commission is not the Church sending the Lord; it's the Lord sending the Church. Jesus said, "You go, and God will be working with you to confirm the Word with signs following."

He also said in John, "It is expedient—it is beneficial—for you that I go away. I am going to leave, but it's better for you." Why? "Because if I don't go away, the Comforter will not come."

Knowing the Comforter

There is an individual in the divine Godhead, the Third Person of the Trinity, who is ignored and sometimes rejected and misunderstood. Most Christians live their lives never cashing in on the benefits of knowing that He's

with them.

Jesus said, "Listen, you ought to get excited about this, because when I leave, I'm going to ask the Father, and He's going to give you another Comforter. I'm not going to leave you like orphans. I'm not going to leave you alone.

"In that day, you won't have to ask Me anything bodily anymore. I won't have to appear to you in a vision anymore.

You won't have to touch hands with Me, walk with Me, eat with Me, talk with Me, or ask Me questions anymore, because I am going to ask the Father. He is going to send you another Comforter, and when the Holy Spirit is come, He is going to remind you of what I said. He is going to lead you into all truth. And He is going to show you things to come."

The Comforter, the Holy Spirit, is our supernatural teacher and aide, the One who is called alongside to help us and work with us. He is the One who gives us the edge and helps us live miraculously.

The Holy Spirit wants to show the power of God to a world that lies in darkness. And the only barrier standing in the path of the Holy Spirit and hindering the power of the Third Person of the Trinity is the Church! He could show forth God's power if we would only get our minds out of the way – get our own way out of the way – and sell out to God.

The Coming Revival

The time will come when the power of God is going to cover the earth as the waters cover the sea (Habakkuk 2:14). The power of God is going to be poured out on us like no other generation has ever seen.

With our own eyes we are going to see amputated limbs grow back. The blind will see, the deaf will hear, and the lame will leap for joy, because Jesus said, **"...tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued [anointed] with power from on high"** (Luke 24:49).

The Bible says that Jesus in His earthly ministry was the Word who became flesh. He dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory Nevertheless, *He lived 30 years without performing one miracle!*

Some people are making movies and writing books about "the lost years of Jesus," claiming that He journeyed to India, studied with gurus, and became a New Ager before He started preaching, but they don't know what they're talking about!

The Bible tells us that Jesus went to see His cousin John, who was preaching at the River Jordan. John told the people, "I am going to baptize you with water unto repentance, but that's all I've got—water. Water will just make you wet.

The Holy Ghost and Fire

"The One who is coming after me is mightier than I. I am not worthy to untie His shoelaces. He is going to baptize you with the Holy Ghost and fire" (Luke 3:16).

That word "baptize" is the word "immerse." The Bible says that God **"maketh his angels spirits, and his ministers a flame of fire"** (Hebrews 1:7).

The Holy Spirit said through John, "The One coming after me [Jesus Christ] is literally going to dunk you under; He is going to literally immerse you into the Person of the Holy Ghost, baptizing you with might, with fire."

From the time you're immersed into the nature of God,

into the Third Person of the Trinity, there will be a change in you. You will die to natural, weak, bound, sinful humanity, and you will rise to live the Christlike, anointed, devil-defeating, God-obeying life He has ordained for you in the Gospel.

This is not a myth; it is reality. If you knew how quickly you can attain—if you knew how quickly you can change and become a sea-calmer, a water-walker, a mountain-mover, a storm-commander, a devil-duster—you would pay the price and allow God to be God in your life.

You are not alone in this world. The Holy Spirit is here. He is not a "vibration," a myth, or a "goose bump." He is a *Person!* John said, "Jesus is going to succeed me, and He is going to baptize you *with the Holy Spirit and with fire.*"

How Jesus' Ministry Became Supernatural

So Jesus went to John for baptism, and John said, "I can't baptize You!"

Jesus said, "Do it!"

When Jesus was baptized, the Bible records, "The Spirit of the Lord descended upon him as a dove." From that moment on, Jesus' ministry became supernatural. Until that time, He was holy, perfect, obedient—and the Son of God. But when the Holy Spirit came upon Him, the *natural* abilities He had, and the natural perfection and fruit of the Spirit that were within Him, were now overshadowed by the *supernatural* capacity to defeat the powers of darkness.

Jesus was driven into the wilderness by the Holy Spirit, was challenged by the devil for 40 days and 40 nights, and overcame every level of demonic power.

Finally, Lucifer himself came to tempt Him. Jesus quoted the Word to him three times, said, "Get behind me," and came down from that high place. Next, as the Bible says, **"Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit into Galilee...."** (Luke 4:14).

An Ancient Prophecy Fulfilled

He then walked into the synagogue at Nazareth on the sabbath day. From the time Malachi spoke until the time Jesus walked into that synagogue, dead religion had been the norm—dead, morbid, boring, and buried for hundreds of years.

Jesus took the scroll of Isaiah and found the place "where it was written" of Him. When you're anointed by the Holy Spirit, you'll find the right word for the right day. This is what Jesus started to read from Isaiah 61:1: **"The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me...."**

Jesus Christ exemplified perfect reliance upon the Holy Spirit. "I can of myself do nothing," He said. **"The Father in me, he doeth the work"** (John 5:19; 14:10).

Spirit Guides

Today there are New Agers, psychics, and astrologers in the world who are trying to get the aid of spirit guides—familiar spirits that will give them information in the spirit realm.

Jesus, however, exemplified relying upon the One and only Spirit of Truth—the Holy Spirit—who comes from the throne of God. There is no truth that comes from anywhere else.

Jesus exemplified perfected ability to rely on the Holy Spirit. That's dying to self. Many people *want* to die to self, but they struggle because they're trying to "kill"

themselves the wrong way.

Dying to self is simply leaning! It's acting on the verse that says, **"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding"** (Proverbs 3:5). What does this mean? Lean on the Holy Spirit, the understanding of God. When you're leaning on the understanding of God, things happen!

What to Do With a Demon

When I was in a tent meeting in California, I made an altar call for deliverance, and people came up to get delivered from alcohol, pornography, nicotine, and other habits.

The Spirit of the Lord moved me to punch a woman in the stomach. I punched her in the stomach as hard as I could. She fell to the ground and started groaning. The devil said, "You killed her!"

I began to lay hands on other people. They were falling out under the power, devils were coming out of them, and bondages were being broken off their lives.

Then I began to hear noises in the background. The woman had fallen on her stomach, flipped on her back, then back on her stomach again. And she began to slither around the aisles on her stomach like a snake!

She put her fingers in her ears, stuck out her tongue, and began to yell, "No, no, no!" as she tried to bite the feet of the man who was holding my microphone. He was walking down the aisle holding the microphone and saying, "I bind you in the name of Jesus! I bind you in the name of Jesus!"

What do you do in such circumstances? "Trust in the Lord with all your heart; lean not on your own

understanding." I said, "Come out of her, in the name of Jesus!"

A deep, guttural male voice replied, "I will *not* come out!" And I said, "Shut up!"

People all over the congregation got very religious. They began to say, "I bind you, I bind you, I bind you." In reality, they were terrified, and they were saying, "Don't come over here! Don't jump on me! Leave me alone!"

After we cast the devil out of that woman, she could hear her own voice for the first time in her life, and she was healed from a speech impediment. You've got to learn to yield to the Holy Spirit.

God With Us

I wonder how many psychologists and psychiatrists that woman saw during her lifetime? But God never called us to *counsel* the devil or invite him to Sunday morning service. Jesus said, "They shall *cast out* devils."

Trusting, obeying, and following the Holy Spirit—Jesus exemplified it all. The Bible says, **"How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power; who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him"** (Acts 10:38).

Jesus Christ Himself did not do miracles as God; He did not perform supernatural acts because He was God, but because God was with Him. The same God who was working with Jesus later worked with the Church through the Holy Spirit.

Until His baptism in the Holy Spirit, Jesus had never performed a miracle. When He walked into that synagogue at Nazareth, He said, "It's time for my ministry

to begin. Hand Me that scroll." He found the prophetic passage and read:

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,

To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.

Luke 4:18,19

Then He handed the scroll back to the leader of the synagogue and declared, **"This day is this scripture fulfilled [made real] in your ears"** (Luke 4:21).

A New Dispensation Begins

A new era started when Jesus came. A new dispensation began when the Son of God came. Jesus said:

From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force.

For all the prophets and the law prophesied until John.

Matthew 11:12,13

The promises of God are "yea and amen" to those who believe. Spiritual violence is a tenacious faith that obtains and possesses. It is a boldness to come to the throne to obtain God's promises and find answers to your prayers (Hebrews 4:16).

Yet Jesus said the least person in the kingdom of heaven was greater than John. Why? Because John was going to live and die having never received the New Testament capacity to walk into the Jesus-kind of ministry. You and I have this capacity.

Chapter 2

The Presence of God

You can walk under the shadow of the Almighty. The presence of God will even take wrinkles off your face. The presence of God will make you look young when others get old. I know some people don't believe that, but read your Bible. The Bible says that your youth **"is renewed like the eagle's"** (Psalm 103:5).

The presence of God will also take away your burdens. You can walk without them, casting all your cares upon Him, because He cares for you (1 Peter 5:7).

The presence of the Lord is God's divine antidote. It works every day of the week and does away with depression. People are killing themselves today because of depression, but the Bible says in His presence there is fullness of joy (Psalm 16:11). The presence of God is real. When you walk in it, you feel it, you sense it.

People Who Walked in the Presence of God

Kathryn Kuhlman walked in the presence of God. After she closed some meetings and was leaving through the hotel kitchen, unsaved cooks and waiters who had not attended her meeting fell out under the power of God as she walked by! It was because she walked in the presence of God and under His shadow.

That's why Smith Wigglesworth could be sitting in a train and minding his own business, reading, and four men came to him and said, "We don't know what it is about you, but your presence makes us feel like we're

going to die and go to hell. Would you please pray for us?"

Some Christians today have attained that realm and are walking in it, yet it's available to each and every one of us. There is a way to walk in that anointing and release it, and there is also a way to short-circuit it.

Jesus exemplified walking in the anointing of God and learning how that virtue and presence worked.

Nicodemus: A Good Theologian

There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews:

The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him.

John 3:1,2

Do you know that Nicodemus was a better theologian than most in the Church world today? That's because almost every theologian today credits Christ's ability to perform miracles to His deity. But Nicodemus knew the truth: He knew that the reason Jesus was performing miracles was not because He was God. Was He God? Absolutely. Is He deity? Yes. Is He from eternity? Yes.

But when He became a man, He became a man all the way, and never performed one miracle *as God*. He did all of them *as a man anointed by the Holy Spirit so the Church can walk in the same ability*.

God Will Never Leave You Nor Forsake You

Nicodemus said, **"We know that You came from God, because no one can do the miracles You are doing, except God be with him."**

Do you know that God is not only *in you* by the Holy

Spirit; God is *with you*.

Everywhere you go, God is with you. You can ignore Him, but He is there. You can forget that He is there, but He is. And it doesn't matter what you do, or how you act — you can stop acting like a Christian, you can stop talking like a victorious individual, you can stop speaking spiritually, you can stop thinking right, you can walk for weeks, never talking to Him — *but God is with you!*

He will never leave you nor forsake you. He is with you always, even unto the end of the age. When God sent the Holy Spirit to us, the Holy Spirit gave an eternal commitment to the Church.

He will never leave the Church. He will never quit working on the Church. He will never stop supporting the Church. He is always wooing, always dealing, always trying to bring our heart to that place of expectation so He can perform a miracle in our life.

No Mere Mortal

Don't walk like a mere mortal—rise up and walk like a supernatural person!

Don't leave the supernatural dimension to the psychics and the Satanists. Don't leave it to the world. It belongs to the Church!

I cannot enjoy Christianity without the miracles! Why? Because miracles embarrass the devil. Miracles are good. When someone is healed, the devil becomes furious. When someone is saved, the devil becomes furious. When your bills are paid, the devil is angry. When you get the right spouse for your life, the devil is mad. When you make the right alliances and the right decisions, and you are led by the Spirit, you infuriate hell. And there is nothing more satisfying than embarrassing the devil and disrupting the

kingdom of darkness!

Did Jesus Ignore Nicodemus' Question?

The Holy Spirit is not only in us; He is with us. Until recently, I had missed the point of Jesus' conversation with Nicodemus. Nicodemus started by saying to Jesus, "We know You come from God. We know You're doing miracles because God is with You."

Then Jesus seemingly ignored everything Nicodemus had said, replying, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, you must be born again."

The way I've heard it preached, and the way I used to think about it, it seemed as if Jesus said, "Never mind the miracles, never mind the question, never mind the statement—you must be born again."

But that was not exactly what Jesus said. Jesus is a perfect gentleman. He answers you directly. This is what He actually said to Nicodemus: "Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God" (John 3:3).

Hadn't Jesus said, **"If I with the finger of God cast out devils, no doubt the kingdom of God is come upon you"**? (Luke 11:20). What had He said to His disciples? "Go heal the sick and raise the dead and say, the kingdom of God is come upon you."

Demonstrating the Kingdom of God

In light of that, the kingdom of God is in operation through the Church when the rulership of God is manifested. For example, when I lay hands on someone with a deadly fever and that fever leaves, I've just demonstrated God as King in that house.

So Jesus answered Nicodemus plainly, "You must be born again, or else you will never see in your own life the kingdom of God, the supernatural acts of God, the authority of God manifested. You won't see the devil defeated in your life unless you are born again."

Once you are born again, the tables are turned; positions change. One minute prior to salvation, the devil is riding on your back. But right after you pray the sinner's prayer, the devil is under your feet!

You must be born again! *If you aren't born again, you won't see the kingdom of God in operation.* But once you are born again, what happens? You become a new man or woman. You become a child of God. And the Bible says, **"As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye might grow thereby"** (1 Peter 2:2).

Notice the Bible also says, **"For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God"** (Romans 8:14). Why didn't the verse say, "As many as are *full* of the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God"?

We have made the mistake of thinking just because you're born again, you're a *son* of God, but that's not true. You're a *child* of God, a baby, first. You're only a son when you're led by the Spirit. And not everyone will pay the price and say, "I don't know how to walk the right way. Holy Spirit, lead me."

That Prune Look

That's why some Christians are always *trying* to believe. You can pick them out easily; they're the ones who have that prune look on their face, or that pickle look, or that lemon look. That's how Christians look when they're struggling — *trying* to believe.

They're like a baby trying to learn to walk. They live

their life like that. They never grow up to be able to do it right. Why? Because if you're not diligent, the natural life and the lies of the devil will convince you that the little you have is all that's available to you.

This attitude will keep you from understanding how to walk miraculously, supernaturally, and triumphantly. You will fail to understand how you can walk right into the presence of God.

Why Christians Become Sick

Many Christians become sick because they have unforgiveness, condemnation, or subconscious rebellion in their life, yet the Holy Spirit is in their life daily, trying to make them sensitive for one moment so they can get rid of their burden and be delivered.

They lived for years and developed a condition, even though the Holy Spirit was there with them all the time. They went to church and sang, "We'll understand it better by and by." Eventually some died sick, went to heaven, and asked, "Why did I die, Lord?" And He said, "Because you're dumb."

Someone will say, "Now, the Lord doesn't talk like that!" Yes, He does. He says, "**My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge...**" (Hosea 4:6). That means dumb.

A person who has the Bible and is still walking around lacking knowledge is dumb. All you've got to do is open the Book and let the Guide whom God sent direct you into God's best. The Holy Spirit wants to make you a person who always rules and reigns with Christ.

Why are you on planet Earth? Because God has ordained you as a king, as a priest, to rule and reign with Christ. The Bible says, "**...because as he is, so are we in this world**" (1 John 4:17).

Why are we like Jesus? Because He sent the same Spirit who made Him supernatural to us. He sent the same Spirit He had when He got up in that boat and said to the storm, "Stop! Peace, be still!" And when Jesus said to the fig tree, "No man eat fruit of thee hereafter for ever," it happened (Mark 11:14).

The Holy Spirit who came upon Him at the River Jordan equipped Him for ministry and enabled Him to put power into those words.

The Man With 40 Tumors

When we were in Hawaii holding a conference, a man flew in from Canada for healing. He had 40 tumors the size of golf balls on the outside of his body, hanging from his arms, shoulders, and back. People could see some of them, because he wore short-sleeved shirts.

He came to me and asked me to pray for him. He told me he had been prayed for by three very famous men of God, and he wanted to add my name to his list.

I told him, "I'm not here to pray for you; I'm here to get you healed. I'm going to curse those tumors."

I believe in talking to tumors. I believe in talking to the wind. I believe in talking to the rain. I believe in talking to cancer and casting it out. I believe in talking to the devil and shutting him up.

Jesus said, "If you believe what you say, you shall have what you say." I told the man, "When I curse those tumors, they're going to wither."

Three days later, the man had only four tumors left out of 40. Two days after that, they were all gone, and he came on the platform, removed his shirt, and jumped up and down with joy because I had told those tumors, "In the

name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, I command you to die!"

Words Filled With Power

Those words filled with the power of the Spirit were sent into the earth to work with me. I'm not working here alone; God is working with me. He went right into the heart of the man's problem and healed him.

I speak to tumors because the Bible says, **"We having the same spirit of faith..."** (2 Corinthians 4:13). "The same spirit of faith" is not an attitude; He's a Person, the Holy Spirit. He came, and He lives in me.

Do you know who else is with me today? My angels are with me. They help me minister. People have come and told me, "We saw your angels. Three of them were standing behind you."

I don't have to see them to believe in them, because the Bible says we have come **"to an innumerable company of angels"** (Hebrews 12:22). And **"The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear him"** (Psalm 34:7).

When Angels Can't Help You

You never go anywhere without your angels, but sometimes they must stand back and watch instead of helping you. Why? It's because of your words. It's because you're saying, "I wonder what I'm going to do. I hope the Lord does something. I hope I get the job. I hope I get the raise. I hope we get the house. I hope this. I hope that."

Your angels must stand back then, because they only respond to the Word or the voice of the Lord. Therefore, when you speak words of doubt and unbelief, you get nowhere.

Our angels are with us. The Holy Spirit is upon us and

with us. This means that together we can experience that divine presence known as the anointing.

The Bible says the Holy Spirit will come to us as the rain—the early and the latter rain. I have been in meetings where people felt the rain of God.

Sinners get saved quickly when they are in meetings and start shaking but don't know why. (They shake because the anointing is in the place.)

John G. Lake's Strategy

John G. Lake, a mighty man of God, was used powerfully in South Africa. He assembled ministry teams and sent them out, instructing them, "Go find the witch doctors. And when you find them, cast the devil out of them and get them saved!"

So the Christians went out looking for the witch doctors. It's time for us to look for the devil. It's time for us to win the battle. It's time for us to win the war.

At a time when people were dying from the bubonic plague, Brother Lake assisted medical personnel and helped bury the dead bodies, which were contagious. The doctors said, "Reverend Lake, we don't understand why you haven't contracted the disease; you are working in such close proximity with the dead and dying." Medical science often does not understand.

John G. Lake asked them to conduct an experiment. They took some disease-infected froth from a victim's mouth and placed it in the great missionary's hand. Then they examined the froth under a microscope, as he had requested. They saw the germs die as soon as the froth touched John G. Lake's hands!

You can't do that if you're simply *trying* to believe. If

you try it, you'll die. But John G. Lake knew his body was full of the resurrection power of Jesus Christ; he knew it was the temple of the Holy Spirit. He knew he wasn't in South Africa to catch bubonic plague. And the bubonic plague recoiled from him!

Destined to Win

AIDS is in trouble! We're not here to die sick. We're not here to live poor. We're not here to be defeated. We're not here to be trampled under foot. We are the army of the Lord. Greater is He that is in us than he that is in the world.

"We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak" (2 Corinthians 4:13). Why? Because we have the same Spirit. He's a Person.

Have you ever seen someone who has a devil? They said that about Jesus—did you know that? The Pharisees said, "You have a devil."

Why would someone accuse him of having a devil? I'll tell you why: When you act weird, you're either under the influence of God or under the influence of the devil. And Jesus was full of the Holy Spirit and acted weird.

Anyone who comes to you walking on the water—anyone who says, "Take away the stone" after the corpse has been entombed four days—anyone who goes around spitting on people and healing their blind eyes—is not normal!

Chosen to Walk Supernaturally

And we haven't been chosen or called to walk normally, either. We've been chosen to walk supernaturally!

People who are possessed by a devil act weird. If the devil is in manifestation, at times those people have supernatural power and ability.

People who have a familiar spirit will read tarot (fortune-telling) cards or your palm. They'll even give you certain accurate information and make up a future for you —because the devil can't tell your future. He'll just tell you something that he knows about you, and invent something for you in the future so you'll believe his invention and have what you believe.

When you are under the influence of the Holy Spirit, you will look and act a little different. Granted, God will not "possess" you in the sense that He will *force* you to do what He wants you to. He will never make you raise the dead, believe His Word, or anything else.

Complete Trust

As a matter of fact, God won't give you the Holy Spirit automatically; you must ask for and *receive* the Holy Spirit. You can't get Him; you receive Him. Why? Because the Lord wants your cooperation, and in order for you to cooperate with God in that dimension, you must trust Him completely.

That's why Jesus said, "If you ask your heavenly Father for the Holy Spirit, He won't give you a stone or a serpent; He will give you the Holy Spirit" (Luke 11:11-13). Jesus said this to eliminate the fear people have of opening up their spirit to the work of the Holy Spirit.

We must be able to say, "God, I know I am receiving the Holy Spirit into my life. I know I am called to learn how to cooperate with Him and lean upon Him as my Guide. From this moment on, I want to do that."

I Want God's Glory

I want to walk in God's presence. When I walk into a room, I want God's glory to walk into the room not only in me but with me. He *is* with me. When I come around people, I want them to feel the glory of God across the room. This is not an "aura"; it's God with us.

The devil is trying to steal everything in the Church, but it belongs to us. God is with us. He was with Jesus and He was with the disciples, working with them, and now He is with us.

Chapter 3

The 10 Silent Days

We are going to see in the second chapter of Acts that there were 10 silent days after Jesus was received up into heaven.

Jesus left earth 40 days after His resurrection, but the Holy Spirit had not yet arrived. The Holy Spirit came on the 50th day, the Day of Pentecost. That is why there were 10 silent days on earth.

During those 10 days, the disciples tarried, waiting for the promise of the Spirit. When the 50th day was fully come, they were sitting and waiting in the Upper Room.

Jesus rose from the dead. He demonstrated irrefutably that He was alive—the only man who ever rose from the dead in an eternal glorified body.

Historically, no one can deny that Jesus lived. No one can deny that Jesus died. And, realistically, no one can find Jesus' body.

After He rose from the dead, He was seen by at least 500 witnesses, many of whom later gave their lives as martyrs and breathed their last saying, "I saw Him alive!"

And then, out of season—because he did not walk with Jesus personally like Peter and the other disciples did—a man named Saul began persecuting the Church. Did you know that one of the greatest preachers in the New Testament was once the enemy of Jesus? Did you know he did not believe in the resurrection until the Spirit of God knocked him down and changed his life?

Saul was a Pharisee who had been taught at the feet of

the famous scholar Gamaliel, and Saul was running around killing Christians, whom he considered to be heretics.

But one day as Saul was on his way to Damascus, a light that was brighter than the noonday sun suddenly appeared and knocked him down. Jesus converted him and transformed Saul into Paul, one of the greatest apostles.

There were 10 silent days from the time Jesus was received into heaven until the time when the Holy Spirit came to guide the Church. There were no witnesses on earth for God. Jesus was seated at the Father's right hand. The disciples could only be witnesses after Pentecost (Acts 1:8).

He said to His disciples (Luke 24:49), "Wait in Jerusalem, because I am sending you the Comforter—I am sending you the Holy Spirit. From the moment He comes into your life, He is going to be your Helper and Guide. You will have power after He has come upon you, and then you shall be witnesses unto me."

The Bible records:

And when the day of Pentecost [the 50th day] was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.

And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.

Acts 2:1,2

Remove Those Pentecostal Bifocals

Let's not read this account with our Pentecostal bifocals on. There were 120 people sitting in a house, waiting. And all of a sudden, there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind. Can you imagine that

sound? It was right from heaven: "Shhhhhh."

The people sitting there could hear that sound coming closer and closer and closer, and then it filled the house. Inside that house 120 people heard a rushing mighty wind.

Why? Don't you think the Lord is trying to tell the Church something? He said, "I am going to send you the Holy Spirit, who is going to abide with you." How long? Not dispensationally. Not until the apostles die. *He will abide with you forever!*

And when that wind came and filled the house, God put it on record in the second chapter of Acts to tell us that although we may not hear the wind today, the mighty God, the Holy Spirit, moved into the earth two thousand years ago so that He might anoint men and women.

"I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh," God promised, and Peter quoted these words from Joel in his famous sermon on the Day of Pentecost, saying:

**And your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions, and your old men
shall dream dreams:**

**And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will
pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall
prophesy.**

Acts 2:17,18

God is interested in making you a miracle-worker. Do you realize that God is interested in making you higher, stronger, and greater in your function and testimony for Him than the psychics, the New Agers, the members of the occult, and those who walk as mere mortals? Absolutely.

An Impartation Awaits

But He's not going to do it in spite of you; He needs your cooperation. There is an impartation of His power putting the power of the baptism to work, wanting and needing to come to your life, that will break bands, break cords, break yokes, and set you free.

God is saying to you, "Come up hither." The Holy Spirit can impart that anointing to you, and it can remain with you forever. Whether or not you let God go all the way is up to you. It depends on how you hear and cooperate with the Spirit's wooing.

When that rushing mighty wind filled the house on the Day of Pentecost, **"there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them"** (verse 3).

Have you ever seen a picture of the Upper Room, with that little flame on top of the head of every disciple? That little flicker right on top of their heads was supposed to be the baptism with the Holy Spirit!

Is it any wonder we can't raise the dead and move mountains? People are walking around claiming to be full of the Spirit when only the tip of their finger is wet!

God didn't send a rushing mighty wind from heaven and pour out His Spirit to cover the earth with His glory so He could put a match light on top of the apostles' heads.

Ministers Aflame

"There appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire...." The Bible also says, He **"maketh his angels spirits, and his ministers a flame of fire"** (Hebrews 1:7). Every one of you is His minister. No, not just those in the fivefold ministries; every Christian is God's servant, because that's what the word "minister" means.

God makes His servants flames of fire; He doesn't set their hair on fire. He doesn't put a little flame on their heads so they can walk around having a "charismatic experience." People who have had a "charismatic experience" can come to church and control themselves, but the 120 in the Upper Room had an experience that turned them into wild men!

Later on, the people of their day would say of them, **"These that have turned the world upside down are come hither also"** (Acts 17:6).

Turning again to verse 3, **"there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them."** It was a whole flame, and when it came and sat upon them, everyone was aflame. For He will immerse you into the Holy Spirit and fire.

The World Turned Upside Down

The fire never left. Yes, the wind stopped, but the Holy Spirit didn't leave the Early Church. The flames disappeared, but the fire was still there, inside the believers! Everywhere they went, they were on fire! They had been baptized with the Holy Ghost and fire!

As they traveled around, they touched people, and those people got on fire, too. Fires catch, and fires burn people. The Gospel will burn you. The Gospel is like fire shut up in one's bones. The fire of the Gospel spread throughout the known world.

The account in this second chapter continues, **"And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance"** (verse 4). Notice, *before* they were filled, tongues of fire sat on them.

They were consumed with the fire. It covered them

from head to foot. Each of them resembled the burning bush. An entire tongue sat on each of them.

What am I saying? You're not only *indwelt* by God; you're *clothed* by God, anointed by Him, smeared as if with suntan lotion. Thus, the Spirit is *upon* you as well as *within* you.

God's Super-Saver Fares

When that powerful supernatural anointing came on the prophet Elijah, he got up and outran a chariot for 20 miles, just from the anointing. He outran the horses! Can you imagine being that anointed? And that was under the Old Covenant.

When God clothes you with His power and you are cooperating with Him and are aware of His presence, there's no telling what might happen.

In the New Testament, after Philip baptized the Ethiopian eunuch, he didn't run away; he flew away! By the time the eunuch came up out of the water, Philip had disappeared. He'd had his own personal rapture. Philip went to another city to preach, and he didn't need a first-class ticket on an airplane to get there—he was translated!

Stagnant Waters

"Well, brother, I just never go out under the power." Yes, and you never pray in tongues, either.

People who walk around in the flesh come up for prayer. "Lay hands on me," they say, but they're stagnant. The river is in them, but it can't flow unless they release it.

There are people who have been filled with the Holy Spirit for 30 years, and all they have is three syllables: "ga, ga, gee, gee, goo, goo." That's it. Thirty years, and that's all

they have!

John 7:38 says, "**He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water,**" not drips and drops. These people can't even sprinkle the devil sufficiently, let alone defeat him.

God is not going to grab your tongue, wiggle it around, and force you to pray. He must have your cooperation. You've got to learn how to yield to the moving of His Spirit.

This is why Jesus sometimes emptied a room before He performed a miracle. Sometimes there are people, strongholds, or forces present that are not willing to comply with God. Let God be God!

A merry heart doeth good like a medicine. In His presence there is *fullness* of joy. Fullness of joy. Get full! The Bible also says that the Church is the *fullness* of Him that filleth all in all. The fullness—full of God!

Unwilling Travelers

The Bible says, "By faith Enoch was translated." If Enoch was translated by faith, then Philip was translated by faith, too. But God is not going to force you into a spiritual experience.

What would you do if the Holy Spirit moved on you right now, and tried to remove you bodily somewhere else?

I'll tell you what some of you would do: You'd rebuke the devil, grab a chair, and hang onto something.

If you can't comply with the moves of the Spirit—if you can't give when He says give, if you can't laugh when laughter is moving—what makes you think you will recognize the deeper things?

Prophecy

"Yes, for if my children would comply, if my children would yield, if my children would allow my hand to mold them and make them, so will they become a mighty army. So will they become a mighty building. The workmanship of my hand and victory will be wrought in their life, and defeat will come upon the adversary.

"It is my desire to visit thee with my healing power, and with my anointing, and with my revival to change your heart and change your life forever, says the Spirit of the living God."

Chapter 4

The Touch of Faith

One night after preaching the Word in a Hollywood, California, meeting, I called out a condition. The Spirit of the Lord told me there was a woman in the building who had a fibroid tumor in her womb.

When I called out this word of knowledge, a woman came forward who had a tumor the size of a five-month pregnancy that had lodged itself in her womb. Medical science says that when you have a fibroid tumor that size, you must go through surgery. That is the only way it can be removed.

I want you to know something: There are people in the earth who will find solutions to your problems, and there are people in the earth who will find problems to your solutions.

There are those who know how easy it is to believe God, and there are those who can never get the revelation of the fact that His yoke is easy and His burden is light. The latter spend their life doubting.

When you lay hands on them, they wonder whether or not they got anything. They wonder whether or not it's going to last. And then these skeptical, pessimistic, unbelieving people always ask the Lord to show them a sign—to do something dramatic so they can believe.

Let's take today, for example. Chances are, you were exposed to contrary forces. Chances are, you heard negative reports. If you read the newspaper, if you listened to the radio, if you watched television, if you

spoke to your mother- in-law, you got a contrary report— because you cannot live in the natural world without hearing contrary reports.

Negative reports are abundant, but the Word of the Lord is precious. When you get the Word of the Lord, hold on to it. Don't let the devil steal it from you.

I laid hands on the woman with the tumor, and the power of God that was in me flowed through me to her, because the Lord wanted to bring her a miracle. But the power kept bouncing off the woman. Immediately, I took my hands off her.

Why Isn't Everyone Healed?

How many have ever wondered why we don't see everyone healed? How many have heard preachers say, "Well, if it's God's will to heal everyone, why don't they all get healed?"

I could have told that woman, "Go and be healed," but in my spirit I knew that the power, the virtue, that God was sending into her life was bouncing off her.

Don't be the kind of person who allows the power to bounce off him. Be the kind of person who takes it in like a sponge! Open your heart, and God's power will visit your life. Something will happen in you, and you will never be the same.

Remember the woman with the issue of blood who said, "If I may touch but His clothes, I will be made whole"? When she touched Him, Jesus perceived that "virtue," or power, went out of Him. And although a multitude was thronging, touching, and pushing Him, only she was experiencing virtue going into her.

The Touch of Faith

So it's not the touch that matters; *it's the touch of faith*. The touch of faith will allow you to become a recipient of God's blessings and goodness.

When I took my hands off the woman, I asked, "Sister, do you believe that God sent me here tonight to heal you?"

She answered, "The doctor said it can only be removed surgically."

Immediately we'd uncovered the problem. I don't care how often you go for prayer; I don't care how much oil you're anointed with; I don't care how many sleepless nights you spend praying in other tongues—if the report that has captivated your heart and your mind is the banker's report, the doctor's report, the report of the mortgage company, the report of the politician, or the report of your mother-in-law—God cannot bring His blessing into your life. *You must believe the report of the Lord.*

Joshua said, "As for me and my house, we shall serve the Lord." There is a decision to be made here, and as for me, I'm going to believe God's report. I don't care who's going bankrupt. I don't care who's getting evicted. I don't care who's going to go without food. I'm going to be taken care of by God, because He said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." I believe *His* report.

Are You Willing for a Miracle?

I asked the woman, "Would you be willing to allow God to remove your tumor here tonight without a surgery?"

A religious man, a theologian, can probably preach 101 points on why you ought not to assume that you can disallow or allow God to do anything. He'll tell you, "Who do you think you are to allow or disallow God? God can

do anything He wants to do."

But God has been working for two thousand years to try to make the Church like Jesus, and He hasn't done it yet. Why? Because the Lord will not *make* you do anything. The Lord will simply present life and death, blessing and cursing. He will say, "I've got blessing, but if you want to go to the devil and receive cursing, go right ahead. If you want to go to the doctor and have the tumor removed, go right ahead."

"Would you be willing to allow God to remove the tumor here tonight without a surgery?" I asked.

She nodded. Tears were coming out of her eyes.

I said, "Put your hands on your stomach." She did. Her eyes were closed. I said, "Do you believe that God sent me here tonight to heal you?" She nodded.

When she did, the Spirit of the Lord moved me to hit her in the stomach, and she fell out under the power. And later, when she went in the restroom to check, she could not locate that five-pound tumor in her body!

We went to Africa, returned home, and found a letter from this woman's pastor waiting for us at our office. The pastor said, "One of the miracles that happened when you were at our church happened to the woman who had the five-pound tumor. She went to her appointment to have the surgery, but when the doctors checked her, they could not find a trace of the tumor."

In the natural, a fibroid tumor that size cannot be removed without a surgery. However, if a man of God who is anointed by the Holy Ghost hits you in the stomach, it will disappear. But the natural man cannot understand the things of the Spirit of God.

Living in Fantasyland

The Lord did not call the Church to walk in fantasy. He called us to walk in faith. Many people, sad to say, walk their life in fantasy. They're going to have misconceptions about God. They're going to have misconceptions about themselves. They're going to believe something that is not true, because they won't make the decision to believe the truth that is in God's Word.

It's easier than you think. You can grasp the reality that God wants to work with you, and He sent the Holy Spirit to be your divine Guide, so whatever natural activities you're involved in could become supernatural activities having supernatural results that give witness and testimony to the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

You are not in the earth alone; God is with you. Lay hands on yourself. Say, "I am the temple of the Holy Spirit. God lives in me. I am not walking alone. God is walking with me. Wherever I go, God goes with me. And if I allow Him to, God will be present to manifest His power.

A Sign From God

The Bible says the Lord Himself shall show you a sign: **"A virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel,"** which means "God with us." That's the Word of God (Isaiah 7:14).

Two thousand years ago, a virgin conceived. I don't care what backslidden theologians say; I don't care what intellectuals say; I don't care what agnostics, atheists, Satanists, or other opposers of the Gospel say—a virgin conceived. And the child that was conceived in her was not the by-product of cohabitation with a man. It was God becoming flesh.

And when He was born, He was Immanuel, God with us. And when He grew up, He was Immanuel, God with

us. But He wasn't Immanuel for only thirty-three and a half years; He is still the same today—He is God with us today.

Some of you have been Christians for a while, and you have been aware of moves of God. You have seen certain things, and you can say, "God was wonderful 'way back when I saw something."

But God is not in the business of "moves," because God is *always* moving. The problem is with us. If there is an inconsistency on our part, we will fail to see a regular, constant presence and manifestation of God.

It should not be abnormal to walk supernaturally; it should be normal to walk supernaturally. But this will come only by learning to yield to the Spirit of the living God.

The Divine Helper

Suppose a millionaire called you one day and said, "I'm a millionaire, and I want to strike a partnership with you. Your part of the agreement would be to let me provide my resources. My part would be to provide the money."

How many would reply, "Oh, no, thank you. I don't need any help."

That's a miniature example of the awesomeness of God, who sent His message to us and said, "I'm going to strike an agreement with you; a contract sealed by the blood of my Son. From this moment on, if you would believe Me, all the resources I possess, all my blessings, my goodness, even my very nature, can come into your life through the spirit realm and be real to you. Your job is just to allow Me to bless you with my provision." Yet we live beneath the provisions of God.

The Realm of Provision

Let's look further into the realm of provision. I want to be challenged again by the Spirit of God to allow the door of my spiritual life to be opened and allow the Lord to come in continually.

We read the scripture in Revelation 3:20 that says, **"Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me,"** and we interpret it only as salvation of the soul.

But that word "salvation" is the word *soteria* in the Greek. *Soteria* means salvation of the soul. *Soteria* means prosperity. *Soteria* means wealth. *Soteria* means deliverance. *Soteria* means welfare. *Soteria* means protection. *Soteria* means rescue. *Soteria* means divine health.

So the Lord is still standing and knocking. He saved you, but He's still knocking on your door, saying, "Let me in as your Healer."

"I don't have time now, Lord. I've got to go to the doctor."

"Let Me in as your divine financial Provider."

"I've got to go to the bank. I don't have time."

Behold, He's standing at the door of your heart, knocking.

Some theologians will tell you, "Well, if the Lord wants to, He knows where you live. If He wants to bless you, He'll come." No, God is a gentleman. He will not kick your door down. He will just knock.

Spiritual Sensitivity

Have you heard the term, "God is dealing with me"? Have you had God deal with you about something for a while? Do you know why He was dealing with you? It was because you hadn't done what He told you to do. That's what dealing is: It means God is trying to get you to do something.

People say, "God has been dealing with me about this thing for weeks now." It's because they haven't graduated in their sensitivity to act when he says, "Act!"

One night my wife and I were sitting in church. There was a woman speaking in that church who was about 70 years old. The Spirit of the Lord dropped a revelation into my heart concerning her. He told me to give her an automobile. I had two automobiles.

Just like that—boom!—on the inside of me He said, "Give her a car!" On the inside of me, a light went on.

I turned to look at my wife, When I did, she had turned to look at me. We didn't have to say a word; we just looked at each other. I got up and said, "I have something to say. God told us to give you a car."

The woman wasn't up there saying, "Someone here has a car for me."

How did we know what God said without even saying a word? When you're sensitive to the Holy Spirit, you not only hear God; you're able to obey Him, and you become the recipient of great blessings, because God is interested in obedience.

Say, "I am the temple of the Holy Spirit. Jesus sent the Holy Spirit into my life, into the earth, to be the divine Helper and Guide of the Church. He will work with me to give my labor supernatural results for the glory of God."

Chapter 5

A Positive God

I saw a commercial on television. They were selling a tape. You were to put that tape into an audio cassette, place the earphones on, and as you listened, it was supposed to change your mind, because it is the mind of a millionaire on tape.

That might sound funny, but it's the truth. Scientifically, they are now saying that if you listen to what a successful individual has to say—his thoughts, his traits, the way he thinks about himself, life, and others—you will receive his ability into your life. They claim that if you listen to the mind of a millionaire on tape, you will more than likely become a millionaire yourself.

My reaction was, "Why would I want to go bankrupt like that, when the Bible says we have the mind of Christ?" He's richer than that millionaire. He's richer than any billionaire on planet Earth. And, by the way, He's a positive thinker. Jesus is a positive thinker. He is not a negative thinker. He thinks positively.

A Positive Mind

Someone will ask, "Are you talking about positive thinking and positive confession?" Be it far from us to say anything positive as Christians. If people got arrested for positive speech, most Christians would be running free.

But the mind of Christ is a positive mind. He said, "I will build my Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." He said, "I will come again to receive

you. I go to prepare a place for you."

God is a positive God. His Word will bring His mind into our lives. The Bible says, "Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises...." God is in the business of promising things to His people. Why? Because He's interested in His people believing what He has to say.

If you don't believe someone, you won't put any stock in him. You can promise me something, but if I don't believe you, I'll just ignore it. However, if I believe you, I'll go around saying, "Do you know what I was promised?"

"Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature..." (2 Peter 1:4).

God's Precious Promise

In other words, the Bible is God's promise—God's living spiritual force—that makes known to my heart what God intends to do in, through, and for me. Then, through that spiritual promise, I can become a partaker or recipient of God's divine nature.

That word "partaker" means to be a partner and associate with God; a companion with God; a person who shares with God in His divine nature.

All of a sudden, when His Word invades my life, I start taking on the spiritual characteristics of my heavenly Father. I start changing. I was mindful of defeat, but I start becoming mindful of victory. I was negative, but I start becoming positive. I was confused, but I start getting direction from the Lord. God is not the author of confusion, and the steps of the righteous are ordered of the Lord.

Walking Where God Is

So that divine nature begins to work in me. Why? Because God is with me. The Bible says, **"Can two walk together, except they be agreed?"** (Amos 3:3). The Bible says, **"If we walk in the light, as he is [where?] in the light..."** (1 John 1:7). That means if I'm walking in the light, I'm walking where God is. That means He's with me, and I'm with Him.

When I come to minister to you, I don't walk up to the pulpit alone. I go to the pulpit with God in me as well as with me. When I walk into a building, the presence of the living God is often tangibly sensed by me. He comes upon me.

Why? Because He is saying, "Now is the time you need supernatural endowment. From this moment until the time you finish ministering to the people, it will no longer be your intellect, your ability, your training, or your background. I will be the One doing the teaching, preaching, and ministry through you. The anointing will destroy the yoke."

It's like that in every area of your life. I can't understand how people can live their whole life in misery. If you live in misery on earth, we don't want you in heaven.

"I Feel Like Raising the Dead"

We'll be celebrating 15 years of preaching the Gospel next year, and for years I've been hearing people tell me, "Brother, there's a great move of God coming. It's coming."

When I was first saved, I said, "Tell me about it." They said, "The dead are going to be raised. The blind are going to see. The deaf are going to hear. There's going to be a great revival."

I started thinking about it. What these people were

saying was that one day in God's time, when He deems it proper, a move is coming.

Suppose I were a nominal, stagnant churchgoer. I leave church Sunday night a spiritual midget. I haven't fasted. I haven't prayed. I haven't obeyed the Word. I haven't been positive in years. I've been pessimistic—down in the dumps, defeated. I never get excited; I never shout when the preacher preaches; I never get anointed; I never prophesy; I'm just waiting on eternity or a move of God.

Will I go home Sunday night, go to sleep, and wake up Monday morning, exclaiming, "My God, there's a move of God here. I feel like raising the dead!"

How many of you know it doesn't happen like that, and it won't happen like that. People who think it's going to happen like that are going to be standing on the outside watching the rest of us run the race set before us.

The Real Move of God

God once spoke to me and said, "This last move of God will be God moving His people." Yes, there's a move coming. When is it going to come? *When you start moving.*

That's what God has called me to do: build a fire under you to motivate you. People get motivated when they're burning.

God has been trying to move His Church for two thousand years, from its beginning, but some people won't move. God is the one who said, "Go ye into all the world." And we read that God worked with them, confirming the word with signs following.

Is a move of God coming? Yes, but it's going to be convincing the remnant and using the willing. When they go, they won't be going alone, because the divine Helper

and Guide is with them.

Come Boldly to the Throne of Grace

The Bible says, "**Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need**" (Hebrews 4:16).

Notice that you can come boldly to the throne room of God while you're living right here on planet Earth. This is because, when the Third Person of the Trinity, the Holy Spirit, came to Earth, he literally connected Earth's realm—the Christian's realm—with heaven's throne.

So there is no distance in prayer. When you walk in the anointing, you walk right into God's presence. As a matter of fact, there is a man in heaven representing you. Do you know that? He's your attorney. Most of us cannot afford an attorney on retainer on earth, but Jesus is our attorney in heaven.

"For there is one God, and one mediator between God and man, the man Christ Jesus" (1 Timothy 2:5). He rose to heaven, went in by His own blood, sprinkled it on the mercy seat, and sat down.

The New Human Race

When the heavenly Father turns to His right hand, He sees the head of the new human race—not the first Adam, but the last Adam, Jesus Christ—who is going to reproduce after His kind. **"And his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The Mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace"** (Isaiah 9:6).

When God turns and sees Jesus, He sees my big Brother. He sees the procreator of a brand-new race of believers, sons and daughters who are just like Him. So humanity is being represented at the throne of God. Jesus

went up to represent us before the throne, and the Holy Spirit came down to bring God into our lives.

The Bible says, **"...for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me"** (Hebrews 13:5,6).

"We May Boldly Say"

Notice the phrase "for he hath said...we may boldly say." For he hath said we may boldly say! For he hath said, "I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee." That we may boldly say, "God is my Helper."

Why do I have the boldness to tell the devil, "Devil, God is my Helper"? Why do I have the boldness to say, "Cancer, God is my divine Helper"? Why do I have the boldness to say, "Spirit of poverty, God is my Financier, my Provider"?

Why do I have the boldness to say, "Bills, God is my Supply"? Why do I say to trouble, "God is my Peace"? Why do I say to war, "God is my Salvation"?

It is because God has said, "I will never leave you, nor forsake you." I believe that strongly. I believe every believer can fully grasp this truth.

A Silent Praiser?

If what God says affects you, it will affect what you say. "Well, brother, the Lord knows that I'm a silent praiser. Don't look at my outward appearance, because I'm praising the Lord."

No, you're not. No, you're not! You can't look like a pickle and be happy.

When Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead, He didn't

say, "Wrap him up"; He said, "Loose him and let him go!" I don't care if you are out of the grave, if you still look like a mummy, you need deliverance!

If what God said affects you, it will affect what you say. "He has said He will never leave me, so I may boldly say..." You get boldness in the earth when you know that God is with you. How do you know He's with you? He said it. If He said it and He is with us, He is committed to do something about His promises.

Suppose the Bible said something preposterous, like: "I am with you. I am going to be with you throughout your sojourn in the hospital. I am going to be with you when you are given the last rites. I am going to be with you when you are executed. I am going to be with you when you are divorced. I am going to be with you when you are stomped by the devil—because God moves in mysterious ways, His wonders to perform."

You would have no boldness whatever if that was God's theology. How many have ever had a coward for a friend? How many were not comforted when he was around in a crisis?

When the coward tells you, "I'll never leave you, nor forsake you," you still do not have any more boldness than you had before he promised, because you can't count on the coward.

Watch Out, Devil!

But our God is not a coward. When the going gets tough, our God gets going. What He promised, He will perform. When He says, "I will never leave you, nor forsake you," it means, "Watch out, devil!"

Bullets can be flying in every direction, but the protection of the angelic host is with us. Disease can be

reaching epidemic proportions, but the Bible promises you and your house, **"There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling"** (Psalm 91:10).

That means, when the plague is going around, it ought to have respect for your priesthood in that house. Plagues should say, "Let's not go down that street, because So-and-so lives there." Hallelujah!

There shall no plague come nigh your dwelling, because the Bible says, **"Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour"** (1 Peter 5:8).

Don't Be a Willing Subject

The devil is as a roaring lion who is looking for a candidate to devour. That means the devil must find a *willing* subject before he can chew on them. He's looking for a willing subject.

If you're a lackadaisical Christian who thinks God didn't promise you tomorrow, and all you have is the sweet bye-and-bye, the devil will say, "*There's* a candidate to be devoured!"

He'll come to you and say, "You mean you don't believe God's will is prosperity for you? Let me give you a little poverty. You mean you don't believe God's will is healing for you? Let me give you some sickness. You don't believe in divine health? Let's make you live sickly."

When God says, "I will never leave you, nor forsake you," it means you've got a divine Helper working with you right now, and you can count on Him in time of need. Then you're never caught off guard—never. God is with you always.

Chapter 6

Divine Direction and Aid

And a vision appeared to Paul in the night; there stood a man of Macedonia, and prayed him, saying, Come over into Macedonia, and help us.

And after he had seen the vision, immediately we endeavoured to go into Macedonia, assuredly gathering that the Lord had called us for to preach the gospel unto them.

Acts 16:9,10

Paul saw a vision. A Macedonian man stood before him and said, "Come over here and help us." After hearing about that vision, his colleagues thought, "We think God is telling us to go to Macedonia." (How many know that "assuredly gathering" means, "We figured it out"?)

A vision is one way God gives you direction. How does a vision come? Remember the prophecy of Joel 2:28:

I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, *your young men shall see visions.*

What did God mean by this? He meant, "I am going to give the Church supernatural help. The Holy Spirit will give divine guidance to my people."

"What's Wrong With Forward?"

People seek me out all the time because they hear I'm a prophet. They say, "Brother, pray for me for direction." They think I'm going to lay hands on them and tell them, "Yea, thus saith the Lord, marry the man (or the woman) with the black hair."

Instead, I ask them, "What's wrong with *forward*?" When there's a wall ahead of you, break it down. When in doubt, proceed. When there's a mountain, move it. Continue—persist—prevail—go forward!

Most people look for direction when they've reached a dead end, and now it's easier to back up or turn around, so they want confirmation on the subject. But the steps of the righteous are ordered of the Lord.

God will not only give you a vision—God will not only give you a dream—God will not only give you a prophecy—God will give you the inward peace that passes understanding. He will give you His Word. If you obey it, He will give you greater revelation when necessity demands.

Forbidden by the Holy Spirit

When Paul was about to go to certain areas, the Holy Spirit would forbid him to preach the Gospel there. Most Christians don't want to go anywhere until God says, "Go," yet God has already said in His Word, "*Go ye* into all the world."

Paul was going everywhere he could, but when he was about to go somewhere God didn't want him to go, God said, "No."

I know preachers who are so anointed by God that if they moved into their rightful place right now, thousands would be blessed, because they have the divinely given ability to do the work. But they're sitting on the sidelines "waiting for the door to open." They're older than I am. They were called into the ministry 30 years ago.

Waiting for the Door To Open

When you ask, "What are you waiting for?" they reply,

"I'm waiting for the door to open."

Jesus said, "I am the door."

Whatever your hands find to do, do it with all your might, because God is with you. Don't feel for one moment that you don't understand, or you're not sure if you're doing the right thing.

All it takes is honesty, a foundation in the Bible, and being aware of the fact that the Holy Spirit is with you. He will bring the revelation realm of God to life for you. You will begin to move and operate in the awesome, supernatural realm of the Holy Spirit, and life will become easier for you.

The New Agers' Mistake

Paul saw a vision. Psychics, New Agers, mediums, Satanists, those who go after the occult, and spiritualists are seeking after *power*.

They are seeking a supernatural way to help them possess greater power than the average human being possesses. What they are seeking is counterfeit!

In the Church, God has ordained and released the Holy Spirit as our true Spirit Guide to bring us the supernatural aid of heaven. With His help we can live supernaturally and miraculously every moment of every day above the circumstances of life. That is one way God helps man.

What Do You Really Believe?

Now notice what Paul's vision was. A man of Macedonia said, "Paul, come here and help us." When God is your Helper, people will ask you to help them. God will help you if you believe He is your Helper.

Some people don't believe that. Oh, yes, they will say it in church, and they *think* they believe it, but if they were honest for a little while, they would discover what they really believe.

You can find out what you believe by finding out what you react to. Are you reacting to fear? Are you reacting to doubt? Are you running around trying to save the pieces? Is your security based in insurance policies? Is your bathroom cabinet full of medicines?

You will find from the way you act and talk who you are mindful of and whom you trust. What can you do about it? You can allow the Holy Spirit to make God the Helper of your life.

When God is your Helper, people will see it. When I'm around other ministry gifts, 80 percent of the time preachers will tell me their problems. When I'm around other Christians, 90 percent of the time they will tell me their problems.

Whom Do You Trust?

Most of the time I'm sitting across the table, smiling, and they think, "This man does not have a problem in the world! Nothing ever goes wrong in his ministry. The devil must leave him alone. He must never have to fight a battle, because he's always so happy and so on top. Everything must be perfect in his life."

And I sit there and think, "If I started telling you what I am going through right now, you would probably start praying for me!"

But there's one thing that shines greater than what you're going through. Who have you decided to trust in the midst of your problems?

When God is your Helper, people will say, "Come over here and help us," because they can see your confidence. Jesus was confident walking on the water. No one else could possibly be confident walking on water, because you can't walk on water confidently. But Jesus was so confident, He inspired Peter to say, **"Lord, if it be thou, bid me come unto thee on the water"** (Matthew 14:28).

Jesus said, "Come!" He didn't say, "Now, wait. Let me preach a 20-minute sermon to you so you can release your faith." No, Jesus was so confident that not only was He walking on the water; He was able to release that same confidence into someone else's life and help him live supernaturally also.

Walking on the Water

You don't "barely make it" when you're a child of faith. You don't "just keep your head above water" when you believe God. You not only walk *on* the water, but you encourage everyone else, "Come on, come on—you can do it!" because God is your Helper.

Jesus didn't walk on the water as God, and He didn't do one miracle on the earth as God; He did it as a man anointed by the Holy Spirit.

Peter walked on the water, yet I've never seen a picture of Jesus and Peter walking on the water together. And few preach on Peter *walking* on the water; most preach on Peter *sinking* into the water! In fact, we preach it as if it were God's perfect will. We say, "Oh, yes, you may go down, but cry out to the Lord, and He will reach down and pull you up."

We do this because *we want to attribute Christ's victory to His deity, so we can be released from the responsibility of ever doing what He did!*

Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water as a man, because God was helping him. Did you know there are people who have walked on the water in the 20th century? I don't have time to go into it.

Doing the "Greater Works"

Jesus promised that His followers would do even greater works on earth than He did, and this has come to pass. There are people alive today who have done greater things than Jesus did. He said we'd do "greater things" if we believed.

Now look what happened to Peter: **"But when he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink, he cried, saying, Lord, save me"** (verse 31). Have you ever seen the wind? If you have, you need a medical examination, because we do not *see* the wind. We only see what the wind *does*.

Thoughts Will Sink You

Think about it: Peter was walking on the water, and what made him sink was *what he thought*. What you think can make you sink!

When Peter saw the wind was boisterous, he said, "Wait a minute—I shouldn't be walking on the water on such a windy day!"

Do you realize it's just as impossible to walk on the water when it's a calm and sunny day? I don't care if it's a swimming pool you intend to walk on—you're going to sink if the Holy Spirit doesn't help you!

"Why Did You Doubt?"

Peter cried out to the Lord, "I perish!" Jesus lifted him

up, but Jesus did *not* tell him, "Every time you sink in life, just cry out and I will pull you up." If you think that's what Jesus told him, you're wrong. The Bible records that Jesus said, **"O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt?"** (verse 31).

God is not in the business of rescuing those who are sinking. God wants to build Christians up so they can go around rescuing others who are sinking.

Peter should have stepped out there on the water and said, "Come on, Thomas! Come on, John! Come on, James! You can do it, too! Get your eyes off the waves. Get your eyes off the wind. Get your eyes off the impossibility. Get your eyes off the devil. Get your eyes off the world. *Get your eyes on the Word of God!*"

Greeted by a Devil

The Macedonian man said to Paul, "Come here and help us." You won't help anyone unless you know who's helping you.

Paul didn't answer, "I have my own problems"; he and his friends went to Macedonia because they decided it was divine guidance; it was the Lord leading them there. This is what they found when they got there:

And it came to pass, as we went to prayer, a certain damsel possessed with a spirit of divination met us, which brought her masters much gain by soothsaying:

The same followed Paul and us, and cried, saying, These men are the servants of the most high God, which shew unto us the way of salvation.

And this did she many days. But Paul, being grieved, turned and said to the spirit, I command thee in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her. And he came out the same hour.

Acts 16:16-18

Paul gets the vision, but when he arrives in Macedonia, he finds they're demon-possessed! A psychic, a woman possessed with an evil spirit, followed them daily, giving the prophetic word: "These are men of God who show us the way of salvation!"

Paul was grieved in his spirit. The Bible does not say the Lord told Paul to turn around and speak to the devil. It does not say Paul had a vision of the devil. It simply says that after many days of this woman following them around, Paul was grieved in his spirit, turned around, and commanded the familiar spirit living in her to come out of her and enter into her no more.

Protect Your Discernment

Sometimes you must deal with the things that grieve your spirit, or they will kill your discernment.

Why do Christians walk around dabbling in sin, bound by the powers of darkness, having no victory whatsoever in their life? It is because when the devil was grieving their heart, they compromised and allowed it to continue instead of dealing with it. They didn't fight it. They didn't prevail against it. And before they knew it, they couldn't discern it anymore.

God put discernment in our hearts, and when something grieves us, we ought to deal with it. Some of you need to get away from some of your friends. Some of you need to hang up when certain people call you.

If you open your life to the negative, the doubtful, or the fearful and listen to them long enough, that spirit will eventually contaminate you and rob you of your faith and victory.

The Coming Confrontation

A confrontation between the power of God and the power of the devil is destined to happen again on this planet.

It will be a confrontation between the children of God and those spiritualists, Satanists, and New Agers who have the nerve to come into our church services and think that all the spirit world is fair game for everyone to play with.

They think they can come into our churches, sit down, and not be exposed and dealt with. But there is only one truth, and the time has come when there will be a confrontation between the power of God and the power of the devil.

I want you to know that there is not a witch doctor big enough, a satanic high priest strong enough, or a devil in the kingdom of darkness powerful enough to defeat the lowliest Christian who lays hold on the promises of God and believes them.

Paul said to the spirit that had possessed the girl with divination, "Come out of her!" Instantly, she could not do what she did before. She could not prophesy the future. She no longer had the "anointing" that the devil had given her; the spirit that was her helper. That's what a spirit guide is — a helper.

Notice that the Spirit Guide, the Holy Spirit, who was guiding Paul was more capable of helping him fulfill what he was called to do than the spirit guide that was helping the young woman with the familiar spirit. Our Helper is bigger than anyone else's helper. We have the best Helper around, glory to God!

The Economic Impact of Revival

She lost her power, and when she lost her power, she

lost her ability to generate money. Then the people who were making money off her persecuted Paul.

Do you know why the Church is attacked by the media? Do you know why the devil hates the Church? I'll tell you why. It boils down to one simple fact: money!

Why are the television evangelists in the United States being portrayed as people who just want your money? (I'm not saying there are no charlatans in the Church, but there are a lot more in the world than there are in the Church.)

The reason why ministers are being attacked is because when revival comes and sinners get saved, they stop drinking and smoking. They stop getting sick, and their doctors' bills go down.

When revival comes and people get saved, they get off drugs, and the drug dealer has to get a job. When revival comes, the prostitutes lose most of their customers, and prostitution goes down.

And the devil is smart enough to know that his whole economy is based upon his ability to solicit sin. But we're going to put him out of business in the lives of our family, our friends, our city, and our country! We're going to take the land for God!

Why Dowie Was Persecuted

John Alexander Dowie got a revelation of divine healing in Australia before the turn of the century, and he started getting people healed and set free. Do you know why he was arrested more than a hundred times in Chicago, and at times was accused of "practicing medicine without a license" in his church and healing rooms?

It was because John Alexander Dowie got people

delivered from tobacco and alcohol spirits. It was because he ripped cancers off people's faces when he was under the anointing, and a multitude watched new skin, as soft as a baby's, cover the wound.

The doctors went after Dowie. The tobacco dealers went after him. The alcohol dealers went after him. And denominational preachers went after him because he was having revival.

Revival is coming again! The Church is on the rise. Believers are going to fight and win this battle that God has called us to win, for He is our Helper.

"You and Your Vision!"

The Macedonians arrested Paul and Silas, beat them, wounded them, and put them in prison. If Silas had been like a lot of modern Christians, he might have complained, "You and your vision! You're the one who told us to come to Macedonia. You said you had a guy over here saying, 'Come over here and help us.' These people don't need help."

That's how many Christians are. They get the vision — "Oh, hallelujah, we shall possess the land!" — but then they get over to where the land is, the moment they get the first beating, they begin to complain because of the persecution.

When you preach to your congregation that God wants to heal, but their relatives die sick, they'll find you, wailing, "You said!" Never mind the Bible. Never mind Jesus. "*You said* it was God's will to heal my relatives!"

Then you preach, "Give, and it shall be given unto you." They tithe once or twice, but when their finances don't turn around immediately, they seek you out again, claiming, "*You said* if I did this..."

People like that will always be defeated, because they're always trying to do what someone else said. If I say something to you and you don't believe it's of God, don't do it. But if you believe in God and you do it, don't blame me if you get whipped and put in prison for it.

The jailer slammed the door to the prison cell on Paul and Silas. That's it. His parting words were, "Don't you dare preach in that name."

A Modern Praise Song

And the Bible says, "**At midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God: and the prisoners heard them**" (verse 25).

This is how some Christians sing praises: "I don't know what I'm going to do, Lord. Bless your name. I can't handle another day, God. Thank You, Lord Jesus. I'm sick, sober, and sorry, broke, disgusted and sad. I started following Jesus, and lost everything I had."

That's how some people sing praises today. They don't have a positive song. And when they're fasting, they want everyone to know they have a problem so they will come and say, "Now, come on. Tell me what's wrong."

"I'm having a pity party"

"Well, we're here to crash it."

A First Century Praise Song

When Paul and Silas sang praises, they weren't singing about the persecution. They weren't singing about the lashes. They were singing, "God is our Helper. God is the way out. God is our Sustainer and Guide."

They were singing, "The prison cell is not our destiny. We have the way out. God will keep His promises. He said

He will never leave us, nor forsake us."

The reality of God's presence with them produced the song. When you are aware of His presence, you will always have the song. And when you have the song, you have the victory.

Why? Because God inhabits the praises of His people. He is crowned amidst their praises. When you praise, His presence is there. When His presence is there, His strength is there. His presence brings His joy. In His presence there is fullness of joy. And the joy of the Lord is your strength.

These men had reached their lowest point. They were wounded. If I know human nature and a little about the devil—and I do both—I guarantee you they felt low. They felt down. They felt hurt.

Satan's Theme Song

The devil came and said, "Had a vision from God, huh? Come here and help us, huh? *You missed God!*"

That's how the devil works.

But Paul and Silas had made a choice not to go by what they felt but by the fact that God said He would never leave them, nor forsake them. When they began to pray and sing songs, God's presence inhabited the songs. His joy came, and then His strength came.

And all of a sudden, I guarantee you, the effects of the wounds, the weariness, the influence of the prison, and the oppression that tried to come upon them was blasted out of the way, and revival hit that prison cell!

Suddenly there was such a great earthquake that the foundations of the prison were shaken, and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's bands were loosed.

Do You Cause Earthquakes?

This same power in praise belongs to you and me today. Things ought to be shaking everywhere you go, because this was not simply a historic experience. God is the same today as He was yesterday. He shook the foundations of that prison, and those doors opened—just because believers got together.

The keeper of the prison awoke, saw the open doors, and panicked. He drew his sword and would have killed himself, supposing that the prisoners had fled.

When God is not your Helper or Source, your job can drive you to suicide. This man was going to kill himself, because his job was his source. And his job was so much help to him that he couldn't live without it. When you can't live without natural help, you'll always think the worst.

The Danger of Jumping to Conclusions

How many know how to jump to conclusions? Many Christians can jump to conclusions much faster than they can jump for joy, because when natural things are your help, you always think the worst.

When the jailer saw the prison doors open, this is what he thought: "Someone rescued them; the other apostles came and opened the prison doors. Then they all ran away. When my boss finds out, I'll be killed!"

"My wife will marry someone else. My children will go without food and die, so I may as well kill myself now."

It was customary in those days for the jailer to be killed if he lost a prisoner.

How many know your mind can run off with you if you let it? If your mind wants to run off, let it go by itself.

Don't let it run off with you, because it will try to get you to kill yourself!

Why Your Heart Attacks You

The Bible says that in the last days men's hearts will fail them for fear (Luke 21:26). What is fear? Fear is jumping to a conclusion.

Fear is being so awestruck by what is going to happen that you die of a heart attack before it ever happens. Isn't that what the Bible says?

How many know that the worst thing is for your own heart to attack you? People have heart attacks all the time. Their heart attacks them! Their heart says, "I can't handle any more of this! I can't handle any more negative thinking. I can't handle any more jumping to conclusions. You keep telling me what is going to happen to us, and I'm going to kill you before it ever happens." Men's hearts will fail them for fear.

Advice From an "Alien"

People's thoughts will either lead them up or down. Don't let your heart attack you. Don't let your mind run off with you. If your guidance to the presence of God is your husband, find your own way in. Stop leaning on the arm of flesh.

No, I'm not telling you to sell what you own, but stop leaning to your possessions for security Your thought life is so important!

When I tell this to some people, they look at me as if I were an alien or something. *I am an alien!* This world is not my home. I came from heaven. I'm born from above, glory to God – born of the Spirit.

The Spirit Guide

God the Holy Spirit is with me. Allow Him to be *the* Guide of your life, too.

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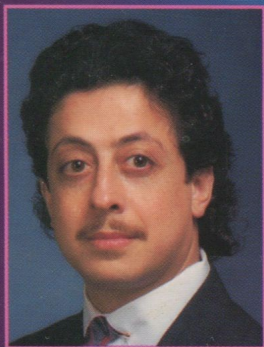
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