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Dear Partners and Friends,

This month, we are continuing to minister overseas. While traveling there are still ministry expenses here in Colorado. We praise God for our friends and partners of the ministry that enable us to go to others around the world.

For those of you who would like to help fund our ministry trip to England, Ireland and Scotland in February, Please donate on our website at www.clpmi.org/donation, by mail, or call our office at (719) 243-4100.

Lisa and I are deeply grateful for your partnership and as we go out together people are experiencing the power of God's presence.

Devotional: Setting Captives Free

After hearing a wonderful message on God's love and promises, a lady asked me, *"I want to trust God, but how do I get over terrible things I have gone through in life, to be able to trust God again?"*

The things she had gone through were so bad and had such a devastating effect upon her heart that she has trouble trusting God. She saw herself as a person who had not been protected from evil by God. In her reasoning, she said, if I did not experience God's faithfulness beforehand then how do I truly know He will keep me now? I want to trust Him but how can I know that I can I really trust Him? It seems all I have ever experienced was bad not the goodness of God. I listen to your teaching on the Goodness of God and I know He is good but I have trouble believing He is good. How do I get free of this fear and deep pain?

I believe that the insights that I am sharing with you below will help you to effectively minister to people with issues within their heart.

In Luke 4:18 Jesus said, *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,*

The Spirit of God is upon me

I am first going to focus on the one who is doing the ministering in setting captives free. I am using the word minister not just to mean someone in the five-fold ministry as Ephesians 4:12 speaks of but minister as the word servant, which speaks of every person in the body of Christ. Any believer in the body of Christ is a minister who can lead someone in salvation, pray for the sick in healing, or lead someone in the baptism of the Holy Spirit or set captives free. Know that Jesus is the healer who works through you but you must believe that together you can set captives free with the authority Jesus has given to you. In prayer, the life of Christ comes through the area of your heart in how you are believing so your beliefs as a minister is very important. If you are challenged by the circumstances of a person's problems to the place that their issues create unbelief within your heart you will become an ineffective minister who is hindering the life of Christ from being released for their benefit. The question is will it be Jesus working through you or you trying to do something for Him? It is your authority in Christ that releases the healing working power of the Holy Spirit. Know with confidence that all things are possible to him who believes. If your heart lacks confidence then take time in meditation and prayer and resolve any issue of unbelief established by a person's problem. Find truth in Jesus, His body, and His blood instead of finding truth in their challenging issues. Come to the place in your heart as a minister that there is absolutely nothing that is greater or more precious than Jesus, His body, and His blood! Put yourself out on a limb and then cut it off so your full dependency is on Jesus and not about you!

In Mark 11:23 Jesus said, *"Truly I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be taken up and cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that what he says is going to happen, it will be granted him.*

If we as the minister have a doubt over our authority and the power given to us in the baptism of the Holy Spirit then it does not matter how eloquent you pray no power will be released from the miracle

working power from within. It is with words that you "say" to a mountain. The word mountains, used here is not speaking of a physical mountain. I have been in Israel and Lebanon ministering and you will not find any physical mountains missing and sitting out in the Mediterranean sea. Any serious problem producing unbelief in your heart is a mountain capable of producing anxiety. With our faith we are supposed to speak to mountains, not respecting a mountain by magnifying the mountain in the imagination of your heart, thus creating these issues of unbelief. It is simple, unbelief is beliefs established in relationship to the problem. Unbelief is when we are looking at the problem in determining what truth is. When we do this we are finding truth in the problem instead of finding truth in Jesus. In Hebrews 12:2 it says Jesus is the author and finisher of our faith, not us. Our faith is supposed to begin with who we are in Christ and continue throughout our life until we go to heaven where we will not need our faith. Our faith does not make God do something for us. Our faith, which is our trust and confidence in Him, appropriates what has already been given us in Christ Jesus. As Christians, we are to find truth in Jesus resulting in the challenging issues no longer being the same challenge as they lose their significance within our heart. As Christians, we speak with authority to a mountain which means our heart must back up what our mouth says. It is not a formula where we are just trying to say the right words in prayer. Being an over-comer is when prayer is about who you are in Christ instead of you trying to overcome life's problems. Any time you are trying to become an over-comer your perspective is that you are not an over-comer. If you are doing this then you are trying to enter a room that you are all ready in. In Jesus, you are an over-comer so stop limiting Jesus and identify with who you are in Christ!

In Acts 1:8 Jesus said, *But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you:...*

Be confident, if you have the baptism of the Holy Spirit you have miracle-working power. In Luke 9:1 for the first time Jesus gave His disciples power and

authority. In verse 6 the disciples discovered that healing and even devils were subject to the name of Jesus. This is an example of how authority releases the power of the Holy Spirit. When we lay hands on someone who needs healing and speak to the physical problem, instantly healing power is released from within right into the body of the person receiving prayer. It is the same for someone with a broken heart. When we lay hands and speak to the heart to be made whole, and the emotional pain to go, power is released for healing in the soul of the person. In the baptism of the Holy Spirit we have been endued with power so we need to live like it and learn to release that power for the benefit of others.

... For this purpose, the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil. **1 John 3:8 KJV**

Jesus was a threat to the devil. Jesus made it clear His purpose then and His purpose today, working through the body of Christ, is to destroy the works of the devil. In Christ we have the God-given ability, by the Spirit of God, to destroy the works of the devil. Believe this and meditate on this truth until you have confidence that the moment you lay your hand on someone and speak with authority the life of Christ is being released. Jesus is the answer to every problem and He is working through the body of Christ today allowing us to be a part of what He is doing in the earth. **I will continue this teaching in the March partner letter.**

Lisa and I, are very grateful to you our friends and partners of this ministry as together we are seeing lives changed. We believe that our partners are greatly prospering in spirit, soul, and body as you experience an increase in the seed you have sown multiplying and increasing in the fruits of your righteousness. God's richest blessings in Christ are already yours. Believe and establish this truth in your heart and have an open heart to receive all that God has given you in Christ Jesus.

Blessings in Christ,

Cecil + Lisa

Testimony

Hi Cecil & Lisa

I was the one you prayed with a few weeks ago. You said the Father would download to me from the Holy Spirit why I could not trust Jesus. That week God woke me up at night and from deep inside spoke something to me that set me free. I have never really heard God like that before, it broke the stronghold. I have struggled with this most of my life and all of my Christian life (decades). I am amazed beyond words-now I can grow in Jesus, have joy and grow in knowing His love for me and trusting Him.

Thank you for praying-God Bless you!

Partner Offer



promises of God always seem elusive. They witness through the teaching of God's Word others get God's results, but it does not seem to work the same for them. They are the ones who are constantly under the weight of the issues of life, where they believe their problems have power over them.

New Teaching

This teaching is for those who feel that life is always a struggle and it never changes. They want to experience God's goodness in the land of the living, but the



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By Cecil Paxton

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