# **Cecil and Lisa Paxton Ministries**Monthly Letter February 2020



In this the love of
God was manifested
toward us, that God
has sent His only
begotten Son into the
world, that we might
live through Him.

1 John 4:9 NKJV

Dear Partners and Friends,

We are currently overseas ministering in England, Ireland, Scotland, and eventually Hungary at Healing is Here conferences, churches and bible colleges. In addition to a lot of personal ministry. We have been in these countries before and have made many friends along the way. We are excited to be going to Hungary for the first time, to be able to share the love of God with them!

It is such a blessing for us when we go to minister and see people of all ages and nationalities experience the presence of God, His love and faithfulness in each of their lives.

#### Testimonies from our Jan/Feb 2020 Trip

The meetings in England, Ireland, and Scotland, have been some of the best attended meetings yet, with many manifestations of healing. People have been set free from depression and many different physical problems.

• A lady with Fibromyalgia was set free during prayer with all her symptoms leaving.

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- Many people with back problems were healed, resulting in their being free of pain and having freedom to move.
- Another lady who was experiencing seizures was also healed.
- We prayed for a child who had severe anger issues, and often hurt other children, because of a mental disorder. After I prayed for him, the mother cried when she saw the change in her son. No more outbursts of anger. He was about to get kicked out of special services for handicap children because he was so hard to work with and constantly hurt other children and even some adults. The workers were shocked by the change they saw in her child. Praise God!
- A man was healed of a hereditary eye blindness, and his sight was restored, resulting in his sight constantly improving and he is now seeing very well.
- One parent came who had brought a child with special needs to be prayed for last year. She wanted us to see how much the child had improved. The child now has the ability to respond in ways that they were unable to respond before.

There are so many good reports from people who were sitting under the teaching of the Word of God and the impact it had on their lives. Lives are being changed by Jesus and you are a part of all these testimonies. Together, we are accomplishing much. Only in heaven will it be fully revealed how many lives have been changed.

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When we return to the United States at the end of February we will be ministering at a local Colorado Springs church and Charis Bible College in Colorado.

### New Book and Devotional: Issues of the Heart (cont'd)

#### Love is the way to relate

Instead, even if we have convinced ourselves that we are right in the way that we've interpreted the facts, love is still the way to respond. Even if people have purposely done something wrong, and they have admitted that they do have an issue against us, even then, there's a place of freedom where Jesus is Lord, and we're not. There's a place of freedom where we guard our heart. There's a place of freedom where we can keep life's problems on the outside, like water off a duck's back.

#### Water off a duck's back

Ducks can be in freezing cold water in the middle of winter but the oil in their skin and feathers protects them. It insulates their body so that water just rolls off their back. We can guard our hearts in the same way. We can relate differently to life and not let other people's words get inside us. We can establish our heart and train our heart in the area of godliness. We can establish this as a way of life in Christ, to the point that it brings freedom to us.

I can remember a time when I began to walk in the truth and was beginning to learn God's ways. A man was purposely trying to offend me. He was doing his best to try and get at me! I simply took significance off his words. It didn't matter what he said, because I had decided how I was going to relate to him. For this reason, I didn't place any value on what he was doing or saying. He finally stopped and said, "Man, talking to you is like water off a duck's back!"

He was trying to get at me. He had some kind of offense on the inside that I didn't recognize. I didn't know why he was doing what he was doing. I just knew what he was doing. When you go beyond the actual facts of what a person is saying or doing and you begin to answer the question, "Why?" - that's when you are in the process of reaching out and taking hold of that problem. Then you'll dwell on it, you'll

think on it, and begin to go back over and over and over it in your mind. In the area of the imagination of your mind, you've entered into speculation and you begin to establish beliefs within your heart that are from a human perspective. What you are doing in that process doesn't involve the Holy Spirit! It's a human perspective! It's this type of judging that is harmful and will bind us to life's problems.

This is why sometimes it seems that our problems have power over us, and all because of the relationship we have established with them. It's the beliefs that are established within our heart that determine how we relate.

There's a place of freedom, in Christ, where love is the way we choose to relate in life, and it covers a multitude of sins. Then we just absolutely refuse to enter into those harmful human judgments.

If you don't, there's a danger that you'll establish your heart to walk in judgments in every area of life. Some Christians even have judgments against God! They just blame God for things that happen out of the blue.

#### Judgments against God

I'm thinking of a situation in which a young lady blamed God for an auto accident. She was the one who was speeding, and she was the one who suddenly lost control. In fact, she was the one who caused the accident, and as a result was severely hurt. But you know, in her mind she held God in judgment, and said, "Why didn't you protect me? Why weren't you there for me?"

She began to formulate judgments within her heart, believing deep within her, that God couldn't be trusted. "You weren't there for me!"

But if you look at the facts, she was traveling way over the speed limit, and she was the one who lost control. Sometimes, we wrongly hold God responsible for things that are really our responsibility. They are rightly our responsibility because of the choices we have made and the things we have done.

Bad things can happen in life to good people, and if we hold God in judgment, then we are insensitive to the Spirit of God in that matter. We may be able to hear His voice and receive help from Him in other areas of life, but in that area, it's as though God is not speaking.

You see, our heart is exalted through unbelief. If we have a really strong judgment on the inside of us, we may not realize it, but we are simply insensitive to Him. We think we are right, and His opinion doesn't count. When our hearts are exalted like that, He's not the problem, we are!

When we have predetermined the truth of a situation with no reference to God, there's no humility of heart. In fact, on the inside of us, we've gotten hold of the problem and it's gotten a hold of us! We're not even open to listen to God. If we were to ask Him questions out of a heart in that condition then, like that young lady, we might ask, "Why weren't you there? Why did you let this happen? Why did you let me down?"

Those questions show that we are holding God in judgment; we're blaming Him for something for which He is not responsible. When we have already made that judgment, then we're the ones who have cut Him off. We've become the ones that can't listen, because of the strong judgment within our heart.

God doesn't have any difficulty speaking; He's talking to us all the time. We have trouble listening to Him. You see, God will not force His will on us. He will not control and manipulate us. He does not have an attitude against us. He doesn't need to prove Himself right! No, God doesn't just have love; He is Love (see 1 John 4:8). That's who He is! He's not responsible for the evil on this planet. There are many bad things that happen here because of the devil and the things that people do, but God's not responsible for any of it. God can keep us safe under adverse circumstances, but the condition of our heart determines how we trust Him.

You see, in the heart of this young lady was this: she was already being challenged in a relationship with a young man who didn't even believe there was a God. He was challenging her about whether or not God existed and cared. Her heart was influenced by someone for whom she had an affection. She had love in her heart towards him, and she valued his words. She seriously considered everything he said, and so, when she experienced the auto accident, her judgment was, "God, you weren't there, and so maybe you're not real."

You don't know the heart of a person and what's been going on with their beliefs. But when you look at a person who is in the Word of God, that person can experience the faithfulness of God under adverse circumstances.

#### Experiencing the faithfulness of God

When you meditate on the truth of God's Word, and the Holy Spirit opens it up to you so that you walk in it, you live it, and speak it out of your mouth, then you can experience the faithfulness of God under adverse circumstances.

Some years ago, in my younger days, I spent some time overseas in a war zone. In that country, I had all types of experiences with bombs going off around me and guns being pulled on me! But despite those circumstances, I was there in the will of God and I had more peace being there than I did anywhere else. In fact, in this war zone, there were things that I did that weren't very smart. For instance, there I was wearing a shirt with a big American flag on it, even though Americans were being kidnapped and killed! It was like I was saying, "Here I am, shoot me!" God supernaturally kept me, even though what I did wasn't wise. I was still in the will of God, and He supernaturally protected me; though some of the angels may have laughed at the things I did!

If you are in the will of God, doing exactly what He called you to do; you'll experience the faithfulness of God. Despite everything else going on in that war zone, we saw whole households saved, and powerful things happening just as they did in the Book of Acts. You can be safe, and have more peace and joy, even in these adverse circumstances, because you're in relationship with God; you're in His will. It's His Word working in your heart.

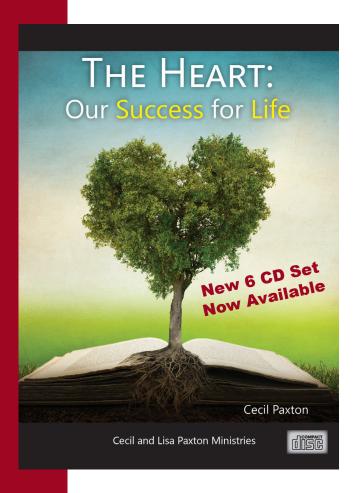
Lisa and I are very grateful to you our friends and partners, together we are seeing lives changed. We believe that our partners are greatly prospering spirit, soul and body as you experience increase in the seed you have sown multiplying and increase in the fruits of your righteousness. God's richest 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,

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## **Teaching Products**

# New Teaching Available! The Heart: Our Success for Life



Our heart is directly related to our ability to succeed in life. Proverbs 4:23 says, "Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life." Life comes from the heart and learning what it means to live out of the heart is essential for a successful Christian walk.

There can be a difference between the knowledge we have of God's Word and what we actually believe in our heart. This teaching will first give a basic understanding of our heart to lay the foundation for understanding the rest of the teaching. It will help you to establish your heart in order to believe God's word, teach you how to guard your heart to keep everything God has given you and, finally, how to have a heart free from unbelief and open and ready to receive from God.

This teaching will benefit those that are dealing with serious issues in their life and need to understand how to establish their heart in order to resolve unbelief and acquire an understanding of the word of God.

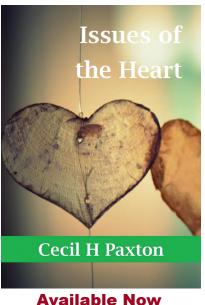
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The issues of our heart that are formed from judgments is what allows our problems to have power over us. A judgment is when we go beyond the facts of the problem. In the imagination of our heart, we begin to establish deep beliefs contrary to the truth of God's Word, but are truth to us. Unbelief is always about us and the relationship we establish with life's problems. Jesus said to "take no thought" as taking thought is part of the process of empowering life's problems.

It was for living in freedom as a way of life that Jesus set us free. I believe this teaching will help people with deep hurts within their heart be made whole. People who it seems have problems that have power over them can live free and learn a new way of relating to life in Christ that will enable them to walk in freedom. Once you experience this, I believe you will never want to go back, as you will love the freedom of life in Christ!



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