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Pharaoh's daughter found Moses, adopted him, and raised him in the courts of Egypt (Ex. 2:5-10). He delivered the children out of Egyptian bondage to serve the Lord.

Mary believed the word of the angel Gabriel, and Jesus was born, who came to give us eternal life (Luke 1:26-38).

King Lemuel's mother taught him to rule in righteousness and to find a virtuous wife. A virtuous wife's worth is far above rubies, she watches over the ways of her household, her children rise up and call her blessed, and her husband praises her, "Many daughters have done well, but you excel them all" (Prov. 31).

May we remember our mothers who love us, pray for us, protect us, and impart wisdom to us in this life.

May we rise up and call them blessed.

Happy Mother's Day!

Dear Partners and Friends,

Mother's Day—From Lisa

As we celebrate Mother's Day, I am reminded of some of my favorite mothers in the Scriptures.

Hannah prayed for and received her son Samuel, who became a mighty prophet in Israel (1 Sam. 1:1-20).

Moses's mother trusted God for the protection and the life of her baby boy. She put him in a basket and set him in the reeds of the Nile (Ex. 2:1-4).

Physical Problems Are a Trial

Galatians 4:14 (NKJV)

And my trial which was in my flesh you did not despise or reject, but you received me as an angel of God, even as Christ Jesus.

In different translations, it indicates that Paul said his physical condition was a trial to the Galatians, but they did not relate to his physical problem with contempt or scorn or hatred or loathing or rejection. Instead, they welcomed him as though he were one of God's angels or even Jesus Christ Himself.

In the *King James Version*, it uses the word “*temptation*” instead of “*trial*.” You can see both of these words in looking at the definition of the Greek word for “*temptation*.”

In looking at the word “*trial*,” we can see a trying, testing, or temptation to influence someone to establish a perspective or certain view in relationship to the problem.

This type of temptation is testing not only the person who has the physical problem but also anyone who is tempted to judge a person who has a physical problem.

Paul said “*my trial*,” and that means, **number one**, there was a temptation or trying for Paul to judge or blame himself, feel guilt, or shame himself for having a physical problem, especially with Paul being in front of the very people that he was ministering to.

You see, all unbelief is always about us. Unbelief is when we determine what truth is from the perspective of the problem, not God’s perspective or view revealed from the Word of God. This is why our problems can seem to have a hold on us, because we have a hold on them according to what we believe about them.

Freedom always comes by the process of looking to Jesus (Heb. 12:2), instead of establishing a personal relationship with the problem where our self-worth is in our performance of doing right or wrong. Looking to Jesus involves sight being restored to God’s perspective where our self-worth is established in our identity in Christ.

Even though Paul called his physical problem “*my trial*,” I believe it was no trial or temptation to him, as he had resolved the issue within his own heart. Otherwise, he would not have had the confidence to minister in front of others, where his only concern was how it would affect the hearts of the people he was ministering to.

I remember a situation where, on a Sunday, I was on my way to minister at a morning church service



Building Upgrades

Our ministry building is over 30 years old and in need of certain upgrades. The windows need to be replaced as well as the wooden roof. And an outside storage area that completely needs to be rebuilt.

Two years ago, we started the project to replace the windows in the ministry building, but because of other, more important issues, we waited until this year to continue the project.

The estimated cost for the 27 windows is \$14,000 and the deck/roof estimate for our storage area is \$9,500.68 for the complete replacement.

The total repair is \$23,500.68 and when we join together to do this it can be done quickly and victoriously.

Thank you for helping us with the upgrades. Your love and support are a great blessing, and we look forward to the completion of the upgrades in the coming weeks. (*All donations will go to the general ministry fund.*)

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but found myself unable to speak even one short sentence without first drinking from a bottle of water. Before I could begin to believe for the manifestation of the healing, several issues of unbelief first had to be resolved within my heart. One of those issues was the thought, *Healing minister sick—what are people going to think!* I resolved that issue of being tempted to establish my self-worth in what people thought about me having a physical problem to the place that if I had showed up still unable to speak, I couldn't have cared less about their opinion of why I had a problem. If they chose to have unbelief because of the physical problem, it was going to reveal their hearts of unbelief. On the other hand, if they responded in faith, then that would also reveal that God's perspective was the truth in their hearts.

Praise God, the healing manifested before I arrived at the church, and I spoke without them even knowing I had a physical problem. But I did have to resolve the issue for the benefit of my own heart so that I could focus on Jesus, where there was no temptation for my thoughts to take me in another direction in relationship to the problem.

Number two was the temptation in the hearts of the people who could see Paul's physical problem as he ministered to them.

Matthew 5:8 (NKJV)

Blessed are the pure in heart, For they shall see God.

The love and acceptance shown to Paul revealed how pure the hearts of the people were. The word "pure" in the Greek has the meaning of free from any admixture, or something brought into the heart that dilutes the person's ability to see from God's perspective. The unbelief within the heart, to some degree, blinds the person, making it hard or difficult to obtain God's view because their view is dominating their heart with their own beliefs formed from a human perspective.

The word "see" has the meaning of seeing with the eyes of the heart. It is your God-given ability to see God's perspective on a natural issue of life.

Paul was so blessed by the hearts of the people because they related to him with such love and acceptance instead of judging him as he was in the process of receiving the manifestation of physical freedom.

I remember one time a lady with a smirk approached me after I finished teaching and pointed out a physical problem I had, in order to justify her unbelief. The unbelief that came out of her with the words of her mouth was like dirt right from the devil's mouth.

In Paul's culture, the religious Pharisees would have been quick to condemn Paul as having this problem from God as punishment for having sin in his life.

How twisted our hearts can be when we exalt our own opinions of unbelief above Jesus, His body, and His blood!

Remember, if someone judges you for having a physical problem, then it is their problem, not yours. Don't make their problem your problem, and walk in the peace of the Lord's love and acceptance!

Thank You!

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 you, our partners, are greatly prospering—spirit, soul, and body—as you experience an 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.

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Love and blessings,

Cecil + Lisa

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