

The Art of Intercession and remarkable manifestations of the Holy Spirit:

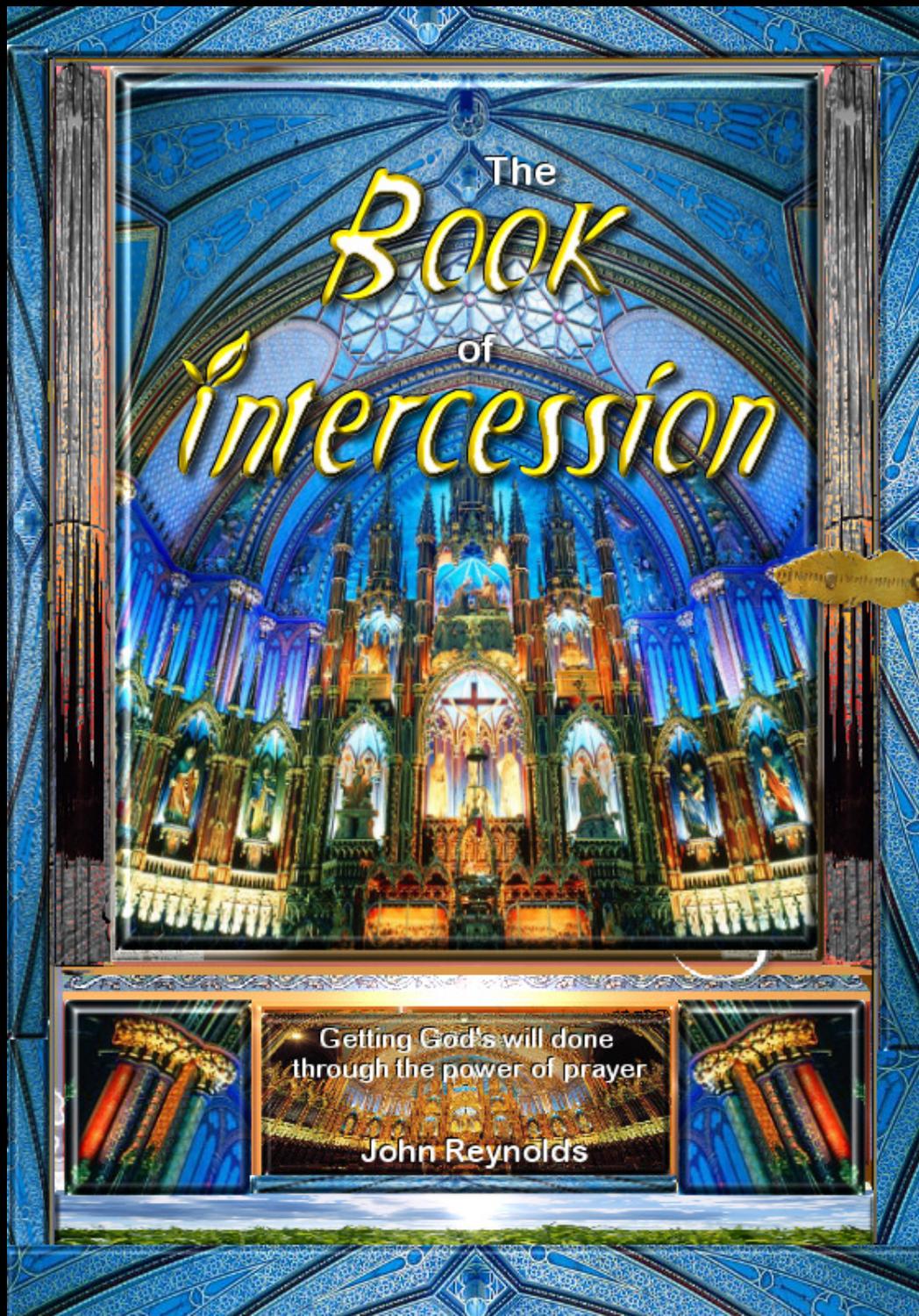
The help and work of the Holy Spirit in prayer.

This short book is solely about praying for others and the results it has produced in my life. I don't write this so that you may think I'm somebody special because I'm not. I write this to encourage you because what one can do by the grace of God, all can do. It's only as you put the things of God into practice, that the deeper things of God open up to you.

Jesus said "*he that follows me shall have the light of life*" KJV. A better translations says "*He that practises what I preach shall have entrance into the God kind of Life*" That's here on this earth.. as you become a doer of the Word, the Holy Spirit opens up this 'God kind of life' to us and the more the Lord can use us and we grow in grace and in the knowledge of God and Jesus our Lord.

Jesus also said "*He that hears my word and acts upon it, him I will likened to a man who built his house upon a rock..*" As James says, "*Be ye doers of the word and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves..*"

Sadly, the major reason that the Church has lost a lot of its power is because it hasn't done what Jesus said to do. He 'commanded the disciples NOT to go anywhere until they receive power, miracle working ability from on high. "*And He commanded them saying, tarry in Jerusalem until you be endued with power from on high*" and it goes on to say "*and they were ALL filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance*" Jesus said in Mark 16.. "*They SHALL (no maybes)*



“speak with new tongues” Paul said, “I thank my God I speak in tongues more than you all” He also said, “I would that you ALL spoke in tongues”

If Jesus commanded it and the apostle Paul did it.. Why are a lot of the Church not doing it? Please read 1Cor 14

I have seen and experienced the power of God and the supernatural manifestations of the Holy Spirit become a regular occurrence in both my life and ministry, solely because I believed what Jesus said, got filled with the Spirit like He commanded and yielded to the Holy Spirit when He wanted to do something for the glory of God.

Christianity is all supernatural! Jesus’s birth was a miracle, His ministry was dotted by the miraculous, His death and resurrection was miraculous and then He said *“he that believes on Me, the works (miracles) that I do, shall he do also”*

Paul said, *“The Kingdom of God is not in word but in POWER and in the Holy Spirit”* Jesus said *“but you shall receive power (miracle working ability) after that the Holy Spirit comes upon you”* What was the first thing the disciples (and Mary who was in the Upper room with them by the way) did after they received Him? *“They all spoke with tongues and prophesied”*

The Early church esteemed this gift of the Holy Spirit and speaking in tongues SO much, that when they heard that Stephen was preaching Jesus, doing miracles, casting out demons.. *“..And when they heard that Samaria had received the Word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John, (Why?) who when they had come down, prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit.. Then laid they their hands upon them and they received the Holy Spirit”*

They had already received Jesus (The Word of God) now they received the Holy Spirit.

The Gentiles: Peter had just been shown by the Lord that the gentiles were to receive this gift. So he went to Cornelius's house and was preaching Jesus to them all, when suddenly *“..the Holy Spirit fell on all them that heard the Word and they began to speak in other tongues. “ .. And they of the Circumcision which believed were astonished.. Because upon the Gentiles was poured out the gift of the Holy Spirit (how did they know?) for they heard them speak with tongues and glorify God”*

The apostle Paul writes a chapter about this gift and speaking in tongues.. *“I would that you ALL speak in tongues” - “I thank my God I speak in tongues more than you ALL!”* This is Pauls passion about this gift.. He was SO passionate about it, that when he found certain disciples, the **first** thing he asked them was *“Have you received the Holy Spirit since you believed?”* It concludes with *“and when Paul laid his hands upon them, the Holy Spirit came upon them and they spoke in tongues and prophesied”* Acts 19:1-6

It appears to be Pauls first encounter with believers at Ephesus.. They were only baptised with John the Baptists baptism (repent and believe on Jesus basically) We see later that this church grew large and fast..

There are 3 main areas described in 1 Corinthian 14 about tongues:

- 1) Speaking in tongues
- 2) Praying in tongues (also called ‘in the Spirit’)
- 3) Praising in tongues

This book deals solely with my experiences with praying in the Spirit for others.

"I will send you another Helper (intercessor, standby, councillor, strengthened, advocate)"

"I will pray with the Spirit, I will pray with the understanding also"

"Likewise the Spirit helpeth our infirmities (inability to produce results) for we know not what to pray for as we ought, for the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us.. according to the will of God"

We are co-labourers together with God. There are times when WE take up a cause and He helps us.. And there are times when He takes up a cause and we co-operate with Him.

Notice the first scripture: 'I will pray with the Spirit' This is a decision "I" make.. "I WILL" So I start to pray.. You can start in English or your native language. We know 'HOW' to pray.. *"Whatsoever you shall ask the Father in my name, He will give it you"* So we ask the Father in Jesus name to undertake for someone.

The problem is, we don't know what's going on behind the scenes, or where a persons heart is at. There is one who does! The Holy Spirit.

As Paul says, *"we wrestle (struggle) not against flesh and blood but against (1) principalities, (2) powers, (3) rulers of the darkness of this age, (4) wicked spirits in the heavenlies.."*

There appears to be 4 categories (levels) of 'demons' here. The devil (or adversary) is referred to as 'the prince of the power of the air'

BACKGROUND INFO:

We get some insight into what is happening in the Old Testament. Daniel had set his heart to intercede and understand something and

was praying.. 21 days later, an angel of God appears to him with this revelation.. *".. the moment you set your heart to understand.., I was sent for your words but the prince of Persia withstood me 21 days, I sent for Michael the Archangel to help me.."*

- 1) God heard Daniel straight away.
- 2) He sent the answer straight away
- 3) A demonic entity, known as the 'Prince of Persia' tried to stop the angel and the will of God from getting to Daniel.
- 4) The angel sent back to Heaven for help, help came and the angel got God's message to Daniel. The help here had to come from Heaven in the form of an angel. Our help also came from Heaven, the Holy Spirit. *"I will send you another Helper.."*

- 1) Demons always seek to influence or destroy mankind. Jesus said; *"The thief comes only to steal, kill and destroy"*
- 2) To stop the will of God from getting done. That's why the first thing Jesus told the disciples to pray was, *"Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven"* It's already getting done in Heaven and Jesus was manifested on the Earth, that it might get done here! *"For this purpose was the Son of God manifested that He might destroy the works of the devil"*

Daniel didn't have the revelation about the devil we have. Nor the authority we have in Jesus name! The devil, or satan wasn't mentioned much until Jesus arrived..

Daniel experienced resistance to his prayer.

In the Old Testament, it was referred to as *'the heavens were as brass'*

It is incorrectly assumed that this means God has said 'no' or that we should 'bombard the gates of Heaven' as if we have to or even can

talk Him into something. This implies an ignorance of His will to start with. Under the new covenant, we are INVITED to *'come boldly' to the throne of grace!* We are welcome in Jesus name!!

It is also known as 'breaking through' - **What we are really achieving, is dispelling the powers of darkness in any given situation, that are attempting to stop something happening, be it in the spirit realm (as the Prince of Persia withstood the angel of God) or changing a persons heart and getting the will of God done.**

"And he showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the LORD, and satan standing at his right hand to resist him"

You can see the work of the enemy here.. he was resisting the will of God. Remember, satan had (past tense) authority over all the Earth. Adam gave it to him. Under the new covenant, where satan is now dethroned and defeated and the Lord Jesus has given us *'all power and authority over all of the ability of the enemy'* We can now RESIST him in Jesus name!

'Be subject to God, resist (oppose and get in the way of) the devil and he will flee (as in terror) from you'

To stand in the gap, to make up the hedge.

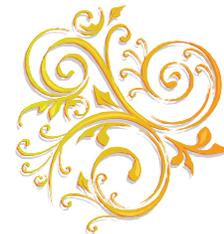
"and I looked for a man to stand in the gap, to make up the hedge before me that I should not destroy.."

- 1) Standing in the gap
- 2) Making up the hedge

Paul says the things that happened in the Old Testament were, 'types and shadows' - So lets examine 2 of them:

Intercession is 'standing the gap' This is a place where somebody prays that judgement should NOT happen. You may see a person committing sin in abundance and probably deserving judgement.. Yet, if you will 'stand in the gap' for them and pray and ask God to show mercy instead, He will! Why? *"..for mercy rejoices against judgement"* and as you sow mercy, so mercy will come to you in your hour of need. *"For whatsoever (good or bad) a man sows, that shall he reap"*

On Sunday 6th June, 2010 around 11 am, the Word of the Lord came to me about Prayer and Intercession. A week or so before this, He instructed me to teach a dear Sister in Christ everything He had taught me about the subject of praying for others.



The Lord began..

"You have to know God's will, before you can pray God's will"

*"Why? Because what goes on in your heart WHILST you pray is of the **upmost** importance.."*

*"When you pray BELIEVE that you have received what you asked for.. " - *".. and shall not doubt in his heart but shall BELIEVE.."**

Doubt is the enemy of faith, as satan is the enemy of God.

Peter received the spoken will of God when Jesus called him to walk on the water. Peter obeyed the word (acted his faith) and started out but when he got his eyes off Jesus and considered the circumstances, he began to sink.. Jesus said to him.. *"Why did you DOUBT?"*

Even praying in the Spirit, who knows perfectly the will of God in any given situation, ("*..for what man knows the things of man, save the spirit of man in him, and who knows the things of God but the Spirit of God*") is of little effect, useless a person believes what he is praying about HAS (past tense) been heard and answered.. "*This is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will He hears us and if we know that He hears us, whatsoever we ask, we know we HAVE the petitions we desired of Him*" Read 1John..

Believing is the key to receiving. This is the main reason a lot of prayers don't get answered.. people don't believe, they pray in hope, which has no substance to it.. "*Faith is the substance of things hoped for.. The proof, or evidence of things not seen*"

Everything in the Kingdom of God revolves around believing.

Even a sinner can't receive salvation until he believes.. He can confess all he wants but it is the 'believing, or having faith' in that which is spoken, that draws God's saving grace to him.. "*For with the heart man believes unto righteousness and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation*" - "*The word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith (believing, trust) in them that heard it*"

As it is with the words of your mouth, "*Whosoever shall SAY to this mountain 'be removed and cast into the sea' and shall not doubt in his heart but shall BELIEVE that those things that he says shall come to pass, he shall have whatsoever he says*" (He shall only have what he says, "IF" he believes what he says shall come into being..) So it is with prayer.. "*What things soever you ask in prayer BELIEVING, you shall receive*"

The Prayer of Faith:

This prayer of faith is firstly a prayer for 'things YOU desire, or the desires of YOUR heart' You ask in Jesus name, you believe you have received and you give thanks..

The prayer of faith can also be prayed for others by the elders of a church for an individual who is sick, who asks them to pray. This is VERY important. It must begin in a **persons heart**, not the hearts of others.. I said "Let THEM, the sick ones, CALL on the elders" I never went around healing everybody on the Earth when I walked there **but** I did heal everyone that came to Me believing.

Each time I ministered God's Word, the power of God was present to heal them. "*..and the power of the Lord was present to heal them*" That power went to anyone who believed what I preached or taught.. "*Without faith, (believing) it is impossible to please God*" so as much as I wanted to heal everyone, the individual's will was, and always shall be involved. "*He that cometh to God must believe that He is and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him*" They, the individual, must 'cometh to God, believing..'

The Prayer of Intercession:

This type of prayer is when an individual or group pray to STOP God's judgement from coming upon a person or place. Instead, bringing God's mercy to them. "*.. for mercy rejoices against judgement*" - "*I looked for a man to stand in the gap before me..*"

It is also used when you purpose to bring the will of God to a person or place. There are 2 types of people in the world and the way God deals with them is different.

The Sinner:

The best way to pray for them, is to pray for their eternal salvation.

"I would that all men be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth" Healing is a part of the 'wonderful grace of God that brings salvation to the world' but their deliverance from sin is the primary objective.. The more a person yields themselves to evil in their lives, the more prayer is required to get them out of it. As a man yields himself, or believes the lies of the evil one, the harder his heart becomes and the harder it is for him to hear the Spirit of God drawing him to the Lord and saviour, Jesus Christ.

The Church:

My people *are* believers.. but are in different stages of "*growing in grace and the knowledge of God and Jesus our Lord*" You can "*pray one for another*" as the Elders can also pray the 'prayer of faith' for the sick ones. An Elder is simply one who 'knows' the will of God about healing and uses his faith and love to bring the will of God into a persons body.

"*The body is held together by that which every joint supplies*" Each part of the Body has a place and function.. Even so, the individuals will is still involved.. You cannot force your faith upon another. "*.. for not that we have dominion over your faith but are helpers of your joy, for by faith we stand..*" You can join your faith to theirs, as was the case with the paralysed man, whose friends broke the ceiling open whilst I was ministering.. When I 'saw' *their* faith, through *their* actions, I forgave him of his sins and as a result, ministered healing to his body. **A lot of the Church believe this to be 2 separate things but My Word clearly shows that it is not..** "*What is easier to say, thy sins be forgiven thee, or rise, take up your bed and walk?*"



Praying in the Spirit:

"*I will pray with the Spirit, I will pray with the understanding..*" Grace is allowing the Spirit, Who knows the perfect will of God to go first and prepare a way for Me to come and minister God's grace. You start to pray according to desires or unction's in your heart. The Holy Spirit then perfects those prayers in His language and brings them into My presence where I can answer them according to My perfect will. "*The Spirit Himself makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God*"

It is through these prayers for others, that I can move, **but their will is still involved.** They may not want to live anymore. They may not want to be delivered.. "*others were slain, not accepting deliverance that they may obtain a better resurrection*" They may not want to give up sinning in their lives. I said to 'put away sin' - In the Old Testament, sin caused my people much sorrow, so it is the New Testament. It causes Me great sorrow to see this but I do not and will not condone sin.

A terrible price was paid by My Son for the redemption of mankind and I expect My people to put away sin and grow in grace and in the knowledge of the One Who loved them and gave Himself for them." End.

11:00 Sunday 6th June 2010



Beloved brethren, praying "Dear Lord, please save so and so" doesn't work. He wants them saved more than we do. "*For God would have all men to be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth*"

Our problems are not from natural sources, although they may look like it now and again.. *“For we wrestle not against flesh and blood but against principalities, powers, the rulers of the darkness of this age, wicked spirits in the heavenlies”* Eph 6. The quicker we recognise who the ‘real’ problem is, the quicker we will start to see results in that situation. I was having an exchange with my son one time, when the Lord said “David is not your problem son” Well he sure looked and sounded like my problem! But it was the spirit ‘behind’ the issue that was influencing him.. A great man of God, Garry Fisher, once said to me ‘Love the man, go after the devil!’ Amen.

Why tongues?

I asked the Lord one time “Why Tongues Lord?” He asked quickly and said “You start to pray according to desires or unctions of your heart. The Holy Spirit then takes those prayers, perfects them in His language and brings them into My presence where I can answer them according to My perfect will”



How awesome!

“for we do not what to pray for as we ought but the Spirit Himself helpeth (takes hold of together against) our infirmities (weaknesses, inability to produce results) Rom8:26

A major reason the Church has lost a lot of her supernatural strength is that she is trying to accomplish things in her *own* strength.

Jesus commanded the disciples not to go anywhere until they were endued with power (miracle working ability).. Sadly a lot of us have gone everywhere without Him and the results speak for themselves.

“and He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem until they received power from on High” Acts1:8 . When they received this power, the first thing they did was ‘spoke in tongues’

It was said of the early church.. *“Those that have turned the world upside down, have come here also”* Is that a description of **today's** Christian Church? If you think is isn't, then it is obvious we are seriously missing something..

Enlisting the help of the Holy Spirit in prayer

1) For others:

The apostle Paul who said, *‘I thank my God I speak in tongues more than you all’* also said, *“I will pray with the Spirit, I will pray with the understanding”*

Notice he placed Spirit first.. This is His rightful place. Faith acknowledges His grace (Jesus said. ‘I will send you another Helper) and then starts to act in faith. You ask me to pray for you. I have no idea about what is either:

- a) Going on in your heart or life.
- b) What is being ranged against you.

But I know someone Who does!.. and I am going to enlist His help in getting the will of God done for you!

So I start to pray.. “Father, in the name of Jesus, I thankyou for sister so and so. I pray Lord that she will be healed, for Jesus has paid the price for her healing, I come boldly before the throne of grace and ask you for mercy for her..” (Heb4-16) and then I allow the Holy Spirit to start to pray what I **don't know about** in the Spirit (in other tongues) until I get the victory. (or the will of God done)

Whilst you pray:

I was about to pray one day, when I had a vision.. I 'heard' a conversation between the Lord and myself. It was like "I" was standing there listening to 2 people talking to each other, one of which was 'me'

Jesus said: "What are you going to do?"

I said: "I am going to pray"

He said: "What you going to do whilst you pray?"

I said: "I am going to believe"

He said: "What are you going to believe?"

I said: "I am going to believe that which I am praying about has (past tense) been heard and answered!"

IMPORTANT:

You stay in prayer until you get the victory, or overcome the situation for another. You know when this happens when the joy or a deep peace comes..

Q: Does this have to be continuous?

A: **No.** You can pray on and off as you will for this.

I spent time everyday for around 28 days for a sister in Christ to get her free one time.. Some days, I would spend sometimes 10 minutes, other days it would take half an hour.. Other times, when praying for others, it has only taken 5 minutes. There is no time limit. The Holy Spirit knows what needs to be accomplished on the day. Jesus spent all night in prayer sometimes.

He explained to me why this was..

"When I was on the earth I spent a lot of time in prayer. This was not to get to know the Heavenly Father for I came from Him. It was to break the power of evil over the lives of people. What power do you think I had when I said to a tax collector, "Come and follow Me" and he did immediately? What power do you think I had when I said to two fishermen "Follow Me" and they did? It was the power of faith and prayer that broke the evil influence over the lives of people, so they could be free to hear the truth that would set them free.

You wrestle *not* against flesh and blood but against principalities and powers, strong holds that have been built up in the lives of people by the evil one.

As you war against these demonic forces, their hold over the lives of people begins to diminish and they will be free to hear the gentle leading of the Holy Spirit as he leads them home to their Lord and saviour Jesus Christ. I spent all night in prayer before I called the 12 disciples. Can you imagine the reasoning and arguments that would have taken place if I had not dealt with the evil forces that oppose them selves against the will of God? *Praying with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit.* You do not know what to pray for as you ought but there is One Who does. That is why I sent Him to help you. To bring the reality of My redemption to you, to glorify Me and My finished works. The devil is a defeated foe, a vanished force, a spent power. I crushed his head at Calvary"

End..

Sometimes I have fallen asleep (just like the disciples did) praying in the Spirit. If it's really urgent, i.e. God is trying to stop a calamity

from happening (God is NOT the author of tragedy) then the Spirit will tell you and enable you!

Awesome Examples:

I had just left Perth city for the 2 hour drive to home. I turned on the radio and there was a report about a young girl, whose life support had just been turned off and was not expected to live. She was a high profile case because she was a drug user and had gone to Singapore to get life saving surgery on her liver for a second time. She had had one transplant and then hit the drugs again and now needed a second one.. People were saying she had had her chance, she didn't deserve another one and so on.. BUT it is written, '*For this cause came Jesus Christ into the world to save sinners of whom I am chief*' Jesus said to a group of people once "*Go learn what this means, 'I desire mercy and not sacrifice*" It's easy to criticise or judge. When I heard the report at 12 noon on the radio, I decided.. "She doesn't know Jesus, if she dies without accepting Him as lord and saviour, she will go to hell.. Forever." (Her life story had been in the paper and it wasn't good by any means, She was only 23 years old) So at just past noon, I started to pray for her.. I had no idea what the situation was, apart from the news report BUT I knew someone Who did and He came to help us! So I started with what I knew, her name and so on and asked God to have mercy (stave off judgement) on her, forgive her of her sins and save her.. My language soon changed to that of the Holy Spirit's and the power of God started to flow out of me.

The Holy Spirit is also called "The River of Water of Life" Jesus said "*Out of your innermost being shall flow rivers of life giving water, this He spoke of the Spirit that they that believed on Him should receive*" So who guides this River? - YOU DO.. It's flows

from your innermost language of the Spirit and goes towards WHOSOEVER YOU direct it to. He came to help YOU to accomplish the will of God and God's will was that she repent and be saved!

Faith is acting upon the Word of God.. So I continued praying in the power of God for the next hour.. At 1 pm, I heard on the radio that 'shortly after midday, the young lady had died" I thought "Oh No, I'm too late!"

Then suddenly, Jesus SPOKE to me and said "*NO! The prayer started before she died, I am able to reach her son, keep praying!*"

AWESOME..

I could feel the passion in His voice to save her.

I kept praying in the language of the Spirit. Sometimes tears would flow from me as I prayed for her. I kept going for about another half an hour when suddenly, this joy that no man can describe welled up from the inside and I laughed and laughed and laughed. I have never experienced joy like this. I laughed so strongly, I thought the windows would explode out of the car!! I was still driving whilst all this was going on, by the way. I had perfect control of the vehicle.

Then, suddenly I heard a young girls voice (and I just 'absolutely knew' who it was) say just 2 words.. "Thankyou John" and I 'knew' Jesus had reached her and saved her!

Boy, did I rejoice in tears and thanksgiving the rest of the way home!! The honour or thanks can go to man but the glory belongs to the Lord. "*Give honour to whom honour is due*" She was permitted to say 'Thankyou John' because I had prayed but it was Jesus

who reached and saved her.

I decided to pray, the Holy Spirit came and helped me and Jesus saved her.. Awesome Jesus!

Example 2:

I was sitting in a café in town, when there was a ruckus outside. I didn't pay any attention to it. It appeared there had been a fight of some sorts. A few minutes after, I left the café and saw one of the guys lying on the pavement obviously in pain and bleeding a bit, he got up and stood there shaken. (Now, what are you going to do?) I decided to go over to him and make sure he was ok. The other person involved had gone. I put my hand on his shoulder and said "You ok mate?" He looked at me and basically said 'Yes thanks mate, I'll be ok' He was bleeding a bit and I made sure he was going to be ok. He reached out and shook my hand (covered in blood) and said "Thanks mate, appreciate the help" He offered to wipe the blood of me,. I said 'don't worry about it, its all good' and I left. When I got over the road again, I thought about the young man who obviously had taken the wrong road to say the least and decided to pray.

Q: Did the Lord tell you to pray?

A: No.. No 'leading whatsoever' **That's where we miss it a lot of times. We are waiting for a 'leading' before we do something.** The Word of God says "*Pray for all men that they may be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth*" So there's my 'leading' - I started to pray for the young man that God would have mercy upon him and save him etc.. I continued in the Spirit (in other tongues) until the joy came. This took around 10-15 minutes.. Then from the inside, the joy came and I gave thanks to God for the work that had been done for him.. THEN suddenly Jesus spoke to me and said this. "*Because of your prayers, you will see him in Heaven*"

I stood there stunned! Only on the judgement day and eternity, will we fully know what impact we have made for the Lord.

He probably got himself into that mess. It's easy to say, 'well, that's his problem!' and maybe is was as well but it's our responsibility to make a difference and that's what I decided to do. My prayers got God's power into his life (through the help of the Spirit) and sent his life down another track towards salvation..

"I looked for a man to stand in the gap.." - Jeremiah said "*Here am I Lord, send me!*" All I did was to show mercy to the man, not judge him and enlist the help of the Holy Spirit in getting God's will done in his life and walked off down the road praying in the Spirit for him..

God's not looking for ability, he's looking for availability. He will provide all the grace and power necessary to get the job in hand done for the glory of God. He told me once, "*My Holy Spirit is not void of power son*"

This doesn't happen all the time but when it does, it teaches me and grants me more grace to do greater things in God. "*They that know their God shall do exploits*" I don't write this that you should think I am somebody special because I'm far from that but to encourage you to launch out in the Lord and make an eternal difference. If He can use me to change situations and circumstances, He can and will use you too. He has no favourites.. All may partake of His grace..

Example 3:

The man in the accident.

One evening, I decided to go for a walk with the Lord and pray in the Spirit whilst I was.. I had only got a little way down the road, when I stopped and saw a vision.. (I continued to pray in the Spirit

as I watched) I saw a man lying on the floor. He was obviously hurt badly and I knew he had been in an industrial accident (When you 'see' a vision, you will also 'know' what is happening. (*The Lord give you understanding in all things..*")) He lay there breathing deeply with his eyes shut and I 'knew' he didn't have long to live.. So I continued to pray. (Bible says 'watch and pray'.. So I did!)

Then, suddenly, he opened his eyes and they grew big! He spoke and said "My God, He's real!" and I knew he was talking about Jesus! He shut his eyes again and lay there for a few more moments and then a beautiful smile grew upon his face.. and then he passed into eternity..

Example 4:

A friend's grandmother.

In the course of my business, I was talking to one of my clients and she told me about her gran who was very ill and didn't have long to live. I understood this to mean a few days at most. After we had finished talking about her business, I thought 'I wonder if she knows Jesus?' So I decided to pray. That evening, I went for a walk and had this thought, "This may take a while!" I no sooner had it, when the Lord spoke and said "This won't take long, she has a soft heart" Awesome! So I prayed for while in the Spirit for her and sure enough, within a short space of time, the joy came and I knew Jesus had reached her!

Jesus upbraided people for the hardness of their hearts.. Her gran had obviously kept her heart tender in her life and the result was it didn't take a lot for Jesus to reach her..

Example 5:

Old man on his bed.

I was walking one day and praying in the Spirit whilst doing so (A lot of times, I will just start to pray in the Spirit without any idea who or why. It doesn't matter. I know the Holy Spirit will pray the perfect will of God) so I just believe and trust Him to help whoever needs help at that moment. I had been praying for a while, when suddenly I saw an old man. (It's like watching a large TV screen about a metre or so in front of you. Eyes open or closed, it makes no difference) He was lying on his bed alone and I knew he was fast approaching the end of his life. As I looked at him (still praying) I heard these words.. "Father, don't let this man die without the knowledge of your saving grace in his life" The voice was that of the Holy Spirit, pleading with the Father for this man.. The voice was so innocent, gentle and loving.. Tears ran my face as I continued to pray more fervently until the joy came and I knew Jesus had reached him..

Example 6:

My sons workmate.

One day, my son came home from work looking very sad. I asked him what was up. He replied that a bloke he knew at the power company got electrocuted today. He had been working at a power pole that became live and 33,000 volts went into him. He was held there by the power bolt. His mate who worked with him saw it, ran and rugby tackled him out of it.. He was now in intensive care, the power having gone into his mouth. (Power will seek the quickest way to earth and his mouth being wet, was it)

I asked Phil how he was. My son, with tears in his eyes, shook his head and said his lungs were all burnt and nothing could be done and he walked off.. I thought, 'I wonder if he knows Jesus?' So I decided that I better pray in case he didn't. Now.. This is what

happened.. I went to the school oval next door to start to pray for his salvation.. Not his healing.. Jesus had other ideas! I rounded the corner of my house, when He suddenly He audibly spoke and said.. “I am able to do this son, BELIEVE”

My faith rose to new heights and I began to pray, both for his healing and his salvation.. I poured out my heart with tears and everything else! (You don't have to try to do this, just yield to Him and flow with Him. The Holy Spirit knows what He's doing) I continued for a hour or so and then I sensed the joy starting to rise in my heart and I rejoiced.. And rejoiced.. And rejoiced!!

A couple of days later, I asked my son how Albert was. He said something like, “Hey dad, He's gonna make it! His lungs are growing back!” Awesome Jesus!

You launch out in prayer, with faith and love in your heart for someone and you will ALWAYS find Jesus. Just start in faith. The Holy Spirit will teach you as you go along. Just as in life, there is theory and practice, so it is with the things of God. You have the ‘theory’ book, The Bible.. and as you put it into practice, the Holy Spirit will teach you.. Jesus said, “*He will teach you all things..*”

Some questions and answers

Q: Do you have to pray in tongues (in the Spirit) for others?

A: Yes, if you want to make a real difference.

When you are praying for others, their will is involved. You don't know where they are at, or what is being ranged against them. The Holy Spirit is the only One Who does and if you co-operate with Him, He will see to it that the perfect will of God gets done.

Q: Do you have to pray continuously?

A: No.. You can pray on and off as circumstances permit.

The more you pray, the faster it will get done. I prayed for my sister in Christ everyday until the joy came each day. Sometimes it would take 10 minutes, sometimes longer. Sometimes it's a ‘one off’ other times, it's ongoing.. Especially when the prayer involves another's salvation. God has to start to deal with things in their heart and that can take some time depending where they are at..

Q: But I prayed for another's healing and they died!

A: There are a number of reasons for this.

1) You may want them healed but what do ‘they’ want? They may just want to go home and be with the Lord! - You, even Almighty God, cannot violate or override another's will.

2) They may not want to give up sin. You cannot keep sinning and live in the blessing of God. There will come a time when He will judge you. Here's what the apostle said about a person who wouldn't give up sin: “*To deliver such an one unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus.*” It's not God's best but at least he got saved!

3) Unbelief. Even though the person you are praying for are Believers, they may not believe healing is part of God's salvation. **Jesus could do no mighty work because of their unbelief.** You need to get the Word of God into people, so that faith can come. This is what Jesus did in answer to the unbelief.. “*.. and He went about the villages, teaching and preaching..*” As the Lord recently told me.. “You cannot make people believe son”

4) Are they Christians or not? If they are unbelievers, then the best

way is to get the Gospel to them, so that faith can come. Mark 16 is the best way here. I would pray for the Lord to prepare their heart to receive Jesus and then go, or pray the Lord of the harvest to bring people across their path with the gospel and the power of God.

“.. And the Lord working with them and confirming the Word with the miracles that endorse it..” God will back up His Word with the miracles..

I trust this has helped you gain some more knowledge about **praying for others** and the help of the Holy Spirit in prayer for them.

There is more on general prayer in my free book. “Victorious Prayer and the Deep things of God”

God Bless

John

