How is Your Hope for 2010?

Merry Christmas
2009! Lord, thank you for our Gift of Christ!
What you were thinking about in the last few days of 2008? If your thoughts were negative, did you promise yourself you would make changes from what had not worked for you in 2008? No? You should have! Yes? But you didn’t make the changes? Are you now finding yourself in the same hard places, maybe even harder, at the beginning of 2010 as you found yourself in the beginning of 2009?

Christians should always be encouraged to look for and hope for better things to come. I cannot convince you of this with just my encouraging words and I cannot impart it to you because of what I say has worked for me. But I can present the Word of God to you which is the only thing that will ever permanently change how your soul is determined to think and believe.

Some believers say they have no hope that things will get better, and real hope can seem very elusive in these end times if you do not understand the self-agendas behind many of your “hopes.” During 2009 Christians have seen many thing happen that point to the end times including terrible things happening to the economy. BUT, our hope is not in a recovered economy. Some Christians have lost their jobs of many years. BUT, our hope is not in recovered or new jobs. Some have no money for Christmas. BUT, our hope is not in money for Christmas. If you believe God’s Word (which most Christians say they do), He promises us that hope in Him will never disappoint us! Hope means to anticipate and expect something good to happen. As Christians, our hope lies in being able to confidently expect something good to come into our lives, to anticipate coming out of or through all our circumstances, and blessings upon all we love.

In Psalm 138:8, David affirmed that he believed God would perfect and perform all that concerned him. David made no list here of his expectations of more money, a new or better job, gifts, etc. He simply expressed His belief that God would perfect and perform all that concerned him. That is where I want to begin—God’s perfecting and performing all that concerns me and you.

The things that concern me personally are my family, my friends, my home, my ministry and destiny, my income, my health, my car, and my beloved cat, Gracie. I firmly believe that as I pray with a pure motive of God’s will being done in each area of what concerns me, He is at work perfecting and performing in each area.

If I don’t see any activity in the natural, that only means He is working behind the scenes supernaturally.

When someone in the world says, “I hope that…,” he or she is actually expressing an uncertainty that really doesn’t have any substance. But biblical hope is not just a desire for something better in the future or a desire for something good to happen. It is a confident expectation that the promises of God’s love and grace and mercy means that something better, something good, is guaranteed in our future. Biblical hope has God’s moral certainty in it. When the Word says, “Hope in God!” this does not mean, “Cross your fingers and say I hope, I hope, I hope.” “Hope in God” means that as a child of God you have every right to anticipate and confidently expect great things from God to happen for you.

How does this reconcile with the fact that you have “hoped” for a fancy car, a better job, a marriage partner, and an unknown miracle inheritance of a million dollars and you never got any of those things? You were hoping for things you wanted just like others in the world do rather than placing your hope in what He has always planned and wanted.
to give to you. This does not mean that you won’t or that you will get some of those things you’ve always hoped for, it just means you need to leave the details of what’s best up to God! You have much better things to hope for with certainty. Spend your time hoping for God’s best and anticipate its arrival every morning when you get up. Didn’t come this morning? Then you have something to hope for and expect and anticipate tomorrow morning!

I always told my ministry staff that I wanted to open all the mail myself. I didn’t even want Evelyn, who usually brought the mail from the post office, to tell me that I had a letter from so and so or some other person. This was because every envelope had the potential of containing an unknown blessing whether it would be money, a request to speak to the President of the US, an invitation to a special party, or a long lost friend was coming to visit. Every time my phone rings or my doorbell chimes to this day, I still have a hope and expectation of someone exciting or some special news being on the other end of that bell.

One day I opened an envelope and a check for nearly $80,000.00 for the ministry was inside of it—from someone I did not even know! What if I had explicitly told God over and over and over that He should be aware that I was hoping for a check to the ministry for $10,000? I would have been wasting time because He was perfecting and performing that which concerned me and the ministry in His own way.

Hope is based upon some form of belief, no matter how small, that there is something good coming. If you If you want to bake a cake, you put out milk, baking soda, salt, eggs, oil, a bottle of vanilla, and sugar on your kitchen counter. You believe that if you do your part, you will have a wonderful cake. Your part is to assemble the ingredients, blend them, and then bake them in the oven.

Now, let’s digress a bit. Titus 2:3-5 (NIV) is a passage that speaks of the terrible state of our souls before Christ:

> **3 At one time we too were foolish, disobedient, deceived and enslaved by all kinds of passions and pleasures. We lived in malice and envy, being hated and hating one another.**
> **4 But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared,**
> **5 he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit,**
> **6 whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior,**
> **7 so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.**
> **8 This is a trustworthy saying. And I want you to stress these things, so that those who have trusted in God may be careful to devote themselves to doing what is good. These things are excellent and profitable for everyone.”**

Colossian 1:21-23 (NIV) says this:

> **21 Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior.**
> **22 But now he has reconciled you by Christ’s physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation—**
> **23 if you continue in your faith, established and firm, not moved from the hope held out in the gospel. This is the gospel that you heard and that has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven, and of which I, Paul, have become a servant.”**

Why are we to devote ourselves to doing what is good when we know that our salvation has been by faith and by grace, and not by our works? Because:

**doing good keeps our focus on the Good News and keeps our focus off our troubles and the woes of the world around us.**

Is verse 23 above implying that you might not stay reconciled to the Father and the Son if you don’t continue in your faith and hold steady? NO. But it is a warning that if you do not stay focused on believing what God has promised you in His Word, you can feel like you have no hope, no reason to believe that God is working on your behalf to complete a promise you can hope to see fulfilled in your lives. Then you become miserable and discouraged, even cranky and bitter.

The key here is to stay focused and act upon the truth of God’s Word! Truth heard but never acted upon teaches you very little. Also, this is not Truth OR Consequences here. If you make wrong choices, then the goal here is Truth Learned FROM Consequences. Little by little you will begin to see that His way is better, and you will begin to trust Him and His promises in His Word a little more every day.

God wants to help you choose His plans and purposes for your life. To do this, He will adjust your decision-making processes (often gently, sometimes more strongly) and tweak your paths to turn you towards His best. However, He still allows you to make the final decisions. God is always willing to work with your wrong choices, but it will usually entail another trip around Mt. Sinai. He’s also very interested in who or what impacts your choices the most—newspapers, television, radio, magazines, friends, or His Word. Colossians 3:2 (NKJV) tells you to **set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth.** Be sure you are looking for God’s input instead of the world’s input when decisions need to be made.

**Every choice you make will cause a consequence.**

Right choices bring right consequences and God’s help into your life, consequences that are loaded with favor. Wrong
choices bring difficult, hard consequences into your life and allow Satan to mess with your head if you collapse in the middle of them. Still, there is some good news even in the difficult consequences. God will work you through them (if you will let Him) to help you learn valuable lessons you have not been willing to learn any other way. All Christians should embrace their consequences, good or bad, and be ready to learn from them rather than fighting with or running from them.

**Determine that you will be willing to make changes in your thinking and in your behaviors if God’s will for your life should require you to do so.**

Now, back to His promises. A promise is of no more value than the ability of the one who makes it and that person’s willingness to follow through on it. Jesus had full trust in the power of the promises of God. When Jesus said (John 8:12) “I am the resurrection and the life,” He had hope, faith, and full belief that the promise of His Father to raise Him from the grave would be fulfilled.

Remember that faith (in the original Greek) means to have trust and confidence in the goodness, the power, the wisdom, and the love of God toward you. You need to maintain your focus on Him to feed your faith and your hope in His promises.

- **God has promised to supply every need we have.** That is food, clothing, shelter, companionship, safety, love, and salvation through Jesus Christ (Philippians 4:19). This does not include the wants that we think of as needs, although He does seem to delight in blessing us with special gifts at certain times.

- **God has promised that His grace is sufficient for us.** In Ephesians 2:8, God told Paul that His grace was sufficient for him, for in Paul’s weakness God’s power was made perfect. It is through an obedient faith that we have access into the grace of God according to Romans 5:2.

- **God has promised that His children will not be overtaken with temptation.** Instead, He assures us that a way of escape will be provided (1 Corinthians 10:13).

- **God has promised us victory over death.** He first resurrected Jesus by way of assuring our understanding of what His promise of resurrection meant.

- **God has promised that all things work together for good to those who love and serve Him faithfully.**

Romans 8:28 (Amplified), “We are assured and know that [God being a partner in their labor] all things work together and are [fitting into a plan] for good to and for those who love God and are called according to [His] design and purpose.”. It may be difficult for us to see how this is accomplished at times, but God has promised it, and that means that He’ll do it.

- **God has promised that those who believe in Jesus and are baptized for the forgiveness of sins will be saved.** (Mark 16:16 and Acts 2:38).

- **God has promised His people eternal life** (John 10:28).

Hope is nourished to grow and be strong by revisiting the good things that God has already done for you. This helps you to realize that since He is the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow, if He has been doing good things for you, He’s going to keep doing good things for you. Make a list of at least five things He has done for you. Don’t get all spiritual and try to outdo the list above; just list five things that pleased you that He has done for you. Sometimes you didn’t even know you were waiting for some of those things to happen, did you? At times you will have to wait for God to position everything and everyone just right. Hope is the willingness to believe God will move and to then wait patiently for Him to move. Those who wait in true faith are renewed in their strength (Isaiah 40:31).

Here are some good things to do while you are waiting (Romans 12:9-21 (The Message):

“9 Love from the center of who you are; don’t fake it. Run for dear life from evil; hold on for dear life to good.
10 Be good friends who love deeply; practice playing second fiddle.
11 Don’t burn out; keep yourselves fueled and aflame. Be alert servants of the Master,
12 cheerfully expectant. Don’t quit in hard times; pray all the harder.
13 Help needy Christians; be inventive in hospitality.
14 Bless your enemies; no cursing under your breath.
15 Laugh with your happy friends when they’re happy; share tears when they’re down.
16 Get along with each other; don’t be stuck-up. Make friends with nobodies; don’t be the great somebody.
17 Don’t hit back; discover beauty in everyone.
18 If you’ve got it in you, get along with everybody.
19 Don’t insist on getting even; that’s not for you to do. I’ll do the judging,’ says God. ‘I’ll take care of it.’
20 Our Scriptures tell us that if you see your enemy hungry, go buy that person lunch, or if he’s thirsty, get him a drink. Your generosity will surprise him with goodness.
21 Don’t let evil get the best of you; get the best of evil by doing good.”

• So, what do we conclude here?

1. God makes good promises
2. God is able to complete His promises
3. God wants to fulfill every one of them
4. When He will fulfill them has a lot to do with our “doing our part” which can mean getting rid of bad attitudes, getting rid of self-agendas, and refocusing on Him (enter the Keys of the Kingdom prayer principles!)
5. Sometimes we have to wait for His promises, but there are things we can do that will keep us focused and stop our fussing
6. Waiting strengthens us when we refuse to let our souls pull us into complaining and worrying modes
7. Revisiting what God has done for us helps us to feed our hope and our faith

Make some choices right now that you want to end 2010 filled with hope and anticipation and the expectation of working joyfully with everything God is doing. And don’t immediately want to say right here, “But what if Jesus has come back by then?” We are not to live our lives with a short list of what we’ll do in case Jesus comes back in March of 2010. We are supposed to live every day as if Jesus was not coming back for ten more years and as if He was coming back at midnight tonight.

I’m not trying to play head games here. We simply must be very ready if we are going to go home tonight, and at the same time we must be about our Father’s business as if we are going to be here for the next 20 years.

Go ahead and set yourself to step out on your faith and place all your hope in Him in 2010. Hold on to the truth that He will help you learn from any wrong decision you make in trying to walk in hope, and He will turn it into gold when you sincerely want what He wants. Hold on to the truth that He wants you to:

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Lord, I bind my will to your will and I bind my mind to your mind, Jesus. I bind my emotions to your healing balance and comfort, Holy Spirit. I loose, smash, crush, and destroy wrong patterns of thinking, wrong attitudes, wrong beliefs, excuses, denials, and deception that my soul wants to cling to. I loose the effects and influences of wrong decisions and wrong agreements that I have made in the past. I choose to learn from them and then give them to you.

Holy Spirit, I ask that you help me to recognize if I start to feed upon wrong input from the sources of the world, and I will choose to stop. Help me to recognize that consequences, whether filled with favor or difficult days, can be used as valuable learning tools. I will embrace my consequences and allow you to teach me from them.

I loose all fear I have about having to change the decisions I need to make. I don’t want to have made a list of things I have decided I am willing to change, hope you won’t make me change, or flat out refuse to change. I want to be flexible and pliable in your hands. I loose all desire my mind has to be right every time, and I loose all shame and guilt from my emotions.

I want to be excited about making right decisions. I am going to choose to hope in you in every situation I find myself in during 2010! I am going to choose this! I am going to make lists of what you have done for me and thank you for them again. I am going to read your promises again and again. I am going to hope for your grace and mercy and power to impact and perfect and perform ALL that concerns me.

My unsurrendered soul is not in any position to be advising me on this, so I am choosing to reject its application to be my guidance counselor! You are my Leader and My Lord, Jesus. I want to hear from you. I will choose to think on things above and not the things that are swirling around me in the world. I will choose to always look at the big picture which means that even if I blow it, if I am truly trying to do what you want, your love, grace, and mercy will cover my failure and teach me how to succeed next time.

I want to be the whole person you created me to be. Lord, you made the choice of who my parents would be, who I would look like, what I would sound like, and how my natural personality traits should flow out of me. If you want me mercy-driven, prophetic, building bridges, preaching the Word, writing books, overflowing with great love to third world countries, or to be the gentlest of the gentle or the helping hand to the down and out, then that is who I want to be. That is who I will excel at being as I let you teach me how to let go of the things that hold me back and I open my hands and my heart to receive the things that will impel me forward. My hope is not in my experience or my abilities; my hope is in YOU!

I bind my soul to you, Lord, and I loose all stronghold thinking that has tried to keep me from destroying its
defense mechanisms and deceptions about my future. Thank you for your favor and your grace. Help me to walk in your blessings, passing them on to everyone I meet. I have decided to be a 2010 blesser! I cannot wait to get started. Thank you, Jesus! In Your Name, Amen.

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Christmas Around the World!

I have asked the Intercessors of the LSM Phase 5 International Intercessor’s Outreach to tell us what they do for Christmas in their countries and homes.

Fiona (England)—We usually have all the family over, and then we go to midnight mass at our local Church. Everything is dark at the start of the service and then the choir procession comes in singing a carol by candlelight. After the first two verses the lights come on and we all join in. Christmas Day usually starts with the exchange of presents, then a family meal, and the afternoon relaxing and catching up. A lot of people in Britain turn on the TV to listen to the Queen’s Speech. This year on New Year’s Eve, we will be attending another Church where we will be having a prayer watch praying for Breakthroughs in the New Year. People’s prayer requests will be prayed for. Rose (my daughter) will be performing one of her songs that she has written at this event.

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Paula (Michigan US)—My grandmother, Nana, baked Jule Kage (Scandinavian Christmas Bread) every year at Christmas and my grandfather would deliver it. About 25 years ago I started carrying on the tradition—sometimes up to 25 loaves. It is an opportunity to bless others. My Nana is with the Lord now but I feel so blessed to have this tradition to carry on for her.

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Corne (South Africa)—Schools are closed for a month and many industries and factories close. There is a huge exodus during these times towards the coastal areas (1st choice) or mountain resorts or water sport resorts. South Africans love the outdoors. In South Africa, Christmas means going to see Grandpa and Grandma, a highlight for so many of the children. This is the time when the extended family comes together. Gifts are being planned and bought or made, great secrecy is kept, lots of giggles and the children are involved in finding a little special gift for grandparents, mom and dad and one another. The grandkids decorate the tree or help Grandma do it. Lots and lots of cookies are baked beforehand and family and friends eat together a lot during the holiday time. Families go for long walks and generally it is a happy, happy time for most people. In my family, the children will put together their own Christmas play, acting out the story of Jesus’ birth. On Christmas Day, families go together to church and thereafter the big Christmas lunch with special foods are enjoyed. In the afternoon we visit other families/friends to wish them a Merry Christmas. Some coastal towns organize outdoor church services (even beach services) which all holidaymakers can attend irrespective of denomination. This is truly touching, seeing so many people (thousands and thousands in some areas) attending an early morning Christmas service together. This year my family has decided to take the money we would have spend on gifts and donate it to a community project or needy people. We want to bring the message home to the little ones that Christmas is not about receiving gifts but rather to bring Jesus gifts. Although we might portray the picture of happy Christian families honoring God, we also have bad influences and a nation who needs to turn back to God.

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Debbie (Texas US)—My husband’s parents have always started their Christmas celebrations (the evening of the big meal with the entire family being there) by my father-in-law reading a popular poem from when he was a child (Jest ‘Fore Christmas). After that the young children in the family put on towels, bathrobes, wings, etc. and become the Nativity scene. While they are positioned, my father-in-law reads the Christmas story from the Bible and then we sing a Christmas song. Then, best of all, my father-in-law prays for each of his children and their families. Then each one of his children prays for their entire family. All in all it is a great blessing. Our favorite Christmas treats are Penuche and Boston Cream Loaf.

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Elizabeth (Texas US)—I have a very traditional Christmas celebration. I have a 40-year old cardboard crèche I have put out on the buffet for years near a vase with old silk flower poinsettias. I have a tree with lights and some bows that look like candy canes. I put a nice tablecloth on the table and have an Advent Wreath in the middle with candles. I usually go to my mother’s Assisted Living apartment as she is now 93. She needs prayer as she was brought up in a Christian home but rejected it. Her mother led me to the Lord.

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Grace (Zimbabwe Africa)—The festive mood is actually better than last year because many people have the disposable income. Most churches will have Christmas dinners or galas and will pray for a stable economy and for people to appreciate what they have. Other churches have chosen to spend it with the less privileged members of the society like Old Peoples homes or Orphanages for them to experience what they could not for the past 2–3 or more years. At my church we are donating foodstuffs and clothes to take to the Orphanage home and an Old Peoples home of our choice. It has made me realize that Christmas is not just giving presents to our family members but also to the less privileged members of society who don’t have anyone to give them the love and support they require.

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Shirley (New York US)—I love making hot drinks such as “spiced tea” (green tea, cinnamon, orange juice), ginger tea,
and a pumpkin jelly roll (if I have the time). Otherwise, it’s the usual chicken or turkey breast roast with vegetables, or even baked salmon. Since I’m living in campus at the mission, and my funds are limited, it will be modest. During Christmas week there are several parties with lots of treats and I may attend some. But I will be busy even the week of Christmas with final exams, and then back to school beginning January 4th.

Ruth (Wyoming US)—We began reading the Christmas story from Luke before we opened presents back when our kids were little. It seems like a good way to remind us that we love and give gifts because God first loved us and gave us His perfect gift of His Son. We have a candlelight service at our church that tells the story of Christmas interspersed with Christmas Carols. My favorite Christmas food is fruit salad with grapes and walnuts in it.

Lenore (Alaska US)—When we were first married, I would make all the cookies that my husband’s mother would make: date-nut pinwheels, carrot cookies, and apricot bars. I used to make my grandmother’s fruitcake and favorite cookies of my own—chocolate balls. Not that we are more health conscious now, but I no longer make any temptations. I am going to make sugar plums this year to share with family. I have always bought my family a Christmas ornament for the tree each year. When my son left home, I sent his ornaments with him so that he had some to start with. We always read the Christmas story before opening our presents.

Nan (missionary in Grenada)—At Christmas people look forward to families coming from abroad and a lot of emphasis is placed on the coming together of families for dinner. Traditional, local grown food and drinks are consumed namely Sorrel and Ginger beer (locally made drinks), and green pigeon Pease. Legs of ham are boiled on Christmas Eve on coal pots and black cake is made with fruits (soaked with wines for one year). The week before Christmas communities get together to light Christmas trees. Church or school choirs form part of the gathering singing traditional Christmas songs. There are some groups who move from house to house singing traditional songs, but this has gotten less over the years. The Grenada Police band goes to the homes for the elderly to cheer their hearts with music and songs. Two days before Christmas, butchers kill cows or pigs in order that the community could purchase meats for Christmas meals. Some communities stay up all night with the butcher to assist him to make sure all is ready for purchase in the morning, telling stories and cooking pots of food. On Christmas Eve (10 or 11 pm to 1:00 am), many who may not have attended a church service at any time during the year go to church. Since the world has gotten smaller through Telecommunication and TVs, we have Santa Claus in the shops, Christmas lights, and parties.

Daphne (Malaysia)—Thank you for thinking of us in Malaysia. We have many cultures and races and religions. Islam is the largest and the official religion of Malaysia where about 65% of the population practices Islam. Christianity is less than 1%. Bible-believing, tongue-confessing Christians are less half of that amount. Christmas in Malaysia is commercialized these days. Shopping malls are decorated with artificial trees and colorful decorations, but sadly most people do not give much thought to the birth of Jesus Christ. I guess people know Santa Claus better than Jesus Christ. On the other hand, Christians are seeing the hand of God moving in Malaysia. We are praying and getting ready for something “big” to happen in Malaysia. Right now, about 1500 Christians are gathered on Penang Island for a prophetic conference. Praise the Lord! We Penangites are celebrating the birth of Christ with anticipation of birth of revival in Malaysia! The festivals in Malaysia are celebrated with “open-houses” for people who drop by/walk-in to eat, laugh, and share the joy of the celebrations. My family’s favorite Christmas food is roast chicken or chicken pie, fruit cake, sugee (semolina) cake, cookies, and the traditional pineapple tart. We have a Christmas Eve midnight supper after everyone returns from church. On Christmas Day, friends dropped by and we celebrate with cookies and cakes. Traditionally, we give out cookies and cakes to our neighbors and friends on Christmas Day. Christmas has been a quiet fare for the past two years after the passing of my Dad. Christmas was a wonderful and joyous celebration with my Dad around. It is a little hard to celebrate a joyous occasion with memories of a missing loved one. Liberty, thank you for praying for Malaysia. God bless you and the other Intercessors for your love and dedication to continue to pray for one another and the many countries being represented. Blessed Christmas to all of you and a joyous and Blessed New Year 2010!

Joanne (Florida US)—The Christmas Eve candlelight service that we attend is at seven in the evening. We live in Florida with absolutely no family anywhere near us, so we always share dinner with friends at their homes on Christmas day. Mincemeat pie and plum pudding are absolute favorites for me right along with hard sauce! Turkey is the meat of choice, and we are thankful to be with good friends who love the Lord. In Florida the palm trees are decorated by wrapping their trunks with lights. They are so beautiful. The houses are also decorated much as they are up north. Our favorite times are at the musical programs which honor our Lord’s birth.

Lisa (Texas US)—I loved my grandmother’s dressing recipe. My mom makes it now that my grandmother is gone. I also like cherry cheesecake or chocolate icebox pie for desert.

Cheryl (Tasmania Australia)—Our family decided this year that instead of buying presents for everyone that we would have a “Christmas Auction. Everyone brings one present, no particular value, and it doesn’t even have to be new. We
write “cryptic” clues on the outside as to what it is and then everyone will be given what we call “funny money” (like Monopoly money). We will have an auctioneer (this year it will be my 14-year old grandson!) and the highest bidder wins the gift being auctioned at the time. Then the giftholder must guess what the gift is before they can open it. My very favorite Christmas food is Christmas plum pudding with raspberries and cream (no custard!). I could eat it every meal (so it’s a good thing it only gets made once a year!!).

Waiting upon God doesn’t mean just passively marking time until He finally gets around to performing a miracle on your behalf. God NEVER just “finally gets around” to anything! He always moves with purpose in accordance to His character and His love for you. Your problem may be that you and The Committee have already bailed out of the boat and are swimming towards a shore with jagged rocks hiding just under the surface of the water.

You absolutely can learn how to stop The Committee from pushing you into doing foolish and dangerous things.

Use your time of waiting for His perfect answer to refine your knowledge, your skills, and your abilities so that you are up-to-speed and ready to step right into His answer when it arrives! Do that by reading the Word and by thanking Him for all the things He has done for you, continues to do for you every day, and plans to do for you in the future while you are loosing and deconstructing the lies of The Committee!

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Question: Dear Rev. Liberty, I was doing internet research when I came across a ministry which stated that if prayer warriors touch someone, evil spirits are likely to get transferred to them. It was suggested that those who lay hands on others while praying needs deliverance because of the transference. Your wisdom and truth, please. Thank you. Shirley NY

Answer: Shirley, I do not believe in “transference of spirits” in such a manner. If someone you are praying for is possessed (a non-Christian) or is surrounded by demonic activity, “laying on of hands” will not make you any more susceptible to being attacked by the evil spirits than another spiritual activity. The issue is not the “laying on of hands.”

The issue is the condition of the soul of the person who would be laying their hands on someone else. If there is deception, denial, bitterness, unforgiveness, or a strong belief that the power to do the miraculous lies in their own abilities, etc. in the soul of that person, then there could be a problem. With such a state in their souls, they are susceptible to being attacked or harassed even if they are sitting in their car in their church parking lot or visiting a farmer’s market. Hopes this helps. Liberty

Question: Wanted you to know that I’ve REALLY been enjoying the Binding and Loosing Prayer Manual that I ordered from you. Even thought I didn’t have the money to do so, it was worth every cent to do so and I’m so glad I did as a price can’t be put on things of the Spirit towards a person’s spiritual growth. Here is my question: Once you’ve prayed the specific prayer over the situation, you don’t KEEP praying it over and over, do you? Once God has heard you - to me it’s an offense to keep praying it again and again, which would indicate that you DIDN’T BELIEVE when you prayed it the first time! Are we to, after the point of releasing the prayer, start praising and thanking Him that we have it (the answer)?

Answer: Thank you so very much for your kind words about the Binding and Loosing Prayer Manual. Regarding your question, if you remained unsettled about an issue after you have prayed a specific binding and loosing prayer about it, it is fine to pray the prayer again. It is not an offense to God for you to do this. The Binding and Loosing Prayers are all geared far more towards helping you change your own wrong thought patterns, your stronghold thinking, and any wrong attitudes regarding an issue than they are an attempt to get God to do something about the issue. Your wanting to change your attitude and your wrong thoughts patterns is something very precious to God.

Question: I wake up at 3:33 am nearly every night. Please explain why this is happening. I have researched this and came up with mixed ideas. I would like information on this consistent wake up call. Thanks, Sandy

Answer: Sandy: I cannot say why you are waking up at 3:33. If you cannot go back to sleep, I might suggest that you pray over 1 Samuel 3 where God called Samuel three times before Eli recognized that it was God. Eli told Samuel after the third time to go back and lie down and if God called again, to say: “Speak, God. I’m your servant, ready to listen.”

1 Samuel 3:8-11 (The Message), “GOD called again, ‘Samuel!’—the third time! Yet again Samuel got up and went to Eli, ‘Yes? I heard you call me. Here I am.’ That’s when it dawned on Eli that GOD was calling the boy. So Eli directed Samuel, ‘Go back and lie down. If the voice calls again, say, Speak, GOD. I’m your servant, ready to listen.’” Samuel returned to his bed. Then GOD came and stood before him exactly as before, calling out, ‘Samuel! Samuel!’ Samuel answered, ‘Speak. I’m your servant, ready to listen. GOD said to Samuel, Listen carefully.’”

As this continues to happen, consider it as coming from God and respond accordingly. If you are wrong, nothing has been harmed. If you are right, you might get a real blessing.

Liberty

READER’S FEEDBACK

A response to Judy D. from Linda C. on 1 Timothy 2:9-15

If Paul was telling wives that they should only be taught at home by their husbands, then wouldn’t he have been saying that only married women could be taught? That statement does not seem accurate. It would leave widows and single women without anyone to learn from.

That statement would be a contradiction of Paul’s own example. In First Corinthians 9:5 Paul strongly rebukes his accusers regarding women (Priscilla) learning Scripture in the presence of men. He also said that other Apostles do the same. If Priscilla just traveled with Paul and was not taking an active part in ministry, there would not have been a complaint.

Priscilla is named first when mentioned in Paul’s letters, Romans 16:3, and in Second Timothy 4:19 we see Paul addressing the church with Priscilla as the first one named. She and Aquila were called fellow laborers. This was completely against custom unless Paul saw her as the head rather than Aquila. Possibly as the greater teacher in the family, this change in identification of the couple implies Priscilla as the head. This would have produced contention among the Jews and some Christians that were having difficulty letting go of traditions.
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