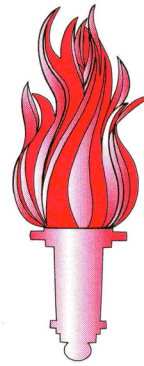


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Minister, Teacher, Author, eBook Writer, or Life Coach?

What happened to retiring at 65? Or 68, where I now find myself in a new season of being re-invented by God? I've been looking at the logos, symbols, and pictures I've used to represent the different areas of my work with God: the liberty torch (Liberty Savard Ministries), the tiger lily (Liberty Savard 2U), and the lock and keys (Liberty Savard Life Coaching), and I almost see a small book right there: *Burning, Blooming, and Breaking Out*.



I just know I'm pretty sure that I will *not go gently into the good night* as the famous poet Dylan Thomas wrote.

At the age of 50, I was given a powerful prophecy based upon 1 Kings 18:42-44 (Elijah had just commanded the slaughter of the 450 prophets of Baal). In verse 42, Elijah climbed to the top of Mount Carmel, bent down to the ground and put his face between his knees—the birthing position.

“Go and look toward the sea,’ he told his servant. And he went up and looked. ‘There is nothing there,’ he said. Seven times Elijah said, ‘Go back.’ The seventh time the servant reported, ‘A cloud as small as a man’s hand is rising from the sea.’”

Elijah then got up and ran before the coming rains to the city Jezreel. The prophecy given to me by an evangelist from South Africa included these words, “If you will continue to run before the rains, 30 years of ministry you will see.” I find it very interesting that the word Jezreel comes from the Hebrew word

(OT:2232) word *zara`* (zaw-rah') meaning to sow; figuratively, to disseminate, plant, fructify: to bear, conceive seed, set with sow (-er), yield. If the timing in the prophecy is true, I'll still be ministering and bearing fruit at the age of 80 (12 more years yet to go)!

Man's proposed age of retirement has never really had any correlation to God's idea of His children's destinies. We are to be sowing, planting, bearing fruit, conceiving new fruit, and glorying with God in the yield that He brings from our efforts until the day He calls us home.

I want to be praying with or for, coaching and teaching, or preaching to whoever is around me when my destiny reveals that it is time to move into His next season. But right now, I'm in no mood yet to go *gently into that good night*. The first few lines of Thomas Dylan's famous poem says to me that we should rage against the nightfall in our lives until we have done all He has created to do.

Maturity and experience are earned like great assets during your lifetime which you should invest in others. That is your destiny and mine, Christian. I'm not finished investing what I've learned from the great assets of my good times and my hard times yet; I'm not even sure I've really identified all of those assets yet. However, I want to use them to give affirmation and hope to others of all ages. Here is a prayer from *The Binding and Loosing Prayer Manual* for everyone who has begun to identify these assets in their lives and their characters:

Working for God at Any Age!

Lord, thank you for the age I am today. You must have had a wonderful plan in mind to make me this age in this place on this day. I bind my feet to the paths that you have ordained for me to walk today. I bind my hands to the work that you have ordained for them to accomplish. Show me where I am needed this day.

I bind my thoughts to your thoughts, Jesus, so that I might hear your guiding words. I loose all preconceived ideas that I might have regarding the limitations of what I can do. I loose all the effects and influences of wrong words that I have agreed with about myself or my age. I loose all wrong words

others have spoken to cause me to wonder if I'm too young or too old. I am not who others say I am; I am who you say I am—your son or daughter who can do all things through Christ Jesus as long as you have ordained. I know that you will equip me and provide what I need in order to do whatever you designed for me to do. Thank you, Lord, for such special and precious plans for my life. Look out world, here I come! Amen

Many complain today that we are living in a culture of the young. God has never intended that His people should live their lives and shelve their hopes and dreams according to the boundaries set by the culture of this world. We are in this world, but we are not of this world.

Now, it is said that an older person will usually exhibit an exaggeration of the attitudes and beliefs of his or her personality and character as acquired throughout his or her life. Bitter, cranky, cynical younger or middle-aged people will most likely become bitterer, crankier, more cynical old people unless something monumental or miraculous occurs in their lives to cause them to change.

The new birth of salvation from Jesus Christ is certainly monumental and miraculous. Yet, we do find some older Christians who are cynical about the Church, bitter against family members, angry with their neighbors, and negative about almost everything. How can we keep this from being so? Here are the main elements missing in the lives of bitter, unhappy, cranky mature Christians:

- A true understanding of faith in God
- Hope and expectation of seeing God's answers to their prayers
- A belief that God has never given up on putting things in place so they can fulfill the exciting destinies He has always planned for them (regardless of their age)
- Forgiveness of the old, unresolved issues from their past
- A breaking of the hardness their hearts have built around needs never met and hurts never healed so that God can finally meet them and heal them

There is nothing in the list above that comes from any lack on God's part!

Here are the elements of aligning yourself and praying for others to align themselves with God in these five areas:

A true understanding of faith in God

The meaning of the word *faith* (original Greek) is trust and confidence in the goodness, power, and love of God towards you. His goodness and power and love are always present for anyone to have—the keys words here are the **trust and confidence** to believe that He wants to give them to you. This *trust and confidence* grows when you bind your mind to the mind of Christ, loose wrong patterns of thinking and

distractions and reactions from your soul, and then read God's Word—particularly the Psalms in *The Message* version of the Bible (which can be found on the Internet if you do not have a copy). These binding and loosing actions position **The Committee** of your soul to have to receive from His Word. Always remember this:

The only thing that will ever cause your soul to fully surrender its denial and deception so it can accept God's truth is to constant bathe it in the Word of God!

You can say you believe something you have been told, but that does not mean your soul is convinced it is true. But when your soul is dunked, covered, and rolled around in God's Word often enough, it will finally become convinced that every Scripture in the Word of God is true and it is true for you! God Word never returns unto Him void—it always accomplishes the purpose for which it has been sent (Isaiah 55:11).

Hope and expectations of God's answers

God's Word (Romans 5:2-5) tells us that when we finally "get" what God wants us to "get" out of the experience of going through what we have gone through, we will become strong and filled with hope—a hope that will never disappoint us. Our troubles and hard times have great potential to develop patience and perseverance in us. That patience develops character and integrity in us. Godly character produces joy and hope in us.

God loves it when we have unshakable hope that He is going to work glorious things out of our trust and confidence in Him. We may be disappointed when what we are hoping for never happens because it is out of alignment with what He is working to bring together for us. But our hope will never be disappointed when it is firmly fixed upon expecting His goodness and power and love to always be working for our good (leaving the details up to Him!).

God never gives up on expecting us to fulfill our destinies

God said to His people in Jeremiah 29:11 (don't ever forget that He is the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow!), "*I know the plans I have for youplans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.*"

It is so sad when people believe the Words of the Bible are okay for others, but that God didn't mean those words for everyone. It is even sadder that they almost always consider themselves part of the *everyones* outside of His good plans. This is when I want to hug them close (compassionate love), and then grab them by their lapels and shake them good and hard and say, "What's wrong with you?" (tough love). God filled His Word with promise and power and hope for EVERYONE who ever was, is, or will be. His only condition to receiving that promise and power and hope is that one

needs to believe and accept that His Son, Jesus Christ, died on the cross to purchase forgiveness and eternal life for him or her.

God has plans for each one of us:

- a plan to prosper us
- a plan to give us hope
- a plan to give us a good future.

And His plans are always better!

Forgiveness of old, unresolved issues from our pasts

You cannot change the past; you can only change how you are still reacting against it today. Some people spend their whole lives trying to understand or even “reinvent” their pasts. Our positive and productive steps towards a peaceful present and a fantastic future will never come from sifting through our pasts.

Churchill said, “When you allow your past to argue with your present, you lose your future.”

A good friend of mine, a pastor from Meno Oklahoma, said, “Stop lettin’ the funk of yo’ past keep whackin’ yo’ present ’cause it’s ruinin’ your future!”

The Apostle Paul said (Philippians 3:13-14, NIV), “*Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.*”

The word *forgetting* as used here means to neglect something, to stop tending to or taking care it, to stop rehearsing it to others, and to let it go. There is no counseling method, non-judgmental peer support, group therapy, or program that will ever accomplish what true forgiveness will accomplish for you. They may be a form of life support to steady you or a rope to hold on to until you get to the bottom line of what God has always had available for you, but they cannot heal you.

The only valid thing you can fully count on to heal and resolve hard things from your past is to:

1. forgive the people who have hurt you,
2. ask God to forgive you for blaming Him for what has hurt you, and
3. loose all the residue in your soul of wrong patterns of thinking about everyone involved.

Deliberately choosing to hold onto your unforgiveness is sin according to God’s Word. Rationalizing, justifying this choice, and then pleading with God to excuse your unforgiveness because of what has been done to you will never change one degree of that truth. If you are struggling with unforgiveness, you are struggling with your own

destiny, and God will never overlay His divine plans for your destiny on top of your soul’s baggage from yesterday no matter how kind and nice and giving you act today. He will never whisk you on to great things past the known sins in your heart.

If forgiving certain things is very hard for you, admit to yourself and to the Lord that you really don’t want to forgive, but you will try if He will help you. Always keep Galatians 6:1 close to your heart, “*Live creatively, friends. If someone falls into sin, forgivingly restore him, saving your critical comments for yourself. You might be needing forgiveness before the day’s out*” (The Message). Here is a prayer from *The Binding and Loosing Prayer Manual* to help you:

Prayer for Forgiving and Letting Go

Lord, your Word says that if I love you and I am full of your Word, I will have great peace and nothing shall offend me (past or present). I’m feeling pretty offended right now and there is no peace in my thoughts, so I need your help. I bind my will to your will, my mind to the mind of Christ, and my emotions to the healing balance and comfort of the Holy Spirit.

I admit that I have wanted to “rewrite” your forgiveness Scriptures to validate and justify my feelings about not forgiving someone. It seemed to work for a while, but it is not working any more. Please help me. I can’t go back and I can’t go forward and I don’t like being stuck here. I need your love and grace and mercy so I can do this. Your Word says pride goes before destruction and a haughty spirit goes right before a fall. Father, I’m in enough trouble without destruction and a fall coming into my life.

I am now choosing to loose all unforgiving feelings that I have against _____. Please forgive me, Lord, for having held onto them for so long. Soul, I loose, smash, and destroy any rationalizations and justifications you have set in place to deny that I have needed to forgive this person. Mind, I loose from you all resentful thoughts and attitudes against _____. Will, you must surrender this whole thing to the Father right now. Emotions, I loose all fear and doubt and unresolved anger from you, and I insist that you let these feelings go.

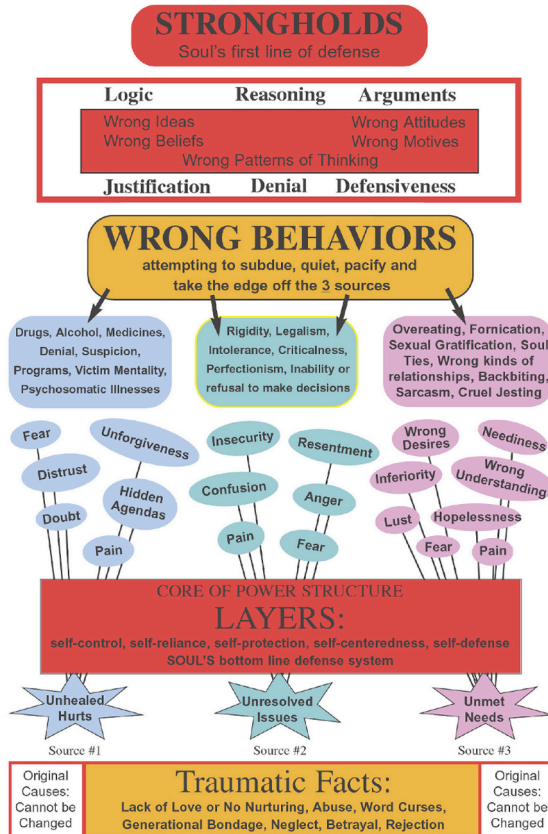
Lord, I know that you will not neutralize or cover over sin in my soul, and I know that I must forgive to be forgiven. Again, I ask for your help to get me all the way through this because this is what I want to be able to do. Thank you, Jesus, for the Keys of the Kingdom. Amen

Break through the hardness that our hearts have built around our unmet needs and unhealed hurts so God can meet and heal them

The act of forgiving will go a long way to break up hardness in your soul. You need to do this yourself. As much as God

loves you, He will not break down the hardness of your self-erected protective walls. If God was to just smash and crash into your soul to do that, it would not foster trust and confidence in Him. He is totally willing, however, to help you take those walls down when you *obligate your will* (original Greek) to His will and loose all of your soul's defense systems that have kept Him from getting deep into your soul to heal you.

The second most important step you can take here is to loose, smash, crush, and destroy your soul's stronghold thinking that has been rationalizing and justifying staying the way you are. There is not a lot to say here about being healed and set free that doesn't fall into choosing to take these two steps toward your freedom and peace. Here is a brief explanation of your soul's stronghold thinking and a prayer to break it down (from *The Binding and Loosing Prayer Manual*):



The development of all of our stronghold thinking always starts at the bottom of this chart. Here's the order:

- Unresolved Traumatic Facts** in your life cause the birth of the...
- Sources** of your hurts, needs, and questions which cause...
- Layers** to be laid down as your soul's defense to bury the...
- Symptoms** of pain and fear coming out of them, yet they get through anyway, causing...

Old Wrong Behaviors to be reinstated to try to subdue and pacify your soul's increased distress which causes...
Stronghold Thinking to help you rationalize, justify, argue, and defend your right to do the above which causes bondage that...

KEEPS GOD'S GRACE AND MERCY LOCKED AWAY FROM HEALING YOU!

This is the progression of the coping mechanisms that your soul (not so affectionately known as *The Committee*) uses to try to control its pain and neediness and fears. This whole soulish *system* prevents you from receiving God's grace and mercy so you can be healed and made whole! Many have never broken free from *The Committee's system* working in their souls, but you can! You can dismantle *The Committee's system* by praying with the binding and loosing Keys of the Kingdom found in Matthew 16:19. Or (definitely the least attractive option!) you can wait until God decides that He is going to have to push you into dismantling this system before it destroys you. That is when He will begin the "His hands off method" of letting you get yourself backed into painful corners or stuck in really hard places so that He can finally get your attention.

Hebrews 12:5-7 speaks of God chastening those He loves. Some people perceive these hard times as punishment from God. Punishment and chastening are **NOT** the same thing. The original Greek meaning for the words *chasten* or *chastening* is:

- training and education relating to the cultivation of a person's mind and morals, and
- the cultivating of the soul by correcting mistakes and curbing the passions to cause an increase of virtue.

The word *punishment* is likened to both *fear* and *torment* as seen in 1st John 4:18 in the NKJV: "There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love."

The best decision you can make is to begin to pray the binding and loosing prayers right now rather than to wait until He begins to *help* you ask for His help. He does this by ceasing to prevent your running into some scary dark corners and hard places situations in your life.

Basic Binding and Loosing Prayer to Overcome The Committee's System (in Your Soul)

Lord, I can't manage my pain and fears anymore, and I want to surrender them all to you. I bind my will to your will, Father God, and I bind my mind to your mind, Jesus. I bind my raggedy, edgy emotions to the healing balance and comfort of the Holy Spirit.

I realize that I cannot loose the facts of my unresolved traumatic experiences of my past, because things did happen to me. But I thank you that I can loose the toxic residue of my soul's ridiculous record keeping, its coping mechanisms, and its stronghold thinking about what actually did happen. I loose the stronghold thinking right now that my soul has used to coerce me into believing that I need to turn back to the wrong behavior of (you fill in the blank) (such as alcohol, drugs, sex, soul ties, overeating, shopping, fantasizing, wrong relationships, etc.) to try to block out or bury my fear and pain from my past.

I loose all of the phony postures of self-reliance and self-defense that my soul has used to deny its doubts, deceptions, and distress. When I loose those deceptions, I know that you can then pour grace into my soul to heal me. I am tired of trying to convince everyone and myself as well that I'm okay. I'M NOT OKAY!

Lord, I now choose to surrender my soul's confusion to you. I ask that you fill me with your healing, your grace, and your mercy. I choose to give you my bad memories, both those that are accurate and those that my soul has altered and revised to give it more power to control my life. Thank you, Lord, for holding me close and secure until I am whole. In Jesus' Name, Amen

LS2U! Liberty's Electronic Website

I'm so excited about the eBooks and the LDT/LBE Training Manuals and Reading Assignments and AUDIO Teaching downloads on this website (www.libertysavard2u.com). People can now access these eBooks and resources from anywhere in the world. And they are doing so!

I'm almost finished with preparing *my part* in the eBook process of *The Unsundered Soul*. Then I will turn it over to Richard of Exodus Design to finish the technical part. And, before you know it, it will be available on LS2U!

After finishing the eBooks for *Producing the Promise* and *BEYOND Shattered Strongholds*, my next projects for LS2U will be my first illustrated children's book in eBook format. Then I am going to be recording my books in AUDIO format that will be available on my LS2U website.

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Liberty's Missions Statement as Your Life Coach: God has already given you many gifts, skills, and answers to help you move forward towards a more fulfilling relationship with

Him, with others, and with your future. My job as your Life Coach is to help you:

1. Realize the power of God's love toward you.
2. Recognize those skills, resources, and creativity that God has already given you.
3. Recognize how to best use His Word and the binding and loosing prayers to uncover and activate those gifts.
4. Realize how to work together with Him in this process.
5. Trust the gifts He has already given to you as you anticipate and expect the ones He still has for you.
6. Begin to implement all of the above in your life.
7. Be confident that I believe in you and your purpose!

I also want to offer you a chance to ask me questions about the Life Coaching Process blended with the Keys of the Kingdom/Unsundered Soul Message. So, here is a limited offer to you:

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THE BIG LSM MOVE IS COMPLETED!!!

Thanks to Linda, Robert, Chrystal, Michael, and Tony

Well, it's finally DONE! Everything has been passed on or donated to non-profit agencies or thrown away or shredded or boxed up and taken to my home office, my living room, my guest bedroom, my kitchen, my hall, and my garage! My house looks like an indoor yard sale right now.

I could never, never, never have done it without Linda's steady direction and encouragement or without the capable help and muscles of Robert Little and his son, Michael. Linda's nephew, Tony, also helped us. A huge thank you to all you guys.

Robert and Chrystal Little Beyond the Rubble Ministries

Robert and Chrystal Little, my dear ministry friends (and good anytime friends) now have their ministry website and order page up and running for their Liberty Savard Bookstore—and it looks great! Good job, Chrystal. Check them out and order your favorite Liberty Savard print books now at www.beyondtherubbleministries.com

The Littles are working on adding several more valuable departments to their website, so refer back to it often. I know

they will be keeping the site very current. With the exception of *The Binding and Loosing Prayer Manual* (my newest book on LSM website), there are no print books available through LSM at this time. Too much invoicing, pulling product, and shipping for me to even consider now that Linda is off to a new season in her life. You did a great job on all that, Linda, and I tip my hat to you. I'm struggling with trying to get a routine down with shipping just the *Prayer Manual*!

I will still be selling *The Binding and Loosing Prayer Manual* except for the California orders (I don't want to be responsible for sales tax records and reports and payments anymore), and I will not be handling foreign orders (Canada included). Linda has given Robert and Chrystal a crash course in foreign sales shipping documents and that is their domain now. I'm very grateful for Robert and Chrystal's desire to provide my print books to all of you. All Liberty Savard print books will eventually be available through the Littles' website.

I first met Robert and Crystal when they attended my Mentoring the Unknown Messengers' Conference in 1998. Robert has been through every level of training the Certification of Teachers' School has offered and Chrystal has taken the Teachers' Training Level I and audited Level II. They have both traveled with me to Canada, Georgia, and Texas for Schools. You really get to know someone when you travel together that much (the stories I could tell!).

I still love them and I think they still love me! Such a deal. To know more about Robert and Chrystal Little, e-mail them and get acquainted at Life@beyondtherubbleministries.com

Testimonies

Hello and greetings, Rev Liberty. Trust that this email finds you in great health. I have been meaning to email you to thank you for the Keys to the Kingdom Trilogy and for all the newsletters. I still hunt through our Christian bookstores for your books!!! I want to inform you that due to the books being sent to my dear friend in Tonga, she was so impacted that she is now a firebrand and is preaching to our congregation in Tonga!

I just had the joy of receiving an email from a woman in a wrong lifestyle who had come to the Lord and was then rejected by some "holy" members of our church and literally thrown out in the cold. She is now a delivered woman and loves the Lord, reading your Trilogy, and getting freedom in her life. Just imagine! Since we do not have any trained Keys of the Kingdom teacher here we just follow what is written in your Trilogy and in the Word and God is doing great things!

So thanks once again for all that you do and for all your team does. Do convey to them our gratitude, and should we not

meet this side of heaven, we shall definitely meet on the other side!!! With much love and prayers from the shores of Fiji

Liberty: Your answer to the rebuke in your October newsletter about your teaching men was very good. If I might add a little something to it, my *NAS (Hebrew-Greek) Key Word Study Bible* (AMG Publishers) has an entire section explaining 1 Timothy 2:9-15 and it is most interesting!

One of the major things it explains is that there is a mistranslation in the KJV being that *woman* should be translated *wife* in this verse. The explanation given is that Paul is instructing wives, not women in general, that they are to be learning from their husbands as Jewish women were not allowed to be schooled. In other words, he is continuing his instruction to wives on proper conduct and that they are not to usurp the position given to their husbands by God.

I am the one who wrote that I minister in a men's prison and I have been confronted with this by one of the men. He actually was enjoying and was learning from what was being taught, but wanted to know what I did with that particular passage. I used your eBook in class last night. Grace and Peace! Judy D.

Liberty: There are too many good situations to share with you since I have begun praying the binding and loosing prayers. One major one, though, is that my husband accepted a position clear across the United States from our home state of Arizona. If I had not been praying these prayers, I honestly don't think I could have made the transition well at all. There was too much within my soul that would have hindered a smooth move and acceptance of the change.

My husband can attest to the change he's seen in me as a result of the binding and loosing understanding and prayers. My attitude has changed so much that my husband has begun to read the book(s) and is praying in like fashion. We're seeing changes in ourselves and recognizing the truth in the Word of God. We're not so bogged down by our personal situations and we're able to extend more of ourselves to others. It's very exciting, invigorating, and rewarding to have a greater understanding of who we are in Christ. Thank you, Liberty! Judith

Prayer Request/Testimony:

We have a 20-year old daughter, Brianna, who has been rebellious since she was very young. We asked her to leave the house in June 2009 and she is very angry and does not want anything to do with us. She sent an email to her Dad yesterday saying that she hates him for kicking her out of the house. Brianna is staying with a single mom with two young children. She is basically a mom to them because their mom is seldom at home. She is very frustrated right now and

saying that her life sucks. We are believing for family unity; we thank you for your prayers. Annie

Answer: Annie I have prayed for your whole family today and especially for Brianna. You might want to consider purchasing the print version of the *Binding and Loosing Prayer Manual* that you can order on www.libertysavard.com. Or, you can order and instantly download an electronic eBook at www.libertysavard2u.com. I think it might give you some new insight into this situation. Liberty

Follow Up Response from Annie: Thank you, Liberty! I was amazed because of what happened two hours after I submitted that prayer request to you. Brianna phoned me very upset and said she wanted to come home. We have met with her three times since then and have definitely noticed some changes in her attitude.

We are working together to have family unity and have Brianna move back home. What a great God we have. I will also look into the *Binding and Loosing Prayer Manual* that you suggested. I really appreciated hearing back from you! Annie

Questions and Answers

Question: I recently shared with you that as a pastor I was going through and struggling with this process of full surrender of my soul. I asked if I should keep pastoring right now. You told me that it was all right to keep pastoring as I went through the surrender process, but that there would be days that would be hard for people to understand my mood. I'm there. As God reveals some of the things that are so ugly to me, I find myself withdrawing, being sad, discouraged, wanting to give up, even feeling condemned. Can you tell me anything I can do to overcome these things? Robert NV

Answer: Robert: If you were going through a physical healing and infection and other gunky stuff was oozing out of your wounds, you might want to hide it or even hide yourself, wanting to be left alone. But I'm hoping you would still see the benefits of finally getting the bad stuff all out.

You should not be condemning yourself for what you have not known how to do before this time. You should never condemn yourself, in fact, as God doesn't. Nor does He look away from the gunk is coming out of your soul; He just wants you to receive His strength and comfort as you are going through this. Try to make your attitude one of being very grateful that He has given you these Keys of the Kingdom to expose these harmful spiritual and soulish problems so that He can heal them.

You may need to share with people that God is doing such a deep work in you right now, you are finding it difficult to be

there for everyone. Ask for their patience and their prayers and declare that you know God is bringing you to a better place. But above all else, keep reading the Word and keep praying the binding and loosing prayers. Don't back off now.

Again: don't dwell on the ugliness of what you are seeing in yourself, instead loose all condemning thoughts that you find your mind wanting to replay. Stay grateful to God that things are heading in a good and healthy direction. I prayed for you today. Liberty

Question: My little Bible study group is studying your SYS book with the workbook. Some questions have been coming up regarding your teaching on our "right standing with God" (p. 35 in the version of SYS that I have). I'd like to present your viewpoint in truth and not in speculation, so I'm writing to you for clarification. Your teaching suggests that one can lose their salvation if they have issues not dealt with. Is that what you believe and teach? The words used suggest that you do, so I want to be clear on this for my group because it will come up again. Please advise, and thanks, Donna J.

Answer: Donna J.: Regarding your question, yet not being aware of which version or printing you have of SYS, I've tried to cover several versions here regarding this issue:

Excerpt from Original SYS: "God is longsuffering with many of your stubborn streaks and strongholds, always working to help you come into the fullness of truth in your relationship with Him. But God will not pardon or condone the sin of the strongholds in your life. Regardless of what cruel and terrible things have been done to you, God will not allow you to hang onto negative feelings and bitterness and still enter the fullness of your inheritance. Such strongholds defile your right standing with God."

My use of the phrase "right standing with God" here was meant to convey that stronghold thinking would keep you from being able to receive God's healing and blessings and answers to your prayers now—it was never intended to convey that this would keep you from His love. It is very possible to be greatly loved and still be miserable because you are in great need and don't know how to receive.

Excerpt from first major revision of SYS: "You will never enter into the fullness of your inheritance dragging strongholds behind you. Strongholds are built out of your attempts to justify holding onto deception, denial, and disbelief, and they do defile your right standing with God."

Again, use of term "right standing with God" was meant to convey that you would not experience everything that a "right standing" with God would entitle you to receive right now—but nothing would keep you from His love.

In my eBook version of SYS, the above phrase is followed up with this, which I had hoped made clear what I was trying

to say. Particularly note the third and final paragraph shown below:

“Soberly consider this verse: *The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous—those who are upright and in right standing with God—and His ears are attentive to their prayer. But the face of the Lord is against those who practice evil—to oppose them, to frustrate and defeat them* (1 Peter 3:12, *Amplified*).

Thayer’s Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament describes the Greek word translated here as *evil* as universally meaning:

- of a bad nature;
- not as it ought to be;
- a mode of thinking, feeling, or acting that is base, wrong, or wicked.

“The verse above says God is attentive to the prayers of those who are upright and in right standing with Him. His face is against those who are not in right standing with Him. Even though His love for you won’t change one bit, either you are in right standing with Him or you are not regarding your prayers.

“If you are not in right standing with Him because of protecting wrong things in your soul, even though you are washed in the blood of Jesus and the recipient of His mercy, you can cause God to oppose your prayers. James very specifically tells us that it is the earnest prayer of a **righteous man is the one that availeth much** (James 5:16). It is the righteous man or woman whose communication lines are up and whose strongholds are down who consistently reach the ear of the Father.”

I hope this helps, Liberty

Question: I have been studying your material with interest. It seems to me that surrendering the soul may be what I would call sanctification. Am I missing something? M.M.

Answer: MM, I’ve had several preachers and other ministers call the binding and loosing message a message of sanctification. I’ve also been called a holiness preacher by a couple of pastors. I feel it was complimentary, but I also know that sometimes people do have slightly different ideas about sanctification. I believe the Keys of the Kingdom give us the ability to apply practical methods (some struggle with the abstract meanings of acting and believing *by faith*) to the act of cooperating with God’s work in our lives. That’s the explanation that works best for me.

Just do it has never been the most helpful statement to me. But when I felt that God gave me an understanding of how I could actually begin to **just do it**, I was able to move further on into some of the more abstract faith/spiritual concepts.

The understanding grew as I continued to use the Keys of the Kingdom in my prayers.

I no longer had to just hope I got **it** right or try to visualize getting **it** right; I was actually praying right by joining myself to God and His will. I was actually cutting and stripping away wrong thinking instead of just saying, “I don’t want to think like that anymore.” Liberty

Follow up Response from MM: I find your teaching on surrendering the soul and what some call sanctification to be compatible. Just today, I read something you wrote that made clear that one should replace the space left empty by praying the loosing prayers with the truth. Similarly, Paul taught *putting off* and *putting on*.

As a child and teenager, I was taught that sanctification was instantaneous. I may have taught that myself to a SS class or small group. Fortunately, I have been *delivered* from denominational vanity and dogmatism. Because of mobility required by my career, I have a background in holiness, pentecostal, reformed charismatic, and nondemoninational, non-charismatic environments. I sometimes identify myself as a Christian *gypsy*. That said, I am well grounded in the fundamentals of the faith and the power of the Holy Spirit.

Now in retirement, I serve the church as a counselor, life coach, mentor, and men’s small group leader. Your X-Ray of the Unsundered Soul has been beneficial in helping me better understand and deal with unhealed hurts, unresolved issues, and unmet needs. I am still struggling with the concept of prescribed prayers.

However, a young pastor who considers me to be a mentor has been using binding and loosing prayers with very positive results to deal with issues he and I have been discussing for quite some time. Thank you for expanding my thinking and helping me help others. Even as a senior, unmet needs, unhealed hurts, and unresolved issues still surface in my own life. M.M.

Answer: MM, One last thing regarding your statement of “I’m still struggling with the concept of prescribed prayers.”

I used to always call these written prayers training wheel prayers because just like the *training wheels* you put on small children’s bikes to stabilize them and help them learn how to find their balance and move forward, these prayers were written to help people learn a very new way of praying. I stressed that these prayers were not to become word-for-word rote prayers or liturgy; they were only to teach others how to rephrase their prayers and include the binding and loosing phrases and principles.

Question: Hi Liberty, I am a minister’s wife and I’ve been meeting with several other women in a support group. One of

the women quit coming to the group and now she and her husband have quit coming to our church. I am feeling quite unsettled about the confidentiality that is such an important part of making a support group work, and I really don't know how to handle this very well. We have heard that some inappropriate things have been said.

I have been praying the binding and loosing prayers, and especially loosing all wrong prayers, wrong agreements, and word curses spoken about us, to us, by us, or against us. I know that there is a lot of spiritual warfare going on here. It seems like so much time is wasted in turmoil instead of doing what the Church is supposed to be doing—reaching lost souls for Christ. Can you give me some advice?

Answer: It certainly is true the Church could be a lot more effective if there weren't so many unsundered souls in it. Still, God has chosen to work with us in His Church no matter how wounded and reactive we are, hasn't He?

Focus on binding everyone involved (you, the ones who stayed, the ones who left, and your husband) to God's will. Bind everyone's mind to the mind of Christ and bind everyone's emotions to the healing balance and comfort of

the Holy Spirit. Loose words curses, the effects and influences of wrong agreements, and stronghold thinking from everyone involved. Loose the works of the enemy from everyone involved.

You might already know all of that, but it is a potent prayer package to use in dealing with such a situation.

Don't let yourself get angry at the woman and her husband, as that will start riling up your soul which is never a good idea. If you start feeling bad or upset or worried, immediately stop and bind your mind to the mind of Christ and loose wrong patterns of thinking from yourself. Keep your lines of communication as open as possible with God. Finally, forgive everyone involved, and ask God to heal, bless, and encourage them. Also ask for His grace to be upon everyone involved. I prayed for all of you tonight. Liberty

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This ministry believes the Scriptures are inspired of God, infallible, and fully authoritative for Christian faith and conduct. Jesus Christ, the Son of God, was born of a virgin, lived a sinless life on Earth, died on the cross in a substitutionary work of redemption for mankind, rose again and now sits at the right hand of the Father. Through Christ's shed blood and renewal of the Holy Ghost, justified by grace through faith, man becomes an heir of God with absolute hope of eternal life.

This ministry teaches Christians how to cause their unsundered souls (old natures) to surrender to the will and purposes of God. LSM also teaches Christians how to loose emotional baggage from their souls to create room within themselves to receive all God has promised to them for today. This allows believers to fulfill their destinies while walking in knowledge and power to bring glory and honor to God the Father! This ministry also teaches God's people how to pray with the Keys of the Kingdom (Matthew 16:19) to impact things on earth so they come into alignment with God's already established will in heaven. This ministry is also dedicated to training Christians how to pray purely without "want lists" and instruction manuals for God (so He will know how best to answer their prayers!). Effective prayers with pure motives declare that God's will shall be done on Earth as He has so set it in heaven.

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