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Look up!

Your Redemption is

Near

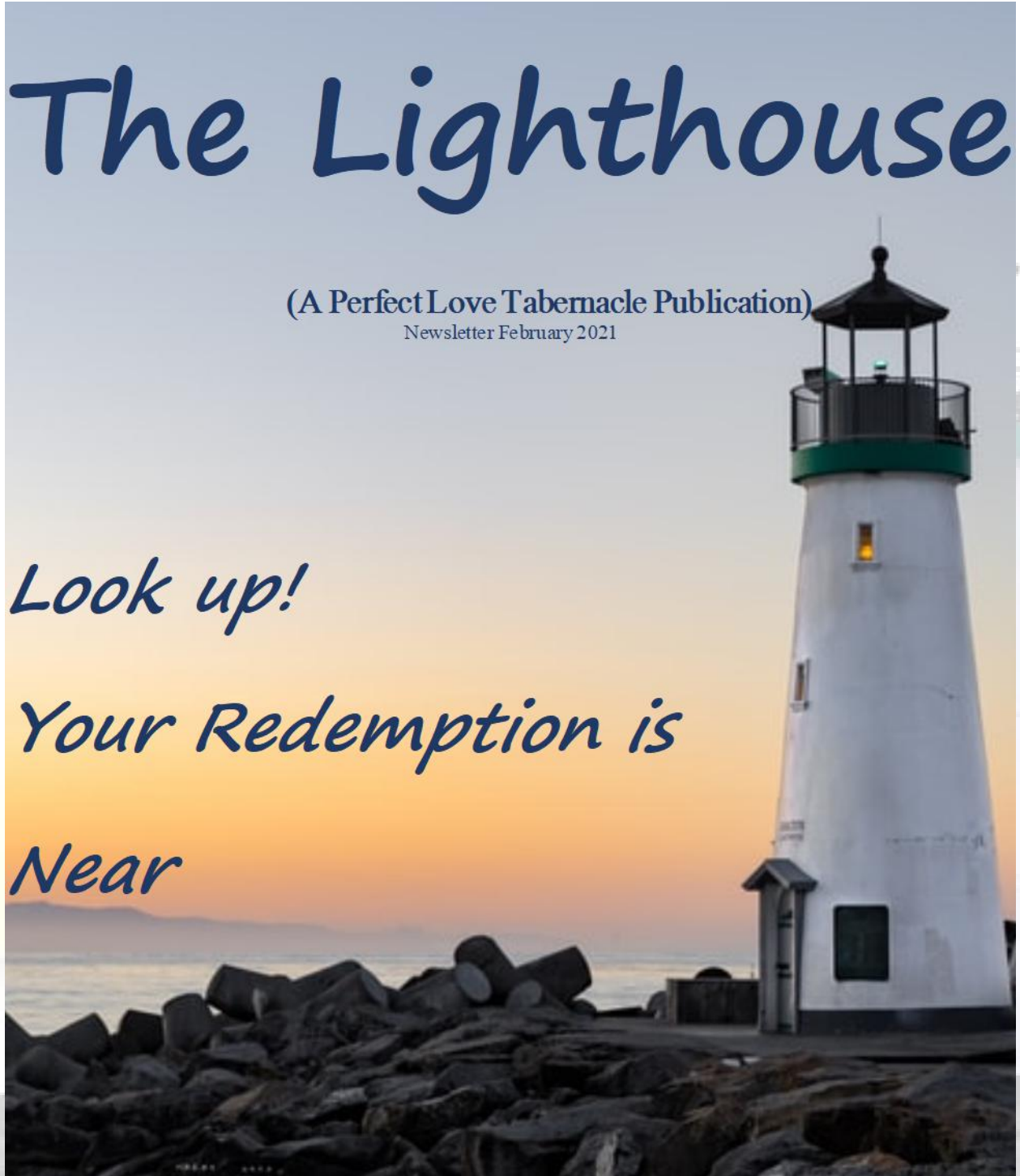


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From The Editor



In New Year's Eve service, our precious Sister Meda sang this song, **'Look Up Your Redemption is Near.'**

As I was looking through some of the previous Newsletters, my eyes fell on the first volume for 2001, and the title was **'Look Up Your Redemption is Near.'** I thought of the year, and it was 20 years ago. Then I remembered that I read a book many years ago, and the content in that book was the numerals of the Bible. The writer said that 20 represents redemption. Some will question it, but I will leave it as it is.

I mused at the words of the song:

The day of redemption is near.

Men's hearts are failing for fear.

Be filled with the Spirit, your lamps trimmed and clear.

look up your redemption is near.

Think about it, brethren. And be certain that your lamps are trimmed and clear.

It will be a tremendous year for us as we look for many to receive the baptism of the Holy Ghost and fire. Let us *forget the past and press toward to the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.*

I thank the newsletter team and the saints for your continued support, and may God richly bless you.

- Sister Gail Hing

GOD'S PROMISE TO US

It is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

LUKE 12:32

From the Pastor

God bless you, Precious Saints at Perfect Love Tabernacle.



We thank God for the last year, and now we are in the New Year 2021. Who would have ever believed that we would have come to this year?

Some have gone on to be with the Lord, and some of us are still around.

God's people, "You have been very faithful, and I know that God has blessed some of you." This year seemed to be a very trying year, but do not worry, God is ahead of us.

I want to thank the brethren that participated in the work of the Lord in 2020, and those who did their duty in their offices. There is a reward for those who do anything for God. For whatsoever a man sows, he will reap.

We are looking forward for many of you this year receiving the baptism of the Holy Ghost. You know that it is my greatest desire for the church to be filled with the Holy Ghost. God has been good to us, and I must say keep pressing the battle.

We are under great expectation to be back together in the church praising the Lord and in fellowship with one another. Just hold a little while more saints, and this too shall pass.

We thank Sister Gail and the team for the job they are doing and praise God for their dedication.

The Lord bless you all and keep you in Jesus' name, Amen.

- Pastor Lewis Nelson

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INSPIRATION

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS



Pastor Lewis Nelson and Sister Brenda Nelson

It has been a tough year for you both. With also dealing with the virus but you both are overcomers.

I am thankful Pastor that you always encourage us to believe and to receive the Holy Spirit. And, to believe the promises of God.

Your honesty always impresses me, and I am thankful to be under your ministry. I thank you for your love and caring way of shepherding us to the truth. I appreciate

your sacrifice in preaching to us without a complain knowing the battle you are facing, and you still have a smile on your face.

I also want to thank Sister Brenda for her sacrifice. She is a jewel. She has a heart full of love and care for us all which I appreciate.

May the Lord Jesus continue to bless you both and your family.

Faith in His Word.

- Sister Barbara Saboundji

Pray changes Me!

I want to thank God for Brother Nelson's ministry. I have seen my life being transformed daily because of the messages that are coming forth. Messages like, ' Lying Spirits,' ' Brotherly Covenant,' to name two. It reaches deep in the socket of my heart, cutting away all that is not like God.

Sometimes it is hard to see my shortcomings, but I thank God for the Holy Spirit's eye salve. It is a blessing to see what we lack so we can repent, and with the help of God, we can change.

I thank God for Brother Nelson and all the brothers stressing on Prayer. I did not have much of a prayer life before. I had no peace to stay the same; it emphasized too much; I had to change.

I have seen my prayer life grow so much. Making the sacrifice to attend the sister's prayer meeting has been an enormous help. Prayer is a relationship with me and God, a friendship, a love affair. Sometimes I want to stand in the rain with my hands up to my Maker and scream to the top of my lungs, praising the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

I know I am just scratching the surface in my prayer life, and there is so much more, but, like any relationship, the more we put in, the more we get connected.

Most importantly, thank you for emphasizing receiving the Holy Ghost. Your labor Brother Nelson, Brother James, Brother Joel, Brother Nathaniel, Brother Richard, Brother Emmanuel, it is not in vain.

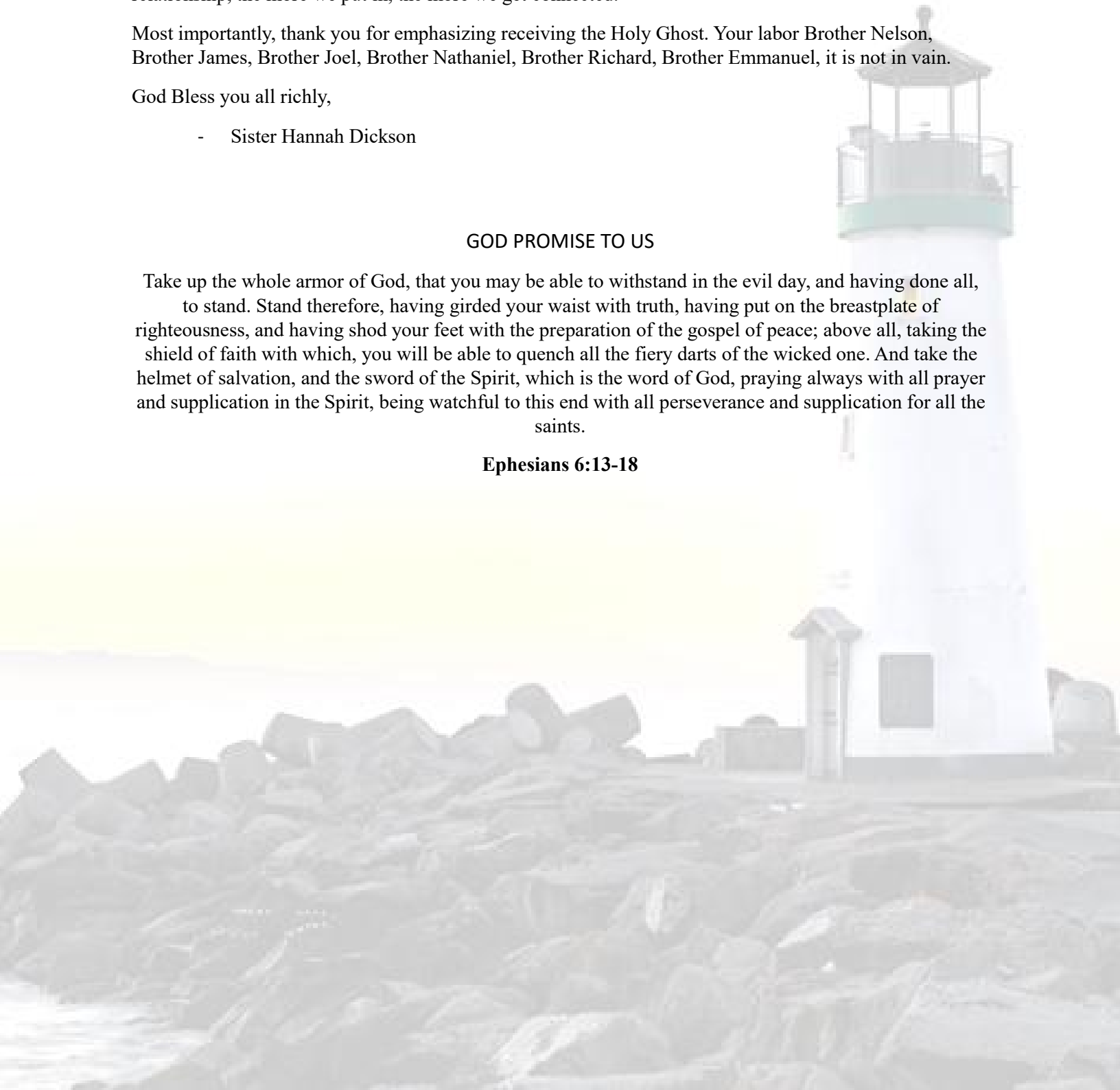
God Bless you all richly,

- Sister Hannah Dickson

GOD PROMISE TO US

Take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; above all, taking the shield of faith with which, you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints.

Ephesians 6:13-18



IN THE SPIRIT

How I received the Holy Ghost

by Sister Sharon Latchman

God Bless you all saints of God.

I was born in Guyana, and raised in a Christian message church in Guyana, and my parents, brother and sister are message believers.

I thought going to church every Sunday, read the Bible and pray was everything I needed to make me a child of God, so I was doing that for years.

I heard the Pastor preaching about the Holy Ghost occasionally, but I thought that was for the older people, so I did not take it seriously.

I came to Canada in the year 2007 and started to fellowship at Perfect Love Tabernacle where my mother and brother fellowship. Everything was different, the way Pastor Nelson preached, and the way the people worshipped. I was baffled. I attended Sunday service only, and every service I attended Pastor Nelson would mention the Holy Ghost and how it is important to receive it. However, I continued in my old ways thinking I do not drink, smoke, partying, dress filthy etc. that makes me a child of God.

For years I was going to Perfect Love tabernacle and I heard lots of testimonies of how people received the Holy Ghost and what God was doing for them. I said in my heart, "Lord I want that blessing too," but it did not come right away, I had to be clean up.

Pastor Nelson kept emphasizing on receiving the Holy Ghost and how that is the only thing we need to be with our Lord Jesus Christ, and his desire for each one of us to be filled with the Holy Ghost. I was horrified, that is when I knew I was wasting time and I was a sinner.

I started to pray and to read more, asking God to forgive me and to help me as I could not do this on my own. As I kept praying and seeking God, I started to feel and see things differently. And that was when I knew God was working on me.

I started to cry out to God to fill me with the Holy Ghost as I wanted to be one of His, but the devil was not happy, so he kept telling me that I already have the Holy Ghost and I believed him. But God knew my heart desire and used Pastor Nelson to preach on the Holy Ghost again.

Pastor Nelson said when you received the Holy Ghost something must happened; something you will remember, but that did not happen to me. I kept crying out to God more and more to help me because I needed the Holy Ghost or take me off this earth as I am helpless.

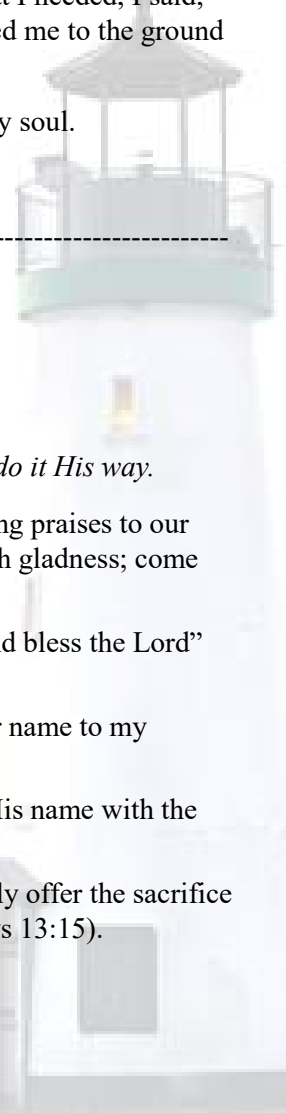
One Friday night, August 22, 2014, I went to prayer meeting. And before the service was over Pastor Nelson was praying for the people. God knew my heart desire, and while I was praying, I heard Pastor Nelson called my name and said, "Whatever you need raise your hands, God will give it to you." I do not know how I reached to the alter but I was there, and Pastor Nelson asked what is it that I needed, I said, "The Holy ghost," and he laid his hand on my forehead, and the Power of God knocked me to the ground and filled me with the Holy Ghost.

I want to thank God for my beloved Pastor for preaching the Holy Ghost that saved my soul.

Five God Ways to Praise the Lord

God wants us to give our whole self to worshipping Him, and He wants us to do it His way.

- 1 God wants us to sing our praises to Him. "Praise the Lord! For it is good to sing praises to our God; for it is pleasant, and praise is beautiful" (Psalm 147:1). "Serve the Lord with gladness; come before His presence with singing" (Psalm 100:2).
- 2 God wants us to lift our hands to Him. "Lift up your hands in the sanctuary and bless the Lord" (Psalm 134:2).
- 3 God wants us to praise Him together with other believers. "I will declare Your name to my brethren; in the midst of the assembly, I will sing praise to You" (Hebrews 2:12)
- 4 God wants us to praise Him with dancing and instruments. "Let them praise His name with the dance; Let them sing praises to Him with the timbrel and harp" (Psalm 149:3).
- 5 God wants us to speak our praise to Him. "Therefore, by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His Name" (Hebrews 13:15).



REFLECTIONS

Reach Out to Jesus!

Since I was a child, God used gospel songs to minister to me. I remembered two songs that blessed me in my childhood. There were 'Jesus Loves little Children, ' and 'Jesus Wants Me for a Sun Beam.'

In this new chapter of my life, I am reflecting on my life's journey, and have seen how I escaped the corruption of this world.

Psalm 91:16, "*With long life will I satisfy him, and shew him my salvation.*" This scripture has been fulfilled in my life today.

I want to share with you one of my testimonies as a young Christian. I was a normal Christian in my youth who experienced many physical attractions. But thanks be to God that mercy followed me and delivered me from them all.

I remembered one situation vividly. This young man had asked me to be his girlfriend. He said he did not have a girlfriend at that time, and I believed him. He was my type of guy—cool and attractive, but he was a sinner, and I was a Christian.

I knew what the Bible said, "...*not to be unequally yoked with unbelievers,*" but I wanted to do 'my own thing.' So, the battle of the mind began because it was my desire to accept him as my boyfriend. But the Word of God kept showing up, "*Be sure your sins shall find you out*" And because the Word was coming from within, it was powerful, and the battle raged.

One day a friend and I were walking on the sidewalk of Durban Street Georgetown, Guyana. As we walked and talked, I recognized a car parked at a distant on the opposite side of the street. It looked familiar, so I kept watching it and then a young man came out of it and hurried into the house in front of the road. I recognized him as the same young man who asked me to be his girlfriend. I turned to my friend and pointed to the vehicle on the road in front of the house because I knew she had a friend living there. She said, "Oh! That is..." She called his name. "He is my friend's sister boyfriend..." That shook me!

When I saw him, I asked him about it, and he lied. He said that they were no longer together. I would have believed him if I did not see him with my two eyes. At that point, I knew I had to make the decision: The Word of God, or my feelings.

Shortly after, I attended a Christian Young People meeting, and as I walked towards the church's front entrance, I heard singing. It was coming from the young people meeting, and as I got closer to join them, my ears became attentive to the words of the song. 'Reach Out to Jesus.'

Is your burden heavy as you bear it all alone?
Does the road you travel harbor dangers yet unknown?
Are you growing weary in the struggle of it all?
Jesus will help if you call on His name.

Is the life you are living filled with sorrow and despair?
Does the future press you with its worry and its care?
Are you tired and weary, have you almost lost your way?
Jesus will help, just talk to Him today.

He is always there hearing every prayer, faithful and true.
Walking by your side in His love abide all the way through.
When you get discouraged just remember what to do.
Reach out to Jesus He is reaching out to you.

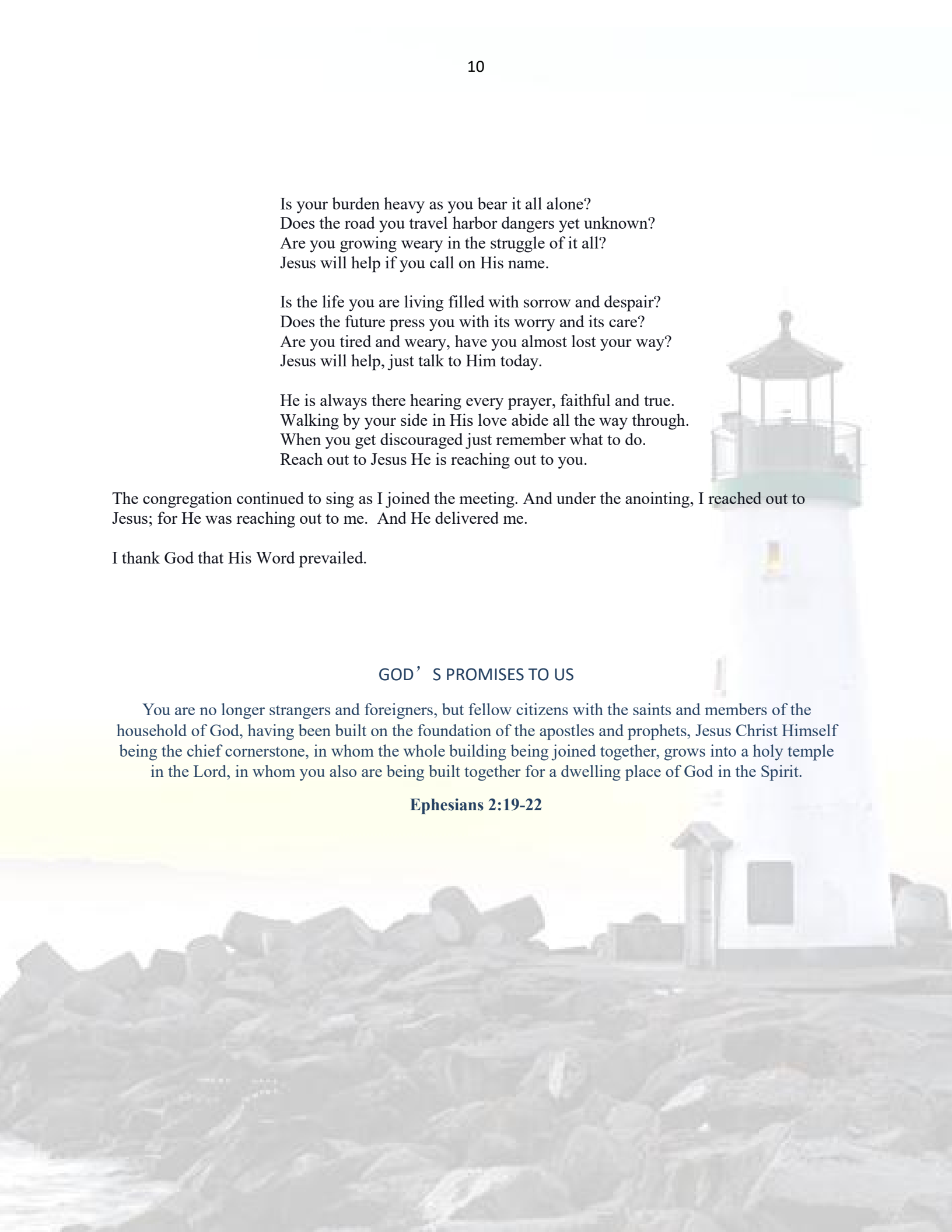
The congregation continued to sing as I joined the meeting. And under the anointing, I reached out to Jesus; for He was reaching out to me. And He delivered me.

I thank God that His Word prevailed.

GOD' S PROMISES TO US

You are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone, in whom the whole building being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

Ephesians 2:19-22



TESTIMONIES

PRAYER IS OUR LIFELINE

By Sister Sarah Catarino

God Bless You, Saints.

The Lord has been so wonderful in my life. I remembered about a year ago; our little prayer meeting started with just a handful of us. It started at my home when I invited a few sisters over for some fellowship. We gathered at the dining table and started testifying about what God has done for us in our lives. From that day henceforth, our prayer group was born.

During those months, I struggled a lot with my prayer life and sometimes could not pray or even get close to my breakthrough. I did not know what it was to breakthrough. When I began to feel His presence, I would stop praying. I did not realize that when God's presence entered in, it does not mean I should stop but keep on going and build that connection with Him. I did not understand what it was to welcome His presence or to fellowship with Him. I always felt so defeated even before I got on my knees to pray. Many distractions and thoughts would come to me. It was always such a fight and still is a battle to pray.

One day I received a call to meet at church with the sisters to pray. It started so simple as it initially did at my house. We started testifying, discussing the battles we were fighting, wrote them down, and prayed for each other about the situations in our lives. I began to learn how to channel my prayer the right way, express myself, and not be ashamed to expose Satan as he was the one hiding and disguising himself in different ways.

As I began to reveal those things, and to make things right and identifying who the real enemy was, I felt DELIVERANCE entered in and PRIDE left. The chains were falling off my body, pieces and pieces at a time, and now I can lift my hands as Moses did without wrath and doubt, knowing Satan has NO hold in my life anymore.

I did not know how many times God came through for us, as countless times we would come back and testify of Jesus, how He came through for us. The testimonies of the other sisters helped me to realize I am not alone in this fight. When we are together, we are unbeatable against Satan and his lies and schemes.

We all have our testimonies to share about the prayer group. For me, I recognized how to grow with God and when I am weak, I know He says I am STRONG. The prayer group helped me to write a testimony I thought I could never do. Once I did it, I felt a peace that entered my heart, and the pain I once felt was gone, and the Lord has comforted me. Thank God I overcame the many battles I had because I cannot have a testimony without a test.

I thank God for bringing us together to pray. This testimony is not just about me but to encourage others who are struggling with whatever battles they may have to come and pray with us and watch how Miraculous God can work in their lives.

Time Tested Faith

Thank God for His love, grace, and mercy which always stand the test of time!
His Word is true and constant; and He does not ever back-up on His Word!

Quite recently my faith in God was being tested due to the testimony I submitted in our last Newsletter where I gave God all the glory, honour and praise after I celebrated my 8th anniversary of being Cancer Free.

As a routine procedure I am required to take a mammogram every year, however, due to Covid-19 the appointment was deferred until 2021. Surprising, early in October, my doctor told me that he arranged for me to have it done this year, and I would be notified by the hospital of the appointment date. But days later, I suddenly began experiencing excruciating pains in my right breast; pains that I have never experienced before! I cried out to the Lord as I did not understand what was happening to me. Of course, Satan bombarded my mind with horrible thoughts. Nevertheless, I encouraged myself to keep believing God, no matter what happens!

The intense pain continued for about a week, and I got concerned and sent my doctor an email outlining what I was experiencing and requested some other form of testing because of the severity of the pain. My doctor agreed and sent off the request.

While I waited for the day of my test to arrive, I noticed that the severe pain was lessening, but the soreness remained. I knew in my heart that my only recourse was to continue believing God with the Faith of the Son of God (Holy Ghost): That same faith that was dropped in my heart, eight (8) years ago confirming my healing!

The day of my appointment arrived, and I felt much better both naturally and spiritually as the Holy Ghost faith was anchored in my soul, and there was no fear.

Three nurses did the tests, and the Radiologist (doctor) discussed my results. In my *presence* they debated what the results revealed, and I felt somewhat discouraged at their insensitive behavior, but quickly dismissed the incident! The doctor told me I could leave, and that I would be contacted by my family doctor in a couple of days.

I waited for what seemed like forever, and did not receive a call, so I called my doctor and was delighted at the news that “Everything is fine;” but I would have to repeat the test again in six months time. **Faith in God has won the test of time.**

Saints, Fear is one of our greatest enemies and it is of the devil, who is no match for the Mighty Conqueror, our Lord, Christ Jesus!

- Sister Cherry Henry

All Praise to God

I want to give God the highest praise, for He has not forgotten me and has promised that even when you are old and grey-headed, that He will also be with you.

I have been suffering from vertigo (dizziness) for almost three weeks, and I saw my family doctor, who could not identify its cause. He said that it could be due to one of the medications that I am using. However, he could not determine which one. I am taking medicine prescribed by four different doctors.

Consequently, he gave me a prescription for some pills that, in his opinion, would help me to get rid of the dizziness. I started taking the medications, but it was not helping me as I still had dizziness.

On Wednesday October 28, 2020, at about 2.00 pm, I called Pastor Nelson and explained what was happening to me and requested prayer. He prayed for me and reminded me to trust God as all sicknesses were paid for by our Lord Jesus Christ at Calvary.

Later in the evening, I felt better and prepared a meal for myself, which I enjoyed. I am expecting total healing.

God bless our Pastor, and I greet my church family in Jesus' Name.

Thanks, and praise to God for His unfailing love, grace, and mercy toward me.

- Sister Doris Gayle

Healing for my Body

I want to thank God for healing my body. I had many different pains going through my body, and they all started at different times. Eventually, it affected a large part of my body, so I went up for prayer Wednesday, November 11, 2020, and I received my healing for my eyes and both wrists.

After that, my mind kept telling me that is it; that is all the healing I am going to get. At first, I was a little confused as to why that would be. Then I realized that it was a trick of the enemy to get me to doubt.

I thank God for the healing that he did give me, and I thank Him for the rest that will come.

Later, I realized that my body was not in as much pain as it was before.

- Sister Meda Ndaya

Healing Touch

Thanks be to God for His healing touch after prayer was said for me during Friday night's Prayer meeting, November 13, 2020.

While worshipping and praising my Lord in the prayer service, my right eye became watery and itchy. It became so irritating that I decided to go up for prayer.

I was anointed with oil by Brother Nathanael, and Pastor Nelson rested his hand on my right eye and prayed for me. I returned to my seat and continued to worship God. Suddenly, I realized that there was no irritation, itching, or watering of my eye. Wow! I thought to myself, that was an instant healing! **I was so happy that God healed my right eye instantly!**

On my way out of the sanctuary, I mentioned it to Brother Nathanael, and he said, "Praise God." *Bless the Lord Oh my soul, and all that is within me, bless His Holy Name.*

Hallelujah!

- Sister Cherry Henry

Praise and Thanks

God bless you, Pastor Nelson, and Saints.

I would like to give thanks to our Lord Jesus Christ for His Love, mercy, and grace in my life.

I have had pain in my right arm for awhile and my chiropractor told me that I have a small tear in my right shoulder. He suggested that I see a Specialist as he thought I may need surgery.

On Sunday November 15, 2020, Pastor asked if anyone needed prayer to come forward and I went up for prayer. Brother James and Brother Richard placed their hands on my shoulders and prayed, and the Pastor put his hand on my head and prayed. I prayed also for the Lord to heal me.

I had x rays and ultrasound done on my arms and shoulders. The doctor told me that the results show there is nothing seriously wrong in my arms except that I have some osteoarthritis, a small tear, and some fluid in the tendons. She said that I do not need surgery, but physio which will help my arms fully recover.

I thank you Lord Jesus for your mercies and that I do not need to have surgery.

By faith I am healed and believe the Lord's promise in **Isaiah 53:5**, **"But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed."**

Faith in His Word

Only Believe, all things are possible.

- Sister Barbara Saboundji

I am Healed

Thank you, Pastor, for the service on December 06, 2020. I was hesitating to stream because I came home late from work. But as soon as I started to stream you mentioned the prayer for the eye. It was a confirmation that I am healed.

When I woke up this morning, I was trying to feel if there is any pain. Everything went well though I was feeling a bit tired in the eye. But I know I am healed because of your testimony last night. Thanks to brother James, technical support. And I am glad to see other believers once again.

God bless you Pastor for your hard work to give us the bread of life we need to strengthen us in this tough situation. The Lord Jesus Christ speaks through your mouth. As well as the brothers He uses. God bless your kind heart and I am grateful to all to be my beloved brothers and sisters in Christ.

- Sister Marilyn Ramos

Longing for the Holy Ghost

On Wednesday December 23, 2020, while Brother Nelson was closing out in prayer at the end of the service, he told us to put our hands where we were feeling sick, and I did.

The next day I felt worse. There was a pulsation flowing through my whole body, and I felt dizzy, and had an upset stomach. I felt like I could die, but I reminded myself that sometimes things worsen before it gets better, especially after prayer. That night I felt like everything was sinking around me, including myself. I started to see scenes of white apartment buildings in the sunlight before me, which slowly began to fall. I did not know where I was, and I was afraid that I would not remember who I am. I do not know when I fell asleep, but I thank God I woke in my right mind and felt a little better. I thank God for helping me through the night, and I thank Him by faith for my complete healing.

I also want to thank Him for the Friday night December 25, 2020 Prayer Meeting at home. While I was praying, I felt such an atmosphere in my room. I cannot explain it. I felt so protected and comforted in that presence, as nothing could harm me. I felt like God's love was all around me, so much that I did not want to leave that presence. When I finished praying, there was a yearning in my heart to have more of that sweet spirit. I still feel that call in my heart. I felt such love and connection with God that night. It was something that I never felt before.

I yearn to have the Holy Spirit in my heart.

- Sister Petra Ramrattan

God Answers Prayer

God bless you Saints.

I want to thank the Lord for the miraculous delivery of my younger child Ruth. My elder child, Joshua was delivered by emergency C -section as his head was too large to fit through my pelvic bone, so he could not come out naturally. His birth weight was 7.4lbs.

Two and a half years later, I was pregnant again with my daughter, and they expected me to have another C-section. However, I desired to have a natural delivery. I told my Obstetrician from the beginning of my pregnancy my desire for a natural delivery, and my husband and I prayed to God about it. Before delivery, Pastor Nelson also prayed for our request.

On the day of delivery, the doctors became concerned and gave me a trial period to deliver Ruth on my own but stated they would do C-section if my baby did not come naturally.

Thank God, baby came out on the right time naturally; weighed 9.5lbs which is big for my body structure and all staff at the unit was surprised.

Thank God he answered prayers as always, he does; all things are possible to God. I give all the glory and honour to my God Jesus Christ.

- Sister Sangeetha Thayalakumar

God is Faithful

God bless you saints of God.

I want to share this short but amazing testimony. It is my testimony, and I am sharing it with you to show you how amazing God is, not to persuade anyone into making the decision that I have made. As we know, we are in a pandemic, and they have recently introduced the COVID-19 - vaccine. Those who know me well, you all know that I had no intention of taking the vaccine. I did not argue why I did not want to take it, but I also did not believe that I needed it as I know that God alone is the only one that can and has been protecting me.

A few days before January 9th, I was sitting in my room, and the thought crossed my mind that I should take the vaccine. As the thought started to consume my mind, I began to investigate the vaccine and went as far as to book my appointment for the next day. I brought this entire situation before the Lord and asked Him that he would make a way for me not to get the injection if I am not to take it. Whether it be that they refused to give it to me due to my allergies or He put something in my path that would enable me not to get the vaccine. That night Prayer Meeting was at home, and again I brought it before the Lord. Sister Ursula had said to me, pray about it and see how you feel led. If in the morning you do not have peace about it, then do not take it. I went to bed that night and slept soundly.

I awoke the next day and felt ok. I went to my appointment with one intention; I would pray over that needle before they injected me. As I got to the front of the line and it was my turn to proceed, one of the nurses I worked with called me over. We engaged in small talk, and I told her about my concern and previous allergic reaction to the flu shot. I then said to her that before she injected me, I would pray over the needle. I explained that I would only need 30 seconds but that although this might sound peculiar to her, it was vital to me. She looked at me and said, "Oh yes, of course, absolutely." I thought she was being polite and agreeing with me. She called over the pharmacist, who explained all the risks and known side effects. He was down on bended knee while he spoke with me and wanted to be present when Maureen (the nurse) injected me.

Maureen turned to him and said, before I inject her, we will pray over the needle. He respectfully agreed and appeared to have understanding. I placed my hand over the needle, bowed my head, and began to pray.

Maureen placed her hands on mine as I prayed. I ended my prayer and began to pull my hand away when suddenly Maureen began to pray. I had no idea that she was a Christian, and it baffled me for a second. After that, I knew that I was doing the right thing. I can honestly say I was utterly amazed at what God did and how He worked things out.

The only side effect that I could mention that I had was a sore arm from the needle, as it goes into the muscle. But even with that, it disappeared the moment we started to praise the Lord in song service on Sunday, January 10th.

To God be the glory

- Sister Nicole Desmarceaux



Glory to God

Praise be to God! Thank you, Brother Nelson, Brother James, and the Saints at Perfect Love Tabernacle for your prayers.

This is my testimony:

Brother Nelson strengthened me by reminding me that we overcome the devil by the Blood of the Lamb, and the Word of our testimony. God delivered me from the shackles of alcohol dependence, and I want to praise Him. Amen.

I am a young lawyer, and for about seven years, I had a terrible alcohol dependence habit. I would drink alcohol before going to Court, during meetings with clients, and virtually for anything work-related.

I also started depending on alcohol when I was going for job interviews. Although I fasted and prayed, and got called to many interviews, and obtained many clients, I always panicked and got anxious. I felt that alcohol gave me confidence and calmed me down.

My husband knew about the habit but felt helpless as how to help me. I also became very skilled at my addiction, so much so, that sometimes he would not even know that I was drunk.

Finally, I came to a point where I was sick of the habit. My career was suffering, partly because of the drinking. I would get lots of interviews, but no offers. Sometimes at work, I would close the door to my office and pass out because of the alcohol.

Unfortunately, this drinking habit is quite common among lawyers, so I always justified my actions. But after a while I felt sick of it all; I hated the drinking and hated the person I had become. I felt guilty for calling myself a Christian and praying for my career, while depending on alcohol behind closed doors, instead of relying on the Power of God.

I told Brother Nelson my problem, and the church prayed for me during the service on Sunday, January 31, 2021. Today, February 11, 2021, I got called for a job interview and it was the first time in about seven years that I will be attending an interview or work presentation while completely sober.

I praise God for this is a huge step, and I am victorious in Jesus' Name. Amen!

The Word says I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. I believe and receive that Jesus is my strength, and that is all I need, and He is all that I will rely on to keep me.

For the first time in a long time, I feel mentally light and free from this dependence.

Thank you, Jesus. Amen.

- Sister Chipo Jura

Youth

Complexes

by **Brother Emmanuel Tombe**



After giving a brief exhortation on **Complexes** for our last Watchnight service of 2020, our PLT Newsletter editor Sister Gail, requested I write something short on the subject. So, this is in dedication to the Young Adults at Perfect Love Tabernacle.

As we all know, complexes are nothing new to us. Since time memorial, people have always struggled with this challenge.

While some complexes are minor, the majority can be extremely devastating and crippling to a person's well-being and development. God never intended for us to live deformed lives. That is the work of Satan.

63-0623E - The Flashing Red Light of The Sign Of His Coming - Rev. William Marrion Branham
And this morning, when making my confession of having complex, I referred to Brother Way also as having a complex, which is certainly normal among all people, and at a—a moment after that, Brother Way was stricken in a heart attack and dropped dead in the floor

So, as we see from the quote above, not even our Prophet was immune from this terrible thing. With that said, I will focus the remaining part of this article on **childhood complexes**.

Too often, many Christians or even non-Christians will admit that if they ever suffered from a complex, it is because of an incident(s) that happened at a young tender age.

Of course, Satan knows that this is the best time in life to inflict damage to the human spirit. The unfortunate part is that many who have grown up with a complex will never know when and how they developed it. The reason for this is because it gets buried down deep in the human subconscious. And it is only much later in life that the symptoms show up.

For example, let us take a child who grew up suffering from neglect and verbal (or even physical abuse). Usually, their self-esteem is extremely low. They lack self-confidence. They often must depend on the approval of others' opinions before they can feel good about themselves. Now, this may not sound like "spiritual talk," but this is precisely the background of our Prophet William Branham.

52-0720A - Life Story - Rev. William Marrion Branham

And that's the reason, today, I'm so firmly against drinking. The reason I'm so firmly against that stuff, because I knew it ruined my home, and spoiled me from a love; that I always wanted to be loved, have somebody to love me. And even my people in that way, while I was...I—I just didn't have it. And we went to school half-naked. And what a horrible life we had all because of drink.

My daddy was a—was a real man, if he just has hadn't have had that habit of drinking.

None of us come into this world choosing who our parents will be the colour of our skin or what type of background we'll have. That's all in the hands of Almighty God.

In Brother Branham's case, it is only later in life that he understood why his background was poverty and rejection. Strangely, God was preparing him for the type of ministry he was to have in the future.

For us who now have the privilege to look back in hindsight, we can rejoice and give God praise for such a powerful gift and life that came into the world. However, it is important to note and always remember that our precious Brother Branham did not always have it easy, even up to the time that God called him home to glory.

But here is the good news...

2 Corinthians 12:9

And he said unto me, my grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

Dealing with a complex should not be something anyone should feel ashamed of admitting or even getting help. It is not unusual for many young people (surprisingly adults too) to struggle in silence, yet they do not have to. So, I want to encourage you by saying that God sees and He's mindful of every situation you may be facing in your life. Just remember this: you are never alone! Somebody somewhere has already been where you are at, even at this very present moment.

God has provided help in the Body of Christ such as Pastors, Fathers, Mothers, Deacons, Brothers, Sisters, etc., as resources that any believer can turn to for spiritual support and help in a time of need. I encourage you to take advantage of them. On the other hand, be sure you have full confidence in the person of your choice. It is vital and critical, especially with such delicate subjects.

I trust that something was said to help you along with your Christian walk.

1 Thessalonians 5:23

And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

God be with you and bless you richly.

Deliverance!

I was requested to write something for this edition of the PLT Newsletter. Without knowing a theme or focus, I thought sharing my testimony would be fitting and beneficial to you.

"The Scripture declares *that we overcome the devil by the blood of the Lamb and the word of our testimony.*" I will get personal with my testimony because I believe in being transparent. I want to defy the devil by exposing him fully and letting you know the Power of God to transform.

As a teenager, I became addicted to pornography, which started in my late teens. My life centered on pornography. It consumed me; my thoughts, emotions, imagination, vocabulary, and actions were all dictated by this demon. The sole focus of my life was to feed this demon. It is necessary to identify pornography as a demon because that is what it is. My struggle went on for years before peaking when my fight with mental health started. Looking back on it, my battle with mental health started around the time when I was trying to get out of pornography, not realizing that I had opened myself to more than just a pornographic demon. The devil now had full control of my mind. Without getting into too many details, I experienced thoughts, words that were blaspheming the Holy Ghost. It went on for the majority of my 20's leading me into a mental health hospital, a part of my life that I kept hidden from everyone. I was diagnosed with a chemical imbalance in my brain. And I was on pills to correct this imbalance. From there, it was one bottle of pills to another.

After almost using 20 bottles of pills, I realized that they were not going to heal me. So, I decided to take myself off the medication, and I stopped attending my mental health clinic appointments. I said to myself that the pills had done what they were supposed to do, and I was going to trust the Lord to heal me completely. It was a struggle, and my thoughts intensified, and the devil was angry. The situation was already committed to the Lord, and I was relying on him to heal me. And He was all I needed.

Fast forward to the present, I am no longer a slave to pornography, and the Lord has balanced the chemicals in my brain better than any pill could ever do. I realize now that the fight was over my mind. The greatest battle ever fought is in our minds.

If you are fighting a similar battle, young person, I believe that these words have declared that the Lord Jesus Christ can set you free. His desire for you far surpasses that which you could ever imagine. Jeremiah 29:11 - *For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.*

Be careful of what you watch, read, and listen. Read the Word and pray every day. The Lord Jesus Christ is faithful and mighty to deliver – trust Him today with what you are going through. If He did it for me, He could certainly do it for you. God bless you and keep pressing toward Christ.

Isaiah 26:3 KJV *Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee.*

Romans 12:2 *And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what that good is, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.*

Psalms 19:14 *Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart (mind), be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength, and my redeemer.*

- Brother Troy Saddler

God Rich in Mercy

Praise be to the Lord, Most High God.

I thank the Lord for His goodness and mercies towards me.

Growing up from childhood as a Christian, I had experienced many challenges and disappointments. At the tender age of 11 years old, my dad passed away, and from that time, my challenges began as I had to work and study at the same time.

During that time, the Lord gave me strength and knowledge, which enabled me to graduate from Secondary school with grades one and two. As I grew older, I continued working and studying, and with the help of the Lord, I was able to gain higher qualifications, none of which I could have done on my own.

Then there came a time when everything was going so well for me that I felt I was on top of the world. But that was when I let down the bars, and Satan crept right in. I started to be rude and extremely aggressive to my mom and sisters, and being the only boy around, I felt that I have all power and could do or say whatever I wanted. Then I started to hang out with friends that were not Christians. Eventually, I began to skip church. I would make all sorts of excuses not to go to church.

One day, I had a dream, and in the dream, my dad told me that I was not living right. When I woke from that dream, I realized how miserable I was and how far I had drifted from God; God had to use a dead man to tell me that I was not living right. I felt like I was the worst sinner ever and not worthy of living.

From that very day, I dropped all worldly friends and repented of all the wrong things I had done and made everything right with everyone. Since that time, the Lord started to deal with me as He had His hands on my life. I had many trials, but He delivered me from every trial and sickness. God has been so good to me and gave me Christian friends.

When I migrated to Canada, God placed me in the right church and gave me precious friends. I am so thankful to the Lord for all the things He has done in my life. When Satan tries to inflict me, God stretches forth His hands and delivers me. God has been so good to me that He gave me the Greatest Gift that He has given to man-The Holy Ghost.. It is beyond words of expressing the grace of God in my life.

I encourage every believer of Jesus Christ, especially the young people to get the Holy Ghost, as this world has nothing to offer you. But the Holy Ghost in your soul is life eternal.

Saints, it is my desire for you to be filled with the Holy Ghost.

God bless you richly.

- Brother Richard Latchman

Children Corner

My Favorite Characters in the Bible and why By Patience Mugwara - 8 years old (December 19, 2020)

Moses: I like Moses because he really wanted the children of Israel to go to the promise land as God said.

Esther: I like Esther because she dressed in the clothes Hegai told her to dress in.

Joshua: I like Joshua because when everyone listened to him, they won the battle.

Daniel: I like Daniel because he prayed to God, even though he was going to be thrown in the lion's den.

Jesus: I like Jesus because He does good stuffs and He gives good stuffs.

Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego: I like the three Hebrew men because they didn't worship the king's god.



Naaman and Elisha - 2 Kings 5

As told by Peace and Jaaziah Tombe - 9 years & 4 years old (Audio Transcribed -
January 11, 2021)

Peace: There was a man named Naaman who was a general in Syria and he got leprosy.

Sis: Do you know what leprosy is?

Peace: Yes. It's a skin condition where basically it kinda eats your nose and ears and stuffs like that... He had leprosy and he got a servant girl for his wife. So, the servant girl was an Israelite... told general Naaman to go to Israel and... go to the prophet Elisha and do what he says for him to heal you.

So, when he went to the prophet Elisha, the prophet Elisha servant called *a messenger to go tell general Naaman to go to the Jordan river and deep himself 7 times. The problem was the Jordan river was a muddy and dirty river, so general Naaman didn't want to go.... So, one of Naaman's servants told him to obey and Naaman did it and he deeped himself 7 times in the Jordan river and he got healed. God healed him and his skin was like a baby again. And then he wanted to reward Elisha for healing him but Elisha said, "No, God did it not me!".

So, Elisha told Naaman to go back home but Gehazi... was greedy. So, he went up to general Naaman and... lied about Elisha not wanting the gift. He said that Elisha wanted it now but Elisha actually didn't want it, it was Gehazi that wanted all the gifts to himself. So, when Gehazi came back, Elisha asked "Where did you go?". And Gehazi said "I went nowhere". He told a white lie. Then the prophet Elisha said the leprosy that was on Naaman will be on you. So Gehazi got leprosy and that was the end of the story.

Sis: Why do you think Naaman didn't obey Elisha the first time?

Peace: He refused to go to the Jordan river to deep himself 7 times because he was too proud to do it.

Sis: Why do you think he was proud?

Peace: He refused to do it. He got angry and he didn't do it. But then he did it actually

Sis: What bad thing did Gehazi do?

Peace: He lied to Naaman and he also lied to God's prophet.

Sis: And he was greedy too right?

Peace: Right!

- Sis: What moral did you learn from this story?
 Peace: Don't lie and don't be proud.
 Sis: What did you learn from the story?
 Jaaziah: Not to be proud and not to lie.
 Sis: Who told a lie in this story?
 Jaaziah: Gehazi.
 Sis: Who was proud?
 Jaaziah: Naaman.
 Sis: So, do you tell lies?
 Jaaziah: Nooo! I don't!
 Sis: So, you see what happens when you tell lies right? ... You see what happened to Gehazi?
 Jaaziah: Yes. He got leprosy, because the prophet said the leprosy on Naaman, ... the leprosy went on Gehazi.

Amen

Who Jesus is to me

By Joshua Thayalakumar - 12 years old (January 24, 2021)

Jesus is my creator. Jesus is the one who created me to be formed as a human. He is my provider. He is the one who provideth me food to eat and not be hungry. He provideth me water to drink and not be thirsty. He provideth me air to breath and He provideth me shelter to live in and not be homeless. He is my healer. He heals me when I'm sick and answers my prayers. He is my guidance and protector. Jesus guides me and protects me when I go to places alone. He is with me every single time. Jesus is my Saviour. Jesus saved me when a car almost hit me but Jesus saved me from getting hit. Jesus means a lot to me.

What does Jesus mean to me?

By Ruth Thayalakumar - 10 years old (January 24, 2021)

To me, Jesus is our creator, the one who protects us and sacrificed His life for us. He went through so much pain just for us and for our sins. He is our healer; He can do anything He wants, even healing. When you are sick and when you are at the doctor's office, they will give you medicine, that medicine is not the cure to your sickness, the real cure is God. Jesus is our God. Jesus means everything to me. God means love to me because Jesus loves us more than man's love. Jesus means a lot to me and I mean it from the bottom of my heart. Jesus is our father and leader. He means the whole universe to me.
 God bless you.



God bless you all!





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