



Places In The Father's Heart

That reach out and touch, to bring times of refreshing...

Refreshing Times

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Launch Delayed by Bait & Switch - by Gerri

In January's issue we shared with you that we were on the launch pad ready to be launched into a change of physical location as well as a change in spiritual location.

The countdown began and we watched as Father opened a magnificent door of opportunity with a home and office space in Durango, CO.

In a Special Edition of this newsletter sent a few weeks ago, we shared with you our situation and the specific needs in order to complete the relocation. We want to thank those of you who did respond to our request. However, on Monday, February 11, 08 we learned that the property in Durango had been leased to another family.

Initially, we felt ourselves hit the proverbial 'wall', but then something very interesting happened. Father began to give us some valuable revelation concerning this situation. Here is some of what He said:

"Hitting the wall" is a concept that we learned early on from Jack Frost. Walls are a part of the healing process and should be expected. When Arthur Burk came into our lives, he taught us about God's bait and switch and how Father can lead in a situation for quite some time... giving us details of His leading and confirming with substantial circumstances so that we know we are following His lead. Then suddenly a wall appears and just like in an obstacle course, we are running full blast towards this wall. We hit the wall and fall back because we do not make the final effort to go over the wall. Instead, in falling backwards,



we hit the ground in disappointment usually aimed at God. If we push at just the right time as we hit the wall, we will scale it easily with Father's help. He said, that the bait is the run at the wall. The switch is what we see when we get to the top of the wall and the switch is ALWAYS bigger than the bait! You don't fish with a shark as bait for a minnow! You fish with a minnow that attracts the shark!

A good scriptural example is Abraham and Isaac. The bait was Father leading Abraham to take Isaac to the altar and the switch came when the lamb appeared in the bush and the blessing was that Abraham became the Father of many nations! Abraham was obedient throughout the entire process even though he couldn't fully understand the why's!

Sometimes when NASA launches, they have to begin and stop the countdown several times before there is actual liftoff! We are excited that we are scaling the wall now to see what is on the other side and we know that it is bigger than what we first saw. During this time, Father spoke to Roger, "Son, you are not dreaming big enough!" Certainly this experience has raised our sights and taught us a very valuable lesson in the process. We hope that by sharing our testimony of the bait and switch, others will be encouraged to keep scaling the wall in their circumstances.

We are packed and ready to make the return move to Colorado. In the meantime, we sit on the launch pad waiting for Father's countdown to be completed and the final **blastoff!**

~ Gerri

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Roger & Gerri

Prayer Ministry

How do you allow your past to dictate your present and your future?

When we work at bringing closure to our past, we unlock the treasures within us for our present and our future. If we remain controlled by our past, it produces a spirit of slavery.

For Prayer Ministry

Appointments

Call (843) 365-6994

Alzheimer's Patient Update ~

In our December Newsletter, we shared with you about Anna and her mother who was in the last stages of Alzheimer's disease. Gerri had a word of knowledge for Anna concerning her mother. You can read the story on the website under the newsletter link, December issue.

Anna took the word of knowledge and began praying over her mother's spirit; calling her spirit to attention and blessing her spirit to come out of hiding and live. There were immediate results. Her mother relaxed out of a fetal position and stretched out in the bed for the first time in months. She began talking in brief comments and then in short sentences. A simply amazing transformation took place.

For three weeks, every single day, Anna went to her mother's bedside and called her spirit to life. She sang over her spirit, she blessed her spirit and she watched as her mother began to respond more and more physically, emotionally and spiritually each day. On the last day that Anna prayed for her mother, she went to say good bye and leave the room. As she stood in the door way of her mother's room, she said, "Momma, I'll be back tomorrow. I love you." Momma responded with a smile and said, "I love you, too." That was the first time in many, many years that Anna had heard her mother speak those words to her. The next morning in the

Newsletters ~

Periodically we like to inquire of those on the mailing list to see if you would like to continue remaining on the list. **We do not want to send unwanted email and snail mail.** If you desire to be removed from the email list, simply send us an email with the word "Unsubscribe" in the subject line. We will promptly remove you from the list. If you are receiving the letters by snail mail and you do not wish to continue receiving them, please send us a note to remove you from the list. The cost of sending these letters increases significantly each year. We desire to be good stewards of Kingdom resources. If you receive the letters via snail mail and you have an email address, please let us know what that is as it is much more cost effective to send communications via email. As always, our blessings to you.

wee hours of the day, Anna's mother crossed over to her Heavenly home. Her spirit had come alive once again. She had recognized Anna, welcomed her back into her life and the last words she spoke to her were 'I love you, too.'

We only had three short weeks with this patient, but it was most certainly enough to stir our hearts with great hope for other Alzheimer's patients out there who seem hopelessly lost in their own world. It makes us question dementia and Autism as well.

Anna has documented for us her experience with her mom. Contained in this article is a medical report on the disease itself from a professional's standpoint and then a personal day by day documentary of Anna's dialog with her mother. If you would like more information on this report, please contact our office at (843) 365-6994.

Lastly, if you have a loved one in your family or know of someone in your sphere of influence who might benefit from this prayer ministry, please contact us. We want to share this revelation with the Body of Christ and then the world as Father opens the door for us to do that. There are many out there just like Anna's mom who we believe need this ministry. Can you help lead us to them?

Expressions of Worship ~



At LifeSprings Church we are encouraged to express our worship in many forms, not only through song, but through the dance, the use of banners and flags, and also through signing.

Recently, Gerri had the opportunity to sign the song by Sandi Patti, "We Shall Behold Him." This is a powerful song that ushers in the Presence of the Lord. Visually signing the song is a powerful prophetic experience in worship. Truly we shall behold Him, our Savior and Lord.



The Roller Coaster Ride to Heaven or Hell - by Roger

When asking Father about what I should write for this edition, I believe He said, "share your heart, son."

At present the biggest thing on my heart is the revelation Father gave to Gerri and I two weeks ago about our human spirit.

Until June 2006 we paid little attention to our human spirit. We knew we were created by Father as a three in one being comprised of body, soul, and spirit. Our created trinity is an earthly representation of the Heavenly Trinity of Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We knew that when we were born again our spirit was made alive unto God and He was now dwelling in us and we in Him. Beyond that we paid little attention to our human spirit. We had no idea that our human spirit might need nurturing, blessing or healing. 2 Corinthians 7:1 along with many other scriptures clearly teach that the human spirit can be contaminated & in need of healing.

Suddenly Father miraculously intervened in our ignorance and brought Arthur Burk into our lives. He began to freely and very generously plant into us the essential need to nurture, bless and heal our human spirit through personal ministry times with him. Thank you, Arthur. Your investment continues to produce good fruit in us and in those we are privileged to minister to.

Over twenty years ago, Gerri and I were introduced to Elijah House Ministries and John and Paula Sandford. We studied their teachings for years and much of it involved healing. A few weeks ago, Gerri purchased their book titled, "God's Power to Change." The subtitle is "Healing the Wounded Spirit." One of the chapters is titled, 'The Slumbering Spirit.' We have their video of this teaching from many years ago. This concept of the slumbering spirit didn't land in us back then, but as I read this chapter from God's Power To Change, it began to click and become revelation. I also began to relate it to something Arthur Burk taught us, a concept he calls a Mantle of Invisibility. In either case, the condition is the result of abandonment and rejection in a per-



son's life beginning as early as conception in the womb. The consequence to the wounding of abandonment and rejection issues can be that our spirit attempts to avoid further pain and wounding by hiding, turning from life, putting up a wall, a shield or a mantle to make us invisible according to Arthur. As the Sandford's teach this same principle, our spirit can begin to slumber or sleep from the same wounding. When I saw these two teachings together, it exploded in me! If our spirits are not functioning properly for whatever reason we cannot experience life to its fullest as Father intended. All of life revolves around relationships and our ability to have intimate life-giving relationships with God and with each other. This depends on having a healthy and vibrant spirit. Folks, many of us simply do not have that kind of development within our human spirits. The evidence is everywhere you look. I'm speaking of the Body of Christ here. If our spirit is not functioning properly then our ability to have relationship is dependent on body and soul (our mind, intellect and our emotions). With our soul in charge rather than our spirit, we can be in for a roller coaster ride of life! Heaven today and hell tomorrow!

Have you ever been there? Are you there now and wondering, is this all there is to life? Do you really know what intimacy is in relationship? Without a vibrant, healthy spirit I believe we are severely compromised in our ability to experience life to its fullest potential in knowing Father and knowing each other. Our personal spirit should be in charge and have dominion in our lives over our soul and our body, being fully interactive with the Holy Spirit of God and looking forward to our future with hope and faith. We then can become steadfast and confident in God and each other borne out of intimate spiritual relationship.

We truly believe that the healing of our human spirit is a key to the healing of marriages and families and the generations to come. For more information on this subject, we recommend the following: God's Power to Change by John and Paula Sandford at www.elijahhouse.org, and Nurturing Your Spirit available on DVD or CD by Arthur Burk at www.amethysthealingconcepts.com, or call our office if you would like to make an appointment to discuss this further.

Blessings, Roger.

The Power of Shame -

True shame = you sin; you're guilty. The solution is that you recognize the sin, repent, accept forgiveness and move on. This kind of shame can be very helpful as God uses it to correct us.

False shame = it is always bad; it is from satan; it always damages; causes us to believe the lie that we are hopelessly damaged and causes us to confess "I am defective."

The lie perpetrated is "I am a mistake and I can never change."

We develop an identity system based on lies.

Solution: TRUTH that shatters the lies!

Shame based individuals are masked. Who do they look like? They look like us!

Description of shame based individuals:

- They agree with lies and struggle with self-hatred.
- They filter all information through shame.
- They are always comparing themselves with others.
- They impose unachievable standards on themselves so they can never achieve and always set themselves up to fail.
- They focus on bad characteristics.
- They can't take criticism or correction.
- They avoid making decisions. It's better to do nothing than to fail.

Recently we had the privilege to view Dr. Grant Mullen's DVD's on Shame. The following are some notes we took. We hope they will encourage you to get this teaching yourself. It is powerful, informative & transformational.

- They feel like they don't belong anywhere and isolate themselves.
 - They fall behind a mantle of invisibility.
 - They presume everyone sees their imperfections and they replay every conversation nursing and rehearsing it.
 - How things look is more important than how things really are. They try and make a perfect appearance by wearing a mask.
 - They gain their identity by performance.
 - They become perfectionists or they give up.
 - They are prone to addictions to dull the pain. The most common addiction is performance.
 - They are afraid of intimate relationships especially with a spouse.
 - They build high protective walls. If I let you in and you see who I really am, you won't like me.
 - They don't like emotions and may assume they have no emotions.
 - They can be arrogant and prideful and put others down to make themselves look better.
 - They are often aggressive and need to feel superior.
 - They can be controlling, rigid and angry.
- Know anyone who looks like this? Sometimes we all do! This is a teaching everyone should consider.

You can purchase this teaching by Dr. Mullen, MD from his online store at www.drgrantmullen.com.



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Jesus is the way...Father is the destination!