



# Places In The Father's Heart

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

## Refreshing Times

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### The Ministry of Time ~ by Roger

Not many choose this ministry, but then we should agree with Father's choice for our ministry, shouldn't we? I believe all born again Christians are called to ministry. Individually we may be called to a specific ministry. I know I am. But generally we are ALL called to Jesus' ministry of healing the sick, raising the dead, casting out demons and cleansing the lepers. In addition, generally we are all called to a ministry of time.

Perhaps another way to say this is the ministry of waiting. It seems that this ministry is at the bottom of most people's list of choices, especially here in America. Our McDonald's mindset usually produces stress when we have to wait for anything. Patience is a dirty word to many of us.

There is another aspect of potential trouble associated with this ministry. I'll use myself as an example. For me, low self-esteem was a way of life for me. Even though I was born again and Spirit filled, I had little self worth. I found legitimacy in what I did, not in who I was as a son of God. Therefore, my performance orientation led me to become a slave for God rather than His son. Burnout and great disappointment were inevitable. It was then God called me to full time ministry by a vision and His audible voice! Wow! What a life-changing experience! Of course, I did not realize that many deep struggles lay ahead as a result of God's call. There was much work to be done in me to prepare me for ministry. One of the great challenges I faced was the ministry of time, or waiting. God called me! That made me special, set apart, and maybe even legitimate. I didn't know for certain because I'd never been there before. Perhaps it was pride. Perhaps it was a transition from worm to I am somebody! I did not know that this was an uh-oh! I didn't realize I was feeling like I was somebody for the wrong reasons. Like many other things in my life, I would have to learn this lesson the hard way.



I was now called. I knew what and where God had in His plan but when and how were missing. Then Father said, "Quit your job and go!" This is it, I thought! We're going! This is it! But wait, Father said, "Go north!" Wait a minute the vision is west, not north! Lord what do you mean, "Go north!" He confirmed the north direction, so we went. It produced a year of hell and blessings! This was our personal introduction to God's seminary: The School of the Holy Spirit. In that year our ministry was established and some financial support began.

Then He said, "Go west!" This is it! This is it! Let's go! With Father's vision and call bright before us, we moved west. My legitimacy and self worth was completely wrapped up in my vision and call instead of in relationship with Father, Son and Holy Spirit and who I am in Them! I knew little about relationship and nothing about intimacy and I didn't have a clue that there was another new ministry waiting for me just ahead...the ministry of time!

We were now in Colorado very near the vision and it was obvious that **any day now** the miracle would manifest and we would come into possession of the land God had shown me in my vision. Days, weeks, months and years passed. Disappointment grew. Self esteem faded away. All unresolved issues from my childhood seemed to grow in intensity. I was feeling very abandoned and rejected. Shame, low self esteem, fear, anger, confusion, self hatred all became more evident. I was mad and began to realize I was mad at God. Rebellion was growing in me. I began to say things to Him like "The world treated me better than this. I give you my life, my career, my home and my family. I go when and where You say and this is what I get in return"

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Roger & Gerri

### Prayer Ministry

#### SHAME

**True shame** is that 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** is always bad. It is from satan. It always damages and causes us to believe the lie that we are hopelessly damaged and 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! If you're stuck in a shame based mentality, call today.

For Prayer Ministry

Appointments

Call (843) 365-6994

## Newly Donated Pick up Truck

This month we were pleased to receive a call from a ministry partner in Tallahassee, FL who generously donated a 1998 Ford F-150 to Places In The Father's Heart. We had the pleasure of driving to Tallahassee to take possession of the gift and spend a bit of time with this Brother. This is a huge stepping stone for Places In The Father's Heart and we are blessed beyond what words can convey. The ministry continues to grow and prosper during 2008. Thanks to partners from around the world, we see growth in nearly every area. To God be the Glory!



Roger, Donor and Blue Thunder!

## Creature from the Black Lagoon

One of Roger's favorite memories from his childhood was his Saturday visits to the matinee at the Orange Theatre. His biggest memory was seeing the movie "The Creature From the Black Lagoon". When in Tallahassee recently our partner there took us to Wakulla Springs. We had no idea that Roger was about to experience his 'creature first hand! This movie was filmed at Wakulla Springs and we were able to take a boat ride around the springs so that this ole guy could experience a childhood dream relived! Father is so good! Here you see Roger with the movie advertisement. It was also at Wakulla Springs where most of the original Tarzan movies starring Johnnie Weissmuller were filmed.



No trip to Florida would be complete without a 'gator! Wakulla Springs is full of teeming wildlife. We so enjoyed the time!

## The Ranch Vision ~ February 10, 1980

For those of you who do not know about our vision and call, and for others of you who may have forgotten or perhaps find it impossible to believe, we want you to know, we are in the Ministry of Time.

"Slowly, steadily, surely, the time approaches when the vision will be fulfilled. If it seems slow, wait patiently, for it will surely take place. It will not be delayed." Habakkuk 2:2-3.

Our given destiny is to establish a retreat and healing restoration ranch in Colorado. Though the vision was given 28 years ago, it continues to burn very deeply in our hearts. It is because of Father's unconditional love for us and our pursuit of HIM, that we continue to stand in faith believing for the fulfillment of our destiny. The ministry and the vision are no longer what cause us to walk in legitimacy. We are Father's son and His daughter and it is not in anything we do or anything we have, it is all in who we are! God's word to us is, "Where you're going doesn't look anything like where you've been."



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You see, I didn't realize I had given God my life for the wrong reasons. I had obeyed Him for the wrong reasons. So, as a result, He blessed me with the ministry of time so I could discover the truth that would set me free. He wasn't punishing me. He was lovingly blessing me! He was patient with me even with my insulting attitude toward Him. He knew what my problems were, but I didn't have a clue. At that time I didn't realize that I was using Him to get my love needs met. I loved Him, but my love had a hook on it. I wanted something in return and it wasn't love. It was the vision and the ministry so I could be legitimate and feel good about myself. I didn't realize this was folly and a sure dead end quest..

The waiting was killing me or so I thought. Actually the ministry of waiting was my gift of love from my Heavenly Father. It was designed for me to save me from myself; to heal me, teach me truth and refocus my life from slavery for God to sonship with Him. It was to free me from the bondage of ministry and vision that I had created to live a life of love and intimate relationship with Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Little did I know that everything I needed and wanted in life was to be found in a personal, intimate relationship with Father God Himself; the One I was so disappointed in and angry with was the key to a life of love and acceptance far beyond my imagination or ability to comprehend. "Father, I am so sorry, please forgive me," I cried.

Although many years have passed and my ministry of time continues, it has never been stationary. For during what has seemed like an endless period of waiting, My wonderful Father has seen to it that my issues of abandonment, rejection, shame, fear and anger are mostly gone and replaced by His unconditional love for me. My ability to be disappointed and angry with Him are also gone. Take it from one who knows. Experiencing Father's love will melt away your issues of self hatred, low self esteem and love hunger. Performance and slavery for God will give way to peace and rest and legitimacy in being His child.

So if you happen to find yourself at this moment in Father's ministry of time and you realize you haven't handled it well, take some good advice. Repent now and embrace Father's love gift for you. Pursue Him and His tremendous love for you. Refocus your life to know Him intimately. Father knows what He is doing and whatever it is He is doing in you is for your good and a love gift from Him. Your ministry of time will not be a moment longer than necessary to accomplish His purpose in you. That purpose is to prepare you for love and intimacy with Him. As you experience true intimate relationship with Him, your ministry will become more and more naturally supernatural. Learn to enjoy Him first and all else will follow. Blessings, *Roger*

*Testimony From Prayer Ministry*

Recently we have been deeply encouraged by the testimonies coming from our times of prayer ministry with those seeking answers from the Father for their wounding and pain. You can read many of these testimonies on the website under the Prayer Ministry link, but here is one that we recently received and we are printing with his permission.

"I arrived at the Taylor's front door in early May, 2006. I was broken, ashamed, afraid, overwhelmed and empty. Two weeks before on Easter Sunday morning I stood before the congregation where I had served as Senior Pastor for over ten years, a church that began at my dining room table with three couples. They had gathered that morning to celebrate the resurrection life of Christ, but I stood before them to confess my secret. The secret anger I had carried for years, the secret shame that had haunted me since childhood and the secret affair that I had been involved in...my secrets had been revealed that week. I resigned that day, walked out of a building that we had constructed and began the darkest phase of my life. My wife of thirty years told me to move out and had already been to see an attorney. Needless to say, when I pulled into the Taylor's driveway on a Monday morning, I needed to find a place in the Father's heart.

Over the next few days I walked through the process of uncovering, exposing, and forgiving. They fed me, loved me, carried me to the Father's heart. Their unconditional love gave me hope and that hope carried me almost two



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At the end of the week Roger and Gerri did not walk me to my vehicle, pat me on the back and wish me 'good luck'. They have stayed in touch with me through telephone calls, emails, cards and visits to their home. They are my friends, my family, my sounding board...they led me to the Father's heart and gave me time and space to become comfortable there. Although I deeply regret my sins and the consequences it has on others, God had prepared Roger and Gerri for that time in my life. Their lives exemplify their ministry and I would wholeheartedly recommend men and women, particularly those in ministry, to Roger and Gerri Taylor and their ministry "Places In The Father's Heart." WR—Florida

We are pleased to tell you that this brother is transparently returning back into ministry next month under a Senior Pastor who will continue his nurturing and mentoring. It is absolutely thrilling to be part of the restoration process in another's life, most especially, those in church leadership. With so many pastors and leaders falling into sin because they believe they have no place to share safely and to be healed, it is a tremendous privilege to provide a place for them. We can do that because others support our work and know that whatever blessing we have in the restoration process, they, too have a part in that ministry and in that person! **Thanks to all who give each month to keep us doing what we are called to do.**

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### *Testimony from Prayer Ministry*

I felt for some time that I would like to share a few things that God has accomplished in my life and how my life has been changed through prayer ministry with the Taylor's.

I came to Roger and Gerri very depressed and frustrated with where my life had taken me and I was even contemplating suicide. I had spent a number of times in prayer ministry in the past, some successful, some not. One instance was after the fourth miscarriage and I was told that God loved me too much to let me have a baby because He knew I would not be a good mother. Praise God we have moved into a season of mercy and hopefully this type of 'ministry' will become obsolete. Because of experiences like this, I was very hesitant and quite resistive to prayer ministry. But Roger and Gerri have both been very graceful in helping me move past some of my resistances. Through their 'fathering' my health and life are returning. The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. He so wants for us to experience His life and joy.

Roger and Gerri I totally understand that we are still on a journey here and that the work in me is not complete. But we have made so much progress that even if we did stop prayer ministry today, my world has been so changed by the partnership of Father's love and your cooperation with Him. May He richly bless you as you are faithful to HIS ministry to reveal His love to His people.

AP—Colorado

### *A Final Note From Roger & Gerri*

We are very humbled, indeed, by these kind words of testimony. It moves us deeply that Father has chosen us to be a part of someone's healing journey. We want you, our readers, to know that all the glory, praise and honor go to our Lord and our Father. Without Father, Son and Holy Spirit alive and active in our own lives we could never do what we do. Our life experiences with our own pain and woundedness help us relate to those Father sends our way, thus we can celebrate all of our problems knowing that He will bring a testimony from every test!

If you are struggling with your own 'rut' of pain and woundedness, if your Christian life is not what you want it to be or thought it should be, we encourage you to consider entering a healing journey of your own through prayer ministry. It is the prideful who say, "I don't need a counselor/prayer minister, but the strong man or woman who admits that they do." God's word says, "There is wisdom in the multitude of counselors."

We would not be where we are today, nor would we have the wonderful marriage we have (45 years this year!), without conquering our pride and stepping into our own healing process. Why wait another day? Father is waiting to give you the answers you have been longing for to the tough questions in your life. Take the step of faith. You will be glad you did!

*Roger and Gerri*



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**TO:**

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