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9:00 am

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September 20

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September 22

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September 30

Rev. Ms. Margaret Rogers
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September 30

Rev. Jerry Shepherd
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"...AND DEATH SHALL BE NO MORE." Rev. 21:4



REV. MS. BRENDA MILLER, 78, of Bluefield, WV, went to her reward on July 7, 2023. She was licensed with the Appalachian Conference in 2002 and faithfully pastored Faith Assembly PHC for over 20 years. While there, she operated the food pantry and was loved by all. She is survived by her husband Reginald and their children and grandchildren.



REV. MS. JUDITH PEREZ (Oct 2044-June 2023)
Judith Firebaugh Perez was licensed with the PHC in 1971 and ordained in 1972. She then went to Monterey, Mexico, where she taught in the Emmanuel School of Theology. She served the Lord for 50 years as a career missionary. Many, many lives have been impacted by her faithfulness.

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The Bishop's Page

Preston Mathena



Times of Refreshing...

What a week we had during **Camp Meeting**! Over 900 people joined us on the first night for an incredible move of God throughout the service with Pastor Sharo! It was the largest opening night attendance in over 30 years! Our young people were running to the altar to accept the call of God on their lives. Wednesday, Pastor Tony Suarez arrived moments before he took the stage and delivered a phenomenal call over the next three days for us, and the Lord, to MOVE! The praise and worship team ushered in His presence every night and set the stage for the word that would be coming forth from our amazing speakers. To say the Holy Spirit showed up throughout the week is an understatement. Countless individuals were saved, healed, and baptized in the Holy Spirit. We are excitedly awaiting how God will continue to use the messages from the week in our ministries and lives around the conference as He continues to pour out His spirit.

by Brittany Hall



4 Guidelines for the Spiritual Battle Leaders Face

By Dan Reiland

Any time spiritual leaders boldly strive to make progress for redemption in the name of Jesus, there will be significant resistance. This is commonly recognized as spiritual warfare, the opposition that fiercely attempts to keep God's Kingdom from advancing in the world. In fact, we can expect problems to arise commensurate with the progress we pray for, and it's important to note that this battle isn't won by defense alone; offense is required. (You can see both offense and defense represented in the armor of God. See Ephesians 6:14-18.)

And Matthew 16:16-18 gives us great news! *Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it."*

In writing a brief article on spiritual warfare, I'm aware that the range of theology varies widely on this subject. From distinctions on angels and demons, to the question of spiritual attack, to being filled with the Holy Spirit and what it means to put on the armor of God.

My aim is not to define distinctives or lean into a particular bias, but to address two essential elements.

- *Awareness* of the reality of our spiritual battle and its impact on the church.
- *Engagement* within that reality, to the degree and in the way the Holy Spirit guides you.

Spiritual warfare isn't the sole or even primary focus of ministry, but to dismiss it is to miss the bigger picture in the heavenly realms and slow the progress of your church.

4 Guidelines for the Spiritual Battle Leaders Face

1) Acknowledge that spiritual warfare is real and a powerful force against the church

Spiritual warfare is an active and powerful force that is led by an adversary who never sleeps. However, spiritual warfare is not something to fear. Satan was defeated by Jesus' death and resurrection, but we can't pretend he doesn't exist. Equally, it's not something to obsess over. We don't want to elevate the enemy by giving him too much attention.

The truth is that not everything is a spiritual attack, sometimes we simply create a mess ourselves causing things like conflict, division, and unrest. As a spiritual leader, however, to be unaware of spiritual battles diminishes the spiritual authority of your leadership. How you think about spiritual warfare determines how you live and lead, and it definitely shapes how you pray.

2) Know the enemy and his strategy

We want to change the world through the power of Jesus and Satan wants to stop us. See these three passages for a clear picture of the enemy.

- Ezekiel 28:17
- Isaiah 14:12-15
- Genesis 3:2-5

From the passage in Genesis, we can see that Lucifer initiated the first temptation in the garden, resulting in the fall of mankind. The temptation in the garden was the catalyst for the battle we are in daily; that is, saying no to the enemy and yes to Jesus. An important part of winning the battle is knowing the enemy.

The enemy is:

- Shrewd and crafty (Genesis 3:1)
- The tempter (Matthew 4:3)
- A murderer, liar and father of lies (John 8:44)
- A thief who steals, kills and destroys (John 10:10)
- The one who masquerades as an angel of light (II Corinthians 11:14)
- The ruler of the Kingdom of the air (Ephesians 2:2)
- The one who prowls around like a roaring lion who seeks to devour (I Peter 5:8)
- The sinful one, who sinned from the beginning (I John 3:8)
- The accuser (Revelation 12:10)

The enemy's strategy is:

- To prevent humility by promoting self-sufficiency
- To prevent unity by creating division
- To prevent joy by causing discouragement
- To prevent peace (and closeness with God) with busyness
- To prevent commitment by encouraging complacency

3) Discern your level of intensity and engagement

There are two equal and opposite errors into which our race can fall about the devils. One is to disbelieve in their existence. The other is to believe, and to feel an excessive and unhealthy interest in them.

C.S. Lewis, from the preface of The Screwtape Letters:

- If we lean into spiritual warfare with *excessive focus*, we can experience unnecessary worries and fears, and create battles that don't exist.
- If we lean into spiritual warfare with a *casual dismissiveness*, the enemy makes more progress than we do.

Our best leadership objective is to become acutely aware of Satan's methods, but not be preoccupied with them. In short, don't look for the battle, but don't run from it.

Keep in mind that spiritual battle is often found in the smaller and more subtle temptations. It's easier to say no to the obvious and major sins, but if the enemy can get us saying yes to the little temptations, or caving in to smaller pressures, we can more easily fall the bigger ones.

4) Focus your energy toward dependence and intimacy with God

Your love for God, worship, and consistent prayer life is your best investment for the spiritual battles that may come your way. In fact, your love of God is a direct assault on the enemy, and the closer your relationship with God the more He can fight your battles with you.

The idea is to head off the battles we can, be prepared for battle if need be, but not to go looking for a fight. God goes before us. You may not embrace this approach, but I hope it serves you well as something worthy of your consideration.

When it comes to spiritual warfare, we do not fight for victory, we fight from victory. Jesus is our Victor! Our tools and weapons for spiritual battle are numerous. Here are a few of the most common and effective:

- * Prayer
- * Faith
- * Worship

- * Armor of God
- * Scripture
- * Fasting

- * Spiritual gifts
- * Community
- * Obedience

You may be a little like me. I'm a practical leader. I don't focus on spiritual warfare, but I'm deeply aware of its reality and not only pray accordingly, but stand on guard.

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Camp Meeting 2023

Much could be said about the great Camp Meeting services that God blessed us with this year. There are 3 main directives from the Holy Spirit that flowed from this encounter that are for us as a faith family:

Youth- From the very first night, the young people ran to the altar seeking God! He is calling this generation to take up the cross. It is our call to disciple them. It is time for us to speak to our sons and daughters to fill in the gaps in the walls, taking their place in God's kingdom.

Worship- The freedom of God was in the tabernacle! The Holy Spirit swept like a wave over the Wednesday night service. Spontaneous dancing and running were seen again on a scale that has not been seen for quite some time. Allow God to restore your zeal for the House of the Lord. Don't consider the opinions of man, but seek the Father's presence.

Revival- My personal testimony: The last night of camp meeting, as the altar service was winding down, I was headed to the back of the tabernacle. However, the Holy Spirit challenged me, "*You're not through.*" I went back up and began to worship. God began to minister to me personally. Yet, that was not the main purpose. I began to move into weeping and travailing in prayer in the Spirit for some time. I discerned that the synopsis of this prayer was this: "*I am birthing revival in the Appalachian Conference to all those that will seek Me.*" Later Mark 4:26-29 came to my heart. In the parable of the seed, its growth is progressive; first the blade, then the head, and finally kernels are ready to harvest.

2 questions: Will you sow the seeds for revival? Will you patiently wait on it, while nurturing its growth?

Moving forward, pray for restored intimacy with the Father. Look for the new, mixed with the old. Seek God's holiness. Pull down the idols in your life.

God's power will be restored to the pulling down of the strongholds of disunity and division. Let's move together in unity to see His Kingdom come and His will be done. Amen.

Global Outreach Offering Update

The Global Missions service of camp meeting was a great night of giving to world missions and being reminded again of the importance of our role in fulfilling the Great Commission.

The 2023 Global Outreach (GO) Offering goal is **\$250,000**. The conference current GO giving balance is \$82,827 for the year. We are on a record pace again, as we are just shy of last year's balance at this time of \$85,646. Let's close this gap and believe for another tremendous year of giving!

Please continue to pray for laborers and resources for the harvest in the USA and around the world. Thank you for continuing to give to this mission multiplying offering. This year's deadline for gifts is November 17.

PROJECT UPDATE

Peru Church & Training Center Construction #61000P The conference mission team to Peru will be using the \$38,477 you have given so far for this outpost for the gospel in the Amazon. Please pray for the 26 members of the team that will be ministering in this country from August 20-29. The goal is to get a new church building up to roof height while we are there. The team will also be conducting children and youth services to reach out in this region. \$12,000 is still needed to complete the work on this facility that will serve as a training center for continued evangelism. Thank you for your prayers and your giving!

The shoe that grows for children #43420 Fifty pair were purchased for the Riley's to give out to the street boys in Dakar. Another 50 pair were purchased that will be given out by the Conference Peru mission team. This was a \$2,100 investment in these children/youth. Pray that this act of kindness will open hearts for the gospel. Thank you so much for giving! As more funds are received, shoes will be sent to South Sudan where the McClerkins will distribute them this fall.



The flags of the nations served as a prayer focus during the Global Outreach Service of Camp Meeting.

Christian Life International Student Missions to Guatemala

We visited a different area and PHC pastor each day and would come alongside them in ministry. We visited three different public schools and were able to engage with the kids and share the gospel, pray for them, and show Jesus' love - and of course, play soccer, games, crafts with them! The very first day we saw a young girl who was deaf start to hear and speak again after some of our team prayed for healing for her!

Our high school students learned two worship songs in Spanish (Waymaker & No One) and were able to lead those moments in worship at some of the churches. All members of our team had the opportunity to share their testimony, either in the schools or churches.

We were also able to split in groups to walk to peoples' homes and pray with them. Multiple days we went door to door in the areas around our churches to share the gospel, testimonies, and pray for people of all ages. Multiple moments of praying for healing and seeing blind eyes see and sick lungs breathe more clearly.

We joined in three churches on the Sunday and deeply enjoyed the presence of Holy Spirit and the opportunity to pray together and prophesy over each other with our Guatemalan brothers and sisters. The students were stretched in many ways, including four of them preaching, in addition to our adults who preached.

Submitted by Josh Kestner



Fall Foundry Seminar:

Digital Cocaine & Digital Rehab

Appalachian Conference Training Center

Monday, October 16, 2023

9:30 AM

For our fall meeting, we welcome **Brad Huddleston**.

Brad Huddleston is an internationally respected speaker, consultant, teacher, and author on important issues such as technology and culture. He has worked with universities, schools, churches, and law enforcement. He has spoken to hundreds of thousands worldwide on the advantages of well-used technology tools and the dangers of the growing trend toward technology addiction. Brad has an ongoing collaboration with the Bureau of Market Research (BMR)—an independent company—and its Consumer Neuroscience Division at the University of South Africa. Brad has a degree in Computer Science and a Diploma of Biblical Studies, as well as being a credentialed minister in the Acts 2 Alliance (A2A) movement in Australia. He's also a frequent guest on radio and television and the author of *Digital Rehab: Learning to Live Again in the Real World*, *Digital Cocaine: A Journey Toward iBalance*, and *The Dark Side of Technology: Restoring Balance in the Digital Age*. He is also the host of the international radio show *Brad Huddleston's Techwise*.



Brad and his wife, Beth, live in the beautiful Shenandoah Valley of Virginia.

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CELEBRATING CAMP MARANATHA 2023

2023 CAMP MARANTHA SEASON: Four days of rain and 182 students started the Camp Maranatha 2023, 'MARKED', season. Despite the rain, the Spirit of God was not hampered and students dug in and experienced a move of God. Followed by Destiny Junior Teen Camp and Adventure Quest Kidz Camp, better weather, continued fun, friendship and fellowship, approximately 200 more students, God continued to show up and 'MARK' the lives of young



men and women and the staff who volunteered to be a part of this summer's ministry team. I am so grateful to God that HE continues to use Camp Maranatha to change the life of a student one week at a time. It is a privilege and an honor to work with the young people of the Appalachian Conference and partner with churches across the Conference to disciple and invest in the lives of students as they seek God's plan and purpose. ***The Camp Maranatha Family is by far the best, and I am grateful to the men, women and students who come to serve summer after summer. I couldn't do it without you.*** I also wish to express my appreciation to the Discipleship Ministries Board: N. R. Taylor, Wes Galford,

Zach Royer, Elaine Wood, Wes Comer and C. J. Cole for the investment of their time and energy in planning, preparing and carrying out the mission for Camp Maranatha. (Also thank you to my wife and family, and the wives and families of each of our board members who serve alongside us and help see that the task is completed!) It is a labor of love as we see what God continues to do. **ONE WEEK STILL CHANGES A LIFE!**

2023 CAMP STATS

	EXTREME TEEN	DESTINY	ADVENTURE QUEST	TOTALS
Campers	182	144	54	380
Salvation	85	74	22	181
Rededication	66	79	27	172
Sanctification	80	71	26	177
Holy Spirit	70	35	8	113
Healing	77	71	26	174
Call to Ministry				
Pastoral	16	10	1	27
Missions	21	20	2	43
Youth	28	33	1	62
Children	15	13	2	30
Evangelist	11	4	2	17
Music	36	33	4	73
Not Certain	1			1

GOD KNOWS THE FUTURE AND WE ARE EXCITED AND ANTICIPATE GREAT THINGS FOR EACH OF THE YOUNG PEOPLE WHO RESPONDED TO THE SPIRIT OF GOD. WE ASK YOU TO JOIN US IN PRAYER AS WE CONTINUE TO PARTNER WITH THE LOCAL CHURCH AS THEY LEAD, GUIDE AND HELP DEVELOP THE GIFT OF GOD IN YOUNG PEOPLE ACROSS THIS CONFERENCE.



CAMP MARANATHA 2023







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CHANGE A LIFE!"





THANK YOU TO Rev. Jimmy Arthur, the Conference Executive Council and the Hillsville Pentecostal Holiness Church & Pastors Jeff & Tammy Pickett, for their generous donations to help purchase the new go-carts for our Junior Campers. To Life Line Ministries & Pastor Zac & Sara Royer, for their donation in helping get the Zip-Line repaired! To Rev. Leon Alley for countless hours of work on the go-carts as well as Ray McDaniel, Gary Anderson & Pastor Craig Reed. To all who have helped over the years THANK YOU!!
It takes a team to make it all happen!





Emily Galford (*Emily Galford is the daughter of Rev. Wes & Mrs. Kim Galford, who pastor Natural Bridge Christian Fellowship. Since writing this article, Emily has completed school and is now a licensed physical therapist and also ministers when the opportunity arises. She recently was part of the Camp Pastor team for Destiny Camp at Camp Maranatha.*)

Not in my time...but in His... Growing up as a daughter of a pastor/evangelist, I've had the opportunity and honor to witness many miracles. I have seen the blind see, the deaf hear, and those who had a speech impediment speak fluently. I have seen those who had cancer and tumors healed. I have seen broken bones come back into alignment. I've seen those with knee pain, back pain, and hip pain healed. I've seen women who were infertile have children. And I have seen the dead come back to life, not just once, but twice. Seeing all of these signs

and wonders growing up truly has made and continues to make a huge impact on my faith. I believe that having these experiences has helped create an expectation that God can truly do the impossible. That HE can truly heal. But what I have learned is that witnessing a miracle happen in front of you, compared to inside of you, is very different.

February 2nd-5th I received the opportunity to be a part of a young adult conference called "The Calling" in Gainesville, GA, which was led by Pastors Curt and Beth Johnson. When heading to this conference I had the expectation that the Lord was going to fill me up. That I was going to leave feeling renewed, empowered, and refreshed. That I was going to grow deeper in my walk with Jesus, along with receiving advice on how to navigate ministry as a young adult. Although the Lord did meet and go beyond my expectations in these areas, He also did something inside of me that I was not expecting or even looking to happen.

In elementary school I was diagnosed with scoliosis. Scoliosis is a condition where your spine is not straight, but makes an "S" shape. With this condition, I had a visible curve in my back, along with uneven shoulders, my upper body leaning to the left, and the muscles on the right side of my back sticking out further, which causes an appearance of a "hump" on the right side of my back. With scoliosis, it is easy to say back pain is very common. My sophomore year of high school the pain in my back seemed to get worse. My pediatric doctor referred me to a spinal specialist at UVA to look deeper into the matter and find ways to help with the curvature in my spine. Truth be told... I did not go to UVA, but continued to tough it out, because deep down inside I knew that if God could heal others, why couldn't He heal me.

Life continued, and to be honest, I didn't think too much of my back until I reached physical therapist assistant school. Once I started learning about different diagnoses, pathologies, and how to help rehabilitate a patient, I began to think about how scoliosis could cause more issues the older I got. About 3 years ago in Camp Meeting at the Appalachian Conference, on a Friday night, I remember standing in service and feeling pain all through my back. Once I got home I laid down in my bed to go to sleep and I remember asking God, "Do you think you could heal my back?" His response, "I will.. in my timing." For the next 3 years I waited... and waited... and waited....

Fast forward back to the first weekend in February at "The Calling." It was the second night and we had just discussed out last session of the day, "Praying Through." Now we are all in this time of prayer just digging deep into the Lord and listening to His voice. For me, I was praying for boldness, for doors in my life to open, and for direction. So, what is about to take place happened SO unexpectedly.

As we were praying and worshipping, I remember feeling the Lord's presence, and glory just began to sit in the room. Now while we were all praying, the Lord came very strongly upon this young man who was sitting in the corner of the room. He began to prophesy and speak on what the Lord was telling him and showing him. This young man was behind me, so all I could do was hear his voice. He spoke out and said, "There is an angel on her." And having no clue on whom he was pointing to, I felt as though he was pointing to me. In that moment I felt a jolt of electricity run through my body like I have never felt before. It went through my chest, my arms, and up and down my whole trunk. I broke out in tears and continued to pray. However, he continued speaking and said, "The Lord said He was going to heal someone's back." But in that specific moment I didn't hear him say that. Shortly after, things began to quiet down and Pastor Beth began to reiterate what he said about "The Lord said he was going to heal someone's back." As soon as I heard that, another jolt of electricity ran through my body. And in this moment I knew it was me. I began crying and weeping. I began pouring myself out to the Lord and praying/declaring healing over my body. The rest of the

room joined in and began to pray. A few moments later another jolt of electricity came over me, along with an unexplainable joy. I kept feeling and touching my back thinking “no way.. no way.” All of the sudden I felt so overwhelmed by His presence that I began to rejoice, shout, and dance. I couldn’t contain what the Lord was doing inside of me and all I could feel was my spine straightening. I kept shouting, “My back is straight!! It’s straight! I’m healed! I’m healed.” As joy and praise continued to sweep through the room, a few ladies rushed me to the bathroom to look at my spine. As they began to examine it, the room grew quiet...

For a few moments they kept examining it, but what we found was still a curved spine. However, that did NOT stop anyone’s praise. The ladies, Pastor Beth, and I continued to pray and declare healing over my back. We continued to shout and declare that my spine was coming back into alignment. After a few minutes I began to feel a discomfort that I never felt before that started at my low back. Pastor Beth looked at me and asked, “Emily, what are you feeling?” I began to describe the discomfort that was traveling through my lower back and how it felt like things were moving and shifting. In unity, everyone continued to pray and rejoice that my healing was taking place! That it WAS HAPPENING!!

That morning I woke up and looked in the mirror to find my shoulders even. What once was uneven is now even!!!! However, my spine was still curved. For the rest of the conference, both Saturday and Sunday my lower back was VERY uncomfortable. I continued to feel this shifting and moving all through my lower back. There was one moment where it felt as if someone’s hand was wrapped around my spinal column squeezing it. Although it felt straight, it was still curved.

Sunday the conference ended. I truly left that weekend changed. But I also left with a curved spine. When I got home I told my mom and dad about the healing that took place and how I didn’t have scoliosis. My mother examined my back once we got home; both my parents were amazed. My shoulders were still even and the curve in my spine decreased by 50%. Although the curve was still present, the Lord was moving. But you see, this discomfort continued for the next week and a half. Throughout this time frame this discomfort and movement just slowly moved up my spine. Every other day I would have my mom check my back, and sure enough the curve would be smaller!! After a few weeks the discomfort ceased.

As of today, my spine is straight all except for about 3-4 inches in the center of my back and the curve is VERY small. My shoulders are still even, I barely have pain, I’m able to stand upright, I no longer lean to the left. When I sit in a chair, both sides of my back touch the chair, and I hardly have a hump on the right side of my back!!!! TALK ABOUT A GOD WHO HEALS!!!

And I’m sure you’re asking... “but Emily, your spine isn’t completely straight?” But it will be. My spine will be completely straight. Why? Because my God finishes what He starts. My God makes things whole. My God is a promise keeper. My God comes through every time. My God keeps his word. In the Bible it says in Isaiah 53:5 “...by His stripes, we are healed.” And it also says in Isaiah 55:11, “*So shall my word be that goes forth from My mouth, it shall not return to me void, but it shall accomplish what I please, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.*”

One thing that I have learned from my healing is that it isn’t on my time, but it’s in His time, and His time is perfect. Pastor Beth and I discussed that Friday night that sometimes healing is a progression. Sometimes it happens instantaneously and sometimes it happens in progression. But here is the thing that we hold on to... if HE said that He will do it.. then He will do it. Sometimes it can be easy to get discouraged when it doesn’t happen instantaneously like we expect. However, we can lean on knowing that He is a healer, that He finishes what He starts, and that He does keep His promises. I want to encourage you today to hold steadfast on His words to you. Hold onto His promise. Keep your faith. Keep declaring. Keep believing. Because He is one who keeps His word.

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7PM WELCOME AND WORSHIP
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Short Sermon, Omega: Jeremiah Light: Mossy PHC – SUPERIOR
Short Sermon, Omega: Evan Carpenter: Mossy PHC – SUPERIOR
Creative Writing, Omega: Lainey Carpenter: Mossy PHC – SUPERIOR
Creative Writing, Omega: Sarah Light: Mossy PHC – SUPERIOR
Song Writing, Omega: Isaac Carpenter: Mossy PHC – EXCELLENT
Worship Dance, Individual Alpha: Elise Kirtner: Valley Harvest Ministries, SUPERIOR
Worship Dance, Group: Peyton Chittum, Kadence Zollman, Allie Cullen, Polly Braelyn: Buena Vista PHC – EXCELLENT
Expressive Worship, Individual Alpha: Peyton Chittum: Buena Vista PHC – SUPERIOR
Expressive Worship, Individual Alpha: Jordan Willis: Hillsville PHC – EXCELLENT
Expressive Worship, Group: Jordan Willis & Maggie Carico: Hillsville PHC – EXCELLENT
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Classical Art Painting & Drawing, Omega: Olivia Simone: Hillsville PHC – SUPERIOR
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Classical Art Painting & Drawing, Omega: Lainey Carpenter: Mossy PHC – SUPERIOR
Classical Art Painting & Drawing, Omega: Sarah Light: Mossy PHC – SUPERIOR
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"God Takes Notes"

Recently, I was reading in the book of Malachi and noticed a scripture that jumped off of the page. Not something I hadn't seen before, but it just hit me differently.

The world was in a very dark place during the time of Malachi. Sin was rampant and there was no respect for God. The people had no conviction and were living however they saw fit. But in the middle of the chaos and lawlessness there was a remnant who would come together to talk about God and worship and praise Him. This is where we find the scripture that stood out to me like never before.

Malachi 3:16 says, *"Then those whose lives honored God got together and talked it over. God saw what they were doing and listened in. A book was opened in God's presence and minutes were taken of the meeting, with the names of the God-fearers written down, all the names of those who honored God's name."* (MSG)

Think about this, God was so impressed with the people who came together to honor Him that He listened in on their conversation. This was so important to Him that He took notes and wrote the names of the faithful ones who stood in the middle of a very dark hour to praise Him anyway, to talk of His goodness and His faithfulness.

This is a beautiful picture of how we can bend the ear of our Heavenly Father, by coming together, not to complain, not to grumble, but to lift Him up and glorify Him! This very simple scripture has given me a new way to look at things. What would the world today look like if we, as Christians, took this scripture to heart to the point that we changed the world around us? What kind of difference could we make if we turned our gossip sessions into worship sessions and our complaining into praise? I believe it would make all the difference in the world. I don't know about you but I want my conversations to cause God, Himself, to stop and listen. I want my heart to be so full of gratitude and praise that He takes notes and writes my name down in that book that Malachi 3:16 talks about.

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THE POWER OF THE LORD WAS PRESENT TO HEAL THEM

Luke 5:17

God's power is Greater than the oppression of illness. Jesus had compassion on the sick, and he healed them. We should also have compassion for the sick. Following the example of Jesus, we are to pray for the sick. It is God's will for us to enjoy good health. We have the authority to pray for healing, in the Name of Jesus. *"Beloved, I wish above all things that thou may prosper, and be in health, even as thy soul prospers"* (III John verse 2).

IF YOU WILL, YOU CAN MAKE ME CLEAN

A man full of leprosy saw Jesus. He fell on his face, and said, *"Lord, if you will, you can make me clean"* (Luke 5:12). Maybe you feel the same way. You know that God can heal. But will He heal you? Jesus answered the man with assurance. *"And he put forth his hand, and touched him, saying, I will: be thou clean"* (Luke 5:13). Immediately the leprosy departed from him. Illness can depart suddenly from us also!

GONE SUDDENLY

Jesus healed those who had been afflicted for years. The pain and suffering they endured for long periods of time left suddenly when Jesus prayed. Maybe you have suffered from an affliction for a long period of time? You may wonder if you can enjoy good health again? What Jesus did for one person, He will do for you!

THE WOMAN WITH AN ISSUE OF BLOOD

This woman suffered for 12 years with an issue of blood. Obviously, she tried to find relief. She saw many physicians, and suffered many things of many physicians. (Mark 5:25) Not only could the physicians not help her, but many of them caused her to suffer more. In addition, she spent all that she had on the physicians, but grew worse!

The determination of this woman to pursue good health has to be admired. She longed to be well. And she was not ashamed to seek help.

One day, a spark of hope ignited within her. Jesus had come to her town. She had seen him pray for the sick. She saw people healed of all types of afflictions. *"For she said, If I may touch but his clothes, I shall be whole"* (Mark 5:28). A great crowd of people surrounded Jesus. She had to press through the crowd to get close to Jesus. She reached out and touched his garment. *"And straightway the fountain of her blood was dried up; and she felt in her body that she was healed of that plague"* (Mark 5:29).

September Calendar

4	Labor Day (Office Closed)
15-17	National W.M. Leaders' Gathering
23	Quadrennial Conference
24-28	National DM Summit

