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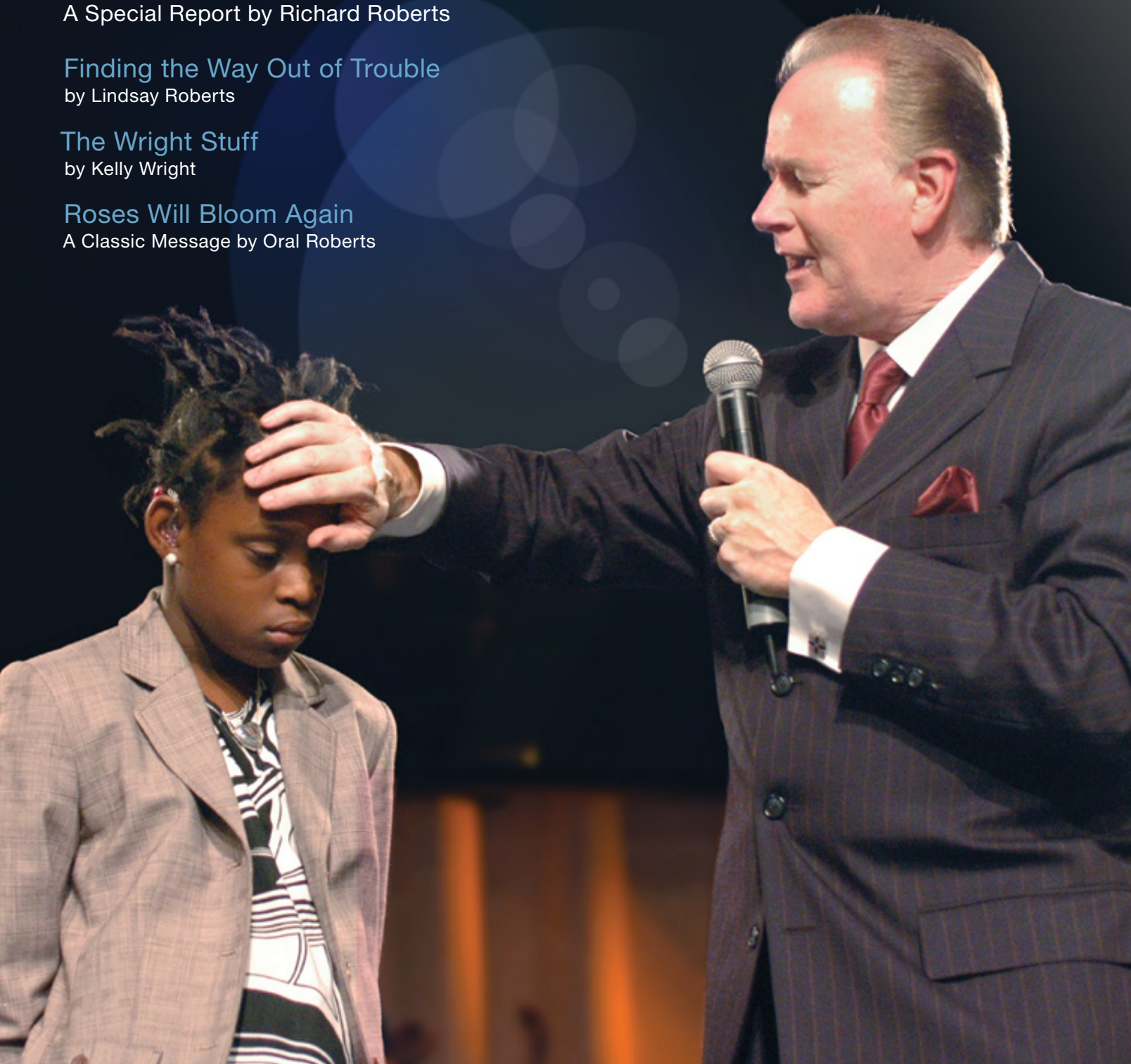
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Renewal and Rejuvenation!

Dear friends,

Spring is a time for renewal and rejuvenation. It's a time for hope and restoration. And I think spring is a good time for us as the body of Christ to get back to basics and remember the great need of salvation and healing for precious souls.

The healing and salvation of people all over the world has always been in my heart, but in the last 12 months my passion for the healing ministry has been renewed. It's really all about fulfilling God's call to go into the world and preach the Gospel as Mark 16:15 says.

One of the places we always see an abundance of salvation, healing, and restoration miracles is in the Healing Rallies we have conducted around the world for almost 30 years. God has given me a heart for the nations, and in the last 24 months alone, I have had the privilege of taking our ministry teams to 10 different countries, taking the love and healing power of Jesus to people in need. As our Partner, you have helped send us to every place and each person.

I encourage you to read the special report on what God is doing through this ministry around the

world beginning on page 4, and I pray it blesses you to see your prayers and Seed-Faith gifts in action.

I am also excited to announce that I will be traveling to El Salvador in June at the invitation of President Saca to share Jesus with that nation and to bring needed medical supplies and food to the people.

And be sure to check out Lindsay's article on page 10, called "Finding the Way Out of Trouble," where she discusses what to do when you find yourself going through a storm.

Fox News Channel's Kelly Wright, an ORU alumnus, shares his inspiring personal testimony of how he found his way back to God on page 14. And don't miss my dad's classic message of hope on page 16, "Roses Will Bloom Again."

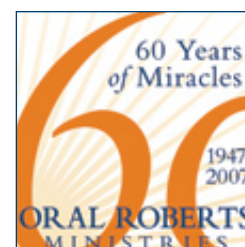
I thank you from the bottom of my heart for being our Partner and supporting us as we take the Gospel of Jesus Christ around the world to people who need hope, healing, and restoration, and I pray for God to multiply every prayer and every seed you sow back to you in the way you need it most.

Richard Roberts

Cover photo: Richard conducts Miracle Healing Rally in London.

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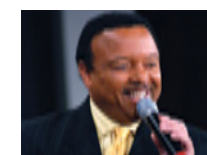


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a Heart for the Nations

BY RICHARD ROBERTS

For almost 28 years, I have been more at home preaching the Gospel and praying for the sick—no matter where that takes me—than anywhere else on earth.

My heart has always been in evangelism and winning the lost to Christ. And no matter where we go, my greatest desire is to see people healed by the power of God in every area of their lives.

But recently, God has put a new and burning urgency in my heart to reach more people with His Gospel than I ever have had before. And in the last two years, I have had the privilege of ministering in 10 different nations of the earth and ministering in churches, crusades, and television as much as humanly possible. I believe the time before Jesus returns to the earth is growing short, and I want to do all I can do to make sure as many people as possible come to know His saving, healing, delivering power.

When we were in Costa Rica several months ago, I was given the opportunity to hold a two-hour healing service on Enlace satellite and TV network. Enlace broadcasts to over 100 nations throughout the Americas and into Europe and North Africa. In that two hours, 10,000 people called or e-mailed their prayer requests. And after it was over, **Enlace heard from more than 3,000 people who had either been healed as I prayed or who had accepted Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior.**

It seems that all over the earth people are hungry for God in a way I have never seen before.

Obeying the Call

During a recent trip to Scotland, England, France, and West Africa, I preached over 10 times in 14 days and witnessed so many salvations and miracles. In Scotland we held healing rallies in the Aberdeen Mu-

sic Hall, and I remember talking to a young man that we learned had had a tumor behind his left ear for the last seven years.

During the service, God gave me a word of knowledge that a tumor was dissolving. A young man came up on the platform in complete astonishment, and was very open in sharing that he'd been skeptical in the past about any claims he'd heard of someone being healed. "I'm a bit wary of things like this," he told me. But when I gave that word from the Lord about a tumor dissolving, he said he reached up behind his ear and found that the tumor was completely gone!

In another service during our trip, a young girl who had been in a wheelchair came out of that wheelchair by the power of God. Later, we saw her pushing her own wheelchair out of the building.

In one of the services in a church in Paris, there was a woman from Cameroon who had a growth in her nose that caused her terrible pain. Not only did the growth disappear, but the pain disappeared too. She was completely healed by the power of God!

Thirty Lame People Healed In One Night!

I'll never forget what a miraculous time we had in the tiny West African nation of Niger in 2006, where less than 1% of the population was Christian when we arrived. The people had such a strong desire for miracles that in one night alone, thirty lame people rose up and walked. Another night, twelve blind people testified of being healed. And night after night, great crowds of people raised their hands as I gave the invitation to receive Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior.

FACING PAGE : Richard prays for the crowd at City Harvest Church in Singapore.

LOWER LEFT: This is the skeptical young man in Aberdeen, Scotland, who was healed of a large tumor.

LOWER RIGHT: Woman in Paris, France, testifies of God's healing touch.



Not only did we take God's supernatural healing power to the people of Niger, but we also took a team of doctors, nurses, and dentists. Through free medical and dental clinics, approximately 2,000 people received desperately-needed health care services. And because of the generosity of our friends and Partners, we were able to distribute 285,000



TOP : A medical team accompanied Richard to help treat Niger's sick in the medical clinic.
BOTTOM: Our partners helped feed these children in Niger.

nutritious meals to Nigerien parents whose children were malnourished and even starving.

A Powerful Surge of Healing in Ibadan

One of the largest miracle healing rallies I have ever conducted was in Ibadan, Nigeria. I remember one night when approximately 60,000 people gathered for the meeting. During that four-night crusade, it was estimated that nearly 25,000 gave their hearts to the Lord and multitudes were healed by the power of God.

One night a supernatural wave of healing swept across the stadium. The presence of the Lord flowed through the crowd, and the people cried out in amazement as healings began to break loose.

Not only did salvations and healings take place during the nightly meetings, but we also took a 40-member medical team with us. We conducted free medical clinics, provided much-needed medicine, and our doctors performed various services for the people of Ibadan, including 61 cataract surgeries.

A Miracle for You

I believe these healing rallies are a picture of the ministry of Jesus. But I also believe the mission field is wherever someone has a need. The prayers that I prayed for these people all across the earth are the same prayers that I'm praying for you today. That is my passion in life: to minister God's love.

I pray, through the power of Jesus' name, for God to wrap His arms around you and encompass you with His healing power. I pray that you will know that the miracles that happened in these healing rallies are not just for overseas. They're for you right now. And I set my faith in agreement with yours for miracles, in Jesus' mighty name! Amen.

Thank You, Partners!

Above all, I want to thank you, our precious Partners, who have helped send me to the nations of the earth. When you send me, it's like you're going yourself. And I love being an ambassador for God through your faithfulness.

I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for your partnership with us. When you sow your seeds to God through this ministry, you're helping us take God's saving, healing, delivering power to people who might not hear about the Lord any other way.

We can't do it alone. That's why I thank God for the opportunity for us to do a good work for the Lord together. And I believe God wants you to receive a harvest on every soul that's saved, every body that's healed, and every hungry person who is fed. I want to thank you for all that you do, and I pray for God to bless and reward you as you continue helping us take the life-transforming message of the Gospel to nations around the world.

FACING PAGE TOP: Richard shares the love of God with a girl in London, England.

LOWER LEFT: Altar call at Paris Christian Center in Paris, France.

LOWER RIGHT: This woman in Aberdeen, Scotland, rejoices over her healing.





A Special Seed Reaps a Special Harvest

Recently, the Lord gave me an unusual word. He said that there is “something special about the number 100.” God impressed me to speak that word to our viewers watching *The Hour of Healing* and encourage them to sow a special seed of \$100 and believe for a miracle. The Bible teaches us according to Malachi 3:10–11, that when we are faithful to plant our seeds to God, He will open the windows of heaven and pour us out a blessing. Not only that, but He will rebuke the devourer of our seed—Satan—and make sure that we receive the harvest He has for us. When I shared the word the Lord had given me about the number 100, immediately people began to respond by sowing their seeds to the Lord with joy. Now we are receiving miracle testimonies to confirm His Word. —RR

An Overnight Miracle

A dispute with a business arose over a refund I was due of \$1,000. My refund was denied, and I didn’t know where to turn. I called the *Abundant Life Prayer Group* and sowed a \$100 seed on January 7, just as Richard suggested.

The next day, I attempted once more to resolve the dispute with the company. This time, however, the woman who answered the phone said she would be glad to give my money back! It was an overnight miracle!

Brenda from South Carolina

God is faithful! My sister was discharged...cancer-free!

God Gave Me Seed to Sow

The holidays came, and I was in financial straits—about to be evicted from my home! While watching *The Hour of Healing*, I heard Richard invite those of us watching in Canada to sow a seed for our miracle. I felt like he was speaking directly to me.

My heart’s desire was to give, and I even felt the Lord leading me to give \$120. I just didn’t have it! I prayed that the Lord would give me seed to sow, and trusted Him to take care of the rest.

The very next day, someone gave me an envelope containing \$6,000! I was able to keep my home, sow my \$120 seed, and begin supporting the ministry monthly!

Annette from Canada

A Seed-Faith Healing

I planted my first sacrificial \$100 seed before Christmas, with a prayer request for my sister who’d been diagnosed with lung cancer. Just before New Year’s Day, she learned that the cancer had spread throughout her body. The doctor suggested she start making her final arrangements, but we held on in faith for a miracle. God is faithful...my sister was discharged from the hospital after the New Year...cancer-free!

Shirley from Idaho

Blessed with a Computer

I answered the call to plant a Seed-Faith gift into Oral Roberts Ministries of \$100. Imagine my surprise when just a few days later I was blessed with a laptop computer!

William from Pennsylvania

Cancer in Remission

My young friend Nolan was diagnosed with cancer a couple of months ago. After hearing Richard speak about planting a special \$100 seed to the Lord on *The Hour of Healing*, I called the *Abundant Life Prayer Group* for prayer and planted a seed out of my need.

Good news! I just received word that my little friend’s cancer is now in remission!

Elianna from Canada

Double Blessing

While watching *The Hour of Healing* one night, I heard Richard invite the Partners to sow a \$100 miracle seed and start expecting a harvest of miracles. I did just as he said, but never realized I would get a double blessing. Within 24 hours, I received an unexpected check for \$554! Seven days later, I received another unexpected check...this time for \$3,465!

Rick from California

Please share your story with us by calling the *Abundant Life Prayer Group* at 918-495-7777 or e-mailing us at prayer@orm.cc.



FINDING *the* WAY OUT OF TROUBLE

BY LINDSAY ROBERTS

We all face storms in life. But in hard times, God provides us with a way through the storm!

Life is filled with challenges. At times, we all experience difficulties and storms. In Hebrews 12:2, we learn that even Jesus had to endure the cross to reach the joy that was set before Him.

So, we shouldn't be surprised to find ourselves enduring a hard season in life. But we shouldn't give up either, because with God's help, we can arrive safely on the other side of trouble.

One man who learned how to successfully make it through a storm is Job. The Bible says Job was a righteous, godly man. God loved him. Yet a time came when Job found himself in very hard circumstances, and he lost everything he had. Job made it through his storm, and that means we can too! I believe that if we find ourselves in the sort of mess Job was in, we can do what he did to get out of it.

Slam the door on fear

When hard times hit, Job said, "The thing that I have greatly *feared* has come upon me." Fear is the opposite of faith. It focuses on the negative, instead of trusting in the promises in the Bible.

As Job found out, when we dwell on negative thoughts instead of God's Word, we can actually open the door to fear. And if we let in fear, we can also let in Satan, who is watching for opportunities to steal, kill, and destroy.

I want you to know that if you've been living in fear, according to the Bible, you don't have to stay there. You can change your fear to faith right now. Remember that no matter what you're going through, God loves you! So don't beat yourself up for being afraid or making mistakes. Confess your fear and your mistakes to God and repent. According to 1 John 1:9, God will be faithful and forgive you.

Evaluate your words

When we're hurting, we may find ourselves saying, "God, where are You? Why have You deserted me? What have I done to deserve this?" But such negative talk can make us captive to our own words.

Job faced great discouragement, but his complaints didn't solve his problems—and complaining probably won't help us either. When we're in trouble, we need to evaluate what we're saying and clothe our words with God's Word.

We can say what God says. Instead of saying, "I feel like I'm going under," we can say, "I believe God. I trust God. The joy of the Lord is my strength." Consider switching from talking hate, bitterness, confusion, and doubt, to speaking God's Word.

If you've been saying the wrong things, stop right now. Change what you're saying about yourself and your situation, and line your words up with the Bible.

Don't give up hope

In hard times, we may feel tempted to give up hope. Things got so bad for Job that even his own wife said,

"Curse God and die. You're so far down, you don't have a chance."

Job could have agreed with her, but instead, he chose to maintain his attitude of faith. He said, "Sorry, I will not curse God. I'm not giving up. I'll love and serve God, no matter what." Job refused to quit. He continued to trust God until his situation turned around.

If you're going through a hard time right now, don't give up! ***You may think you've lost everything, but if you haven't lost God, then you haven't lost everything.*** With God, there is always hope and a way out of trouble.

Prayer and forgiveness set you free

Job's troubles were made worse by his friends, who criticized him rather than helping him. These friends hurt Job badly. As a result, he let his hurt feelings dominate him, making himself captive to the pain.

We expect our enemies to treat us badly, but when it's our friends who hurt us, the wound can be deep. However, the Bible gives us the solution for dealing with hurt feelings. Matthew 5:44 tells us to pray for those who hurt us...not just our enemies, but friends too.

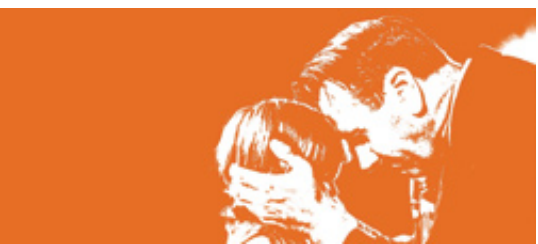
Job 42:10 NKJV says, *And the Lord restored Job's losses when he prayed for his friends. Indeed the Lord gave Job twice as much as he had before.* Although it may be hard to pray for friends who have hurt us, Job's experience shows us that prayer can set us free and bring us restoration.

I encourage you today to pray for those who have hurt you, no matter who they are. According to Acts 10:34, God is no respecter of persons, so we can ask Him to do for us what He did for Job. We can ask God to restore our losses, as He did for Job.

So today, no matter what you're going through, I pray you don't give up hope. Don't dwell in fear or hurt. Don't speak discouragement. But instead, reach out to God—*Who loves you*—and give your situation to Him. Trust Him, and allow Him to bring you safely through the storm in your life. I believe God is just the One that can do it.

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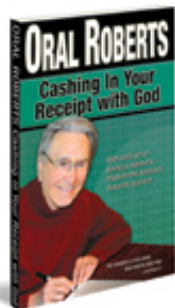




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Cashing In Your Receipt with God

by Oral Roberts

Did you know that every seed of faith you've ever planted has been deposited in a heavenly account with your name on it? Just as you would receive a corresponding "receipt" from a bank here on earth when you make a deposit, you are the holder of a heavenly receipt with God. In this book, Oral shows you how you can tap into your heavenly account with God any time by your faith.

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Whither Thou Goest

by Evelyn Roberts

In this encouraging book, Evelyn shared memories of the first time she met Oral, their Christmas Day wedding, and the early days of their miracle ministry. The stories Evelyn tells of their life together can help you discover God's plans for your life!

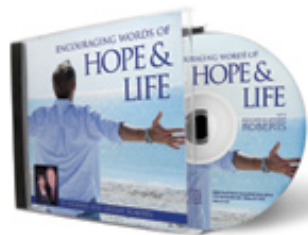
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Children's Word Pack

The Children's Word Pack includes three books by Lindsay Roberts: *The ABC's of Faith*, volumes 1 and 2, and *God's Champions*. These exciting, colorful children's books can help the children in your life see themselves the way God sees them, and encourage them to become all that God wants them to be.

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Encouraging Words of Hope and Life

by Richard and Lindsay Roberts

Romans 10:17 tells us that faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word. That's why Richard and Lindsay Roberts have put together this powerful CD of Scriptures called *Encouraging Words of Hope and Life*. As you listen over and over to God's own words about how much He loves you and who He says you are in Him, you can keep your spirit built up and your faith strong to receive the miracles you need.

CD \$7 Add To Cart



Anointing Oil

James 5:14 says, *Is any sick among you? Let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. You can let this vial of anointing oil can be your point of contact to release your faith to God for the miracles you need in your life.*

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I'M FILLED WITH JOY!

I'd been praying for some time to be filled with the joy of the Lord—I really needed help. I received Richard's book *When It Seems All Hope Is Gone* and began reading it right away. By the time I was halfway through it, I started laughing uncontrollably—filled with the joy of the Lord! I am praising God for this wonderful answer to prayer.

—Thomas from Idaho

LINDSAY'S BOOK HELPED ME RELEASE THE PAST

Lindsay, I just finished your book, *A Cry for Miracles*. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for sharing this with the body of Christ. As I read through the pages, I cried with you and rejoiced with you. It was so down to earth and real—just what I needed. The Lord has used this book to confirm many things He's been saying to me, especially regarding the grace to release the past. Please know that you have touched many lives, and I thank God for you.

—Beverly by e-mail

YOU REMINDED ME OF GOD'S UNCONDITIONAL LOVE

I want to say that the prayer warriors of the *Abundant Life Prayer Group* and all of the people at Oral Roberts Ministries are wonderful. I had been feeling a little bit down when I read a devotional from *Your Daily Guide to Miracles*. While I was reading it, I was touched in my spirit by the message of God's unconditional love. I'm learning to base everything else I know off of this one truth—God loves me more than I can imagine. When I think about things from that perspective, then fear starts to vanish. My prayers go out to you all. Stay charged up in faith and God bless.

—Joshua by e-mail

I WAS HEALED THROUGH WORSHIP

My leg and hip were hurting so badly that all I could do was lie on the sofa. I turned on *The Hour of Healing* just in time to hear the ORU singers worshipping the Lord. As the music filled my living room, I began to experience a tingling all over my body like I'd never felt before. As the presence of the Lord was ministering to me, I felt all the pain leave! When I awakened the next morning, I was still completely free of all pain. I am so thankful for the anointing of the Lord ministering through the singers as they worshipped Him.

—Layla from Florida

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The Wright Stuff



Homeless and with his life in a huge mess of his own making, **Fox News Network's Kelly Wright** found his way back to his mother's home and the Truth he'd learned as a child.

"You can always go home!"

I will never forget the day God spoke those words to my heart. At the time, I had been reduced to peddling leather goods on the streets of Atlanta, Georgia. My life was a mess, but it hadn't always been that way.

I had started out with a bright future ahead of me. After attending Oral Roberts University, I joined the U.S. Army. While in the military, I had opportunities to work in radio and television journalism, a career I aspired to. Naturally, I thought my life was going to be great.

Unfortunately, I made some mistakes and went through some hard times. Eventually, I couldn't deal with my problems, and I ended up as a prodigal, running from the Lord.

During that time of my life, I didn't entirely forget about God, and I often thought about an ORU chapel service in which Oral Roberts said, "Roses will bloom again." (See *Oral's classic message* on pages 16-17.) I wanted the roses of my life to bloom again, but I believed I couldn't start over until I cleaned up the messes I had made.

Only God can clean up your messes

Proverbs 14:12 says that there is a way that seems right to man, but leads to folly. Although I didn't realize it, I was operating under my own wisdom instead of the Lord's wisdom. As a result, I plummeted from being a college-educated army sergeant to being a homeless, destitute street peddler.

I remember asking myself, "Why can't I get my act together?" I wanted to clean up my life, but I didn't know where to begin.

One day around Christmastime, I started thinking about my mother's house. Her home was wonderful, especially during the holidays. You would walk in, see the decorated trees and the holly, smell the fragrance of Christmas, and hear my mother singing carols. Christmas at my mother's house was special to me.

As I thought about home, God suddenly said to me, "You know, Kelly, you can always go home."

Up until then, I had been living a life of folly. But I decided to listen to God. I packed my bags and went to my mother's house. Honestly, my hopes were pretty low. I expected my mother to be disappointed

and critical of me. But when I came to her door, she simply opened her arms wide and said, "Welcome home."

I melted inside, and I suddenly realized that I had been looking for relevance in places where I couldn't find it. I had tried to find answers within myself and in other people, but I couldn't find the answers I needed.

Finally, I saw the truth about my life: I was a failure. I couldn't clean up my mess. But God could!

That day, I got down on my knees in my mother's den and gave everything to God, so that He could teach and mold me.

There's power in coming home to God

Since then, God has completely turned my life around. It wasn't long before I met the woman who would become my wife. We were married in six months. Soon after that, I began working for *The 700 Club*. Then I started working for stations in Washington, D.C., and Raleigh, North Carolina. Doors have opened to me, but not because of who I am. My success has come through God and His faithfulness.

During my trials and tribulations, my ups and downs, God has been there in the midst of my life. I wouldn't be sharing my testimony today were it not for God, who in His love said to me, "I will never leave you nor forsake you. I am with you, Kelly."

It's because He is with me that I am now working at Fox News. The essential ingredient of my turnaround and my career is my faith in God. The Lord has been behind my career my entire life, providing opportunities from unheard-of places. Journalism has been a calling for me, and God has ordered my steps to where I am today.



A Closer Look at Kelly Wright

An alumnus of Oral Roberts University, Kelly Wright is an internationally recognized journalist, the co-anchor of *Fox & Friends Weekend*, and a general assignment correspondent for the Fox News Network. His past accomplishments include reporting for *The 700 Club* and other television and radio programs in Norfolk, Raleigh, and New York City. He began his journalism career in 1977 while serving in the U.S. Army, and has since won several awards, including two local Emmys for a documentary and news series on the transatlantic slave trade.

Kelly also has been singing professionally since he was thirteen. While at Oral Roberts University, he was a member of the Souls A'Fire choir. He is a popular singer and speaker at churches and other Christian events.

For more information on Kelly Wright, log on to www.kellywrightmusic.com.

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A CLASSIC
MESSAGE BY
ORAL ROBERTS

Roses *Will* Bloom Again



When you feel like you're walking through a dry desert with no end in sight, just remember, with God, there's always hope for a new beginning.

Many years ago, Evelyn and I were driving across the deserts of the southwestern United States. We stopped our car and walked out into that barren waste. And for the first time, I saw the desert rose. I wondered then how it could grow out of that hard-packed earth. Isaiah 35:1 KJV came to me where God said *the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose*. And then I remembered that it takes God to put the bloom in the rose. But more than that, it takes God to change the desert of our lives.

One day, a pastor was visiting a man named Richard Smith. Richard's joints were swollen and he was in terrible pain. A tremendous doctor who was skilled in the condition he suffered from came and worked with him week after week. But there came a day when it appeared he wouldn't get well. A terrible bitterness had

risen up in the man's heart. He had become so pain-racked and so miserable, that not only was he sick in his body but he had become sick in his spirit too.

The pastor said, "I came in to see him and he didn't look at me...he didn't speak...he didn't smile. I walked over to the bed, and there he was, drawn up in a knot."

About that time the doctor came in and gave him a shot. He examined the swollen elbows and knees. He said, "Richard, you're a sick man. But I've been thinking about you and all the good things you've done with your life. I've got some good news. I have a new prescription that I believe can turn your life around. You're going to be amazed by its results."

He said, "Do you have it?"

"Yes."

"Please, give it to me."

The doctor said, "Well, this is it, Richard:

"*Cheer up, roses will bloom again.*" Smiling, he closed his bag and left the room.

About that time, the man's nurse came in. Wiping tears from her eyes, she'd been just about to give up on the sick man when she took another look at him lying on the bed. Suddenly something began to happen. He began to open his hands...to move his swollen joints. He began to inch his way over to the side of the bed. After a while, he was able to put his feet on the floor. He began to push himself up, all the way up, until he stood haltingly on his feet. Soon he got his balance and he looked around and saw the nurse. He smiled and said, "Nurse, cheer up, *roses are going to bloom again!*"

As the pastor drove away, he was exhilarated. On his way home, he decided to visit a young couple whose child had been buried a few days before. When he arrived, the wife sat staring vacantly into space. As the pastor came in, she said, without lifting her head, "Pastor, do you believe in personal immortality?"

He said, "Yes, I believe in the resurrection of the dead to the Lord Jesus Christ. I believe that someday God will raise the dead."

She said, "Will you please explain that a little more?"

"Well," he said, "in terms of the passing of your little child—yes, your child will live again. But more than that, the resurrection means there are a series of resurrections in the here and now. Many resurrections are going to happen to you and your husband from time to time."

And then he said to me, "Oral, when I said that, the wife still had her head down. As I sat there looking at her, I just smiled. I felt the joy of what I was saying

and I smiled. I smiled until she looked up as if to say, 'Well, what is there to smile about?' And I said, 'My dear, *roses will bloom again.*' And I left."

Several days later, the pastor was retracing his rounds and he came back to Richard Smith's house. Richard was no longer in bed, and he no longer needed a nurse. In fact, he was out in the yard doing some light work. *Roses were blooming again.*

Then the pastor decided that he would stop by the couple's house and see how they were. When he came in, they were there to meet him. They said, "Pastor, how do you think the people will feel at church Sunday when we come back to the services?"

He said, "They'll feel great because they've been very concerned about you."

And the young mother said, "Look for us, because *roses are blooming again.*"

WHAT THIS CAN MEAN FOR YOU

What is God trying to say to you and me through this story? I think He's saying that He's not through with our lives. You may have lost a loved one. You may have something terribly wrong in your body. You may need something you feel is beyond your power to grasp. But I say to you...

Cheer up! Because of Jesus, *roses will bloom again!*

God is alive. He's closer to you than your breath, and He can make the roses bloom again in the desert of *your* life. Believe it, my friend, and reach out for the miracle you need, in Jesus' mighty name.

(Editor's Note: For more encouraging words from God's Word, see Bookstore ad on page 12 for Richard and Lindsay Roberts' new CD **Encouraging Words of Hope and Life.**)



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Taking the Savior to El Salvador

Picture this: Mountainous terrain dotted with valleys, plateaus, and volcanoes. Semitropical plants lining coastal land along the Pacific Ocean. Mayan ruins. Precious men, women, and children needing to know Jesus Christ and His saving, healing, delivering power, as His Gospel is preached with power and a practical demonstration of God's love.

With a name that honors the Son of God, El Salvador (literally, “The Savior” in Spanish) seems destined for great things. And on June 6–7, 2008, Oral Roberts Ministries will play a part in God's plans for El Salvador, when Richard Roberts conducts a two-night Miracle Healing Rally, and holds a special service to pray with and minister to pastors from across the nation.

Richard's decision to go to El Salvador was birthed in the 1980s, when God spoke to him about ministering in 40 nations throughout the world—including Central America, where El Salvador is located. God also instructed Richard to expect doors of ministry to be opened through presidents and other governmental leaders. So when ORU graduate theology student and TV Singer Adrian Compton talked to Richard about the possibility of a Healing Rally being held in El Salvador, Richard said, “My heart's desire has been to talk with the president of El Salvador and tell him what's on my heart.” And God began to move.

In addition to his studies and other responsibilities, Adrian had been traveling to El Salvador for the past

12 years, helping to establish Christian schools and orphanages, and seeing the needs of the people firsthand. The idea of Richard Roberts bringing the power of God there through Miracle Healing Rallies and other outreaches energized Adrian's faith.

Miracle doors open

“I pulled out all the stops and prayed,” he said. God answered in a miraculous way! Just as Richard had asked and Adrian had prayed, a door opened up for Richard to meet with Elias Antonio Saca, the president of El Salvador.

During their meeting, the two men discussed the current situation in El Salvador and the country's future. President Saca revealed his enthusiasm for the two-day crusade, which he believes is needed in their nation.

According to President Saca, the Oral Roberts name crosses denominational lines and could bring churches together to make a significant impact for God's kingdom. Determined to see God move in his nation, the president offered Richard the use of the National Stadium in San Salvador for his Healing Rallies. The

PROFILE OF EL SALVADOR

Capital: San Salvador

Population: 6.2 million

Area: 8,400 sq. mi. (about the size of Massachusetts)

Official language: Spanish

Government type: Democratic Republic

Religion: 52% Roman Catholic, with significant and growing numbers of Protestant groups

Principal exports: Textiles and apparel, coffee, sugar, medicines, iron, steel, tuna, shrimp

stadium was offered free of charge. He also pledged his full support to helping the Oral Roberts Ministries team in whatever way possible.

Preceding the June Healing Rallies, Richard will travel to El Salvador in April to host a *live* Prayer and Healing service over local Christian television. Last year while in Costa Rica, Richard saw tremendous reports of salvations and healings from a similar broadcast in that country.

As God is no respecter of persons (Acts 10:34), they expect the broadcast in El Salvador to have a similar impact in people's lives. Richard says, “I ask our Partners to pray with us for people's hearts to begin to be tenderized by the miracle-working power of God through this live service, and for them to be drawn back to our Miracle Healing Rallies when I return in June.”

A passion to see people healed

After his visit with and personal ministry to President Saca, and a brief encounter with an ORU alumnus who works as an advisor in the vice president's office, Richard was able to minister to others, as well. “I was coming out of the office of the president,” he shared, “and there were people waiting for prayer—two of the secretaries, and one who had lost a child. I'm never too busy to stop and pray when someone needs prayer!”

It is that passion to see people saved, healed, and delivered that Richard and his team will take to El Salvador in June, where the power of God will be poured out on that nation—for God's glory!



Help Us Reach El Salvador!

The greatest need anyone has is the need for the Savior, Jesus Christ. But Oral Roberts Ministries doesn't stop there. We're committed to meeting the needs of *the whole person*—spirit, soul, and body. This June, as Richard travels to the nation of El Salvador, he will take medical and dental personnel with him, along with a team from our humanitarian organization *Hunger Needs a Voice* to help feed the hungry and malnourished.

As a friend of the Oral Roberts Ministries, you can be a part of every life we touch. We want you to know that *we need you!* We can't reach our world with the saving, healing, delivering power of God without your help. We believe the difference you make in helping us go to El Salvador can make all the difference.

Here's what you can do:

1. Pray!

Please believe God with us for the people of El Salvador to be saved and healed. Pray that many will be touched through Richard's live television healing service in April, and that the June meetings will be filled to overflowing. Ask God to prepare the hearts of the people to receive the Good News with gladness.

2. Help us financially!

Please help us take a full supply of humanitarian provisions. This includes medicine and other medical supplies, as well as nutritious meals for the hungry and malnourished. We'll bring as many supplies as we can afford, so every donation we receive will make a huge difference to the people of El Salvador. Whatever seeds you plant will be greatly appreciated...and according to Luke 6:38, God can multiply them for His kingdom.

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Richard meeting with the president of El Salvador.



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This Is a Test

BY TIM ELMORE

If you're going to be a person of influence, you'll face tests on a regular basis. But never fear—God wants you to pass each test you encounter!

When I took Spanish in college, my instructor gave my class a quiz every week. As she handed out each quiz, she always said, “I don’t really want to give you this test, but it’s the only way we’ll know if you’re ready for next semester.”

Life is like that—it presents itself to us as one long series of tests. Sometimes we face trials simply because that’s the nature of the world. Sometimes we face temptations, which the enemy throws at us to trip us up.

But there are also times that tests are presented to us by God Almighty. A God-given test is simply *an opportunity that challenges you to prove your potential and maturity*. Tests reveal where we are at, what we know, and how we need to grow. When God tests us, it is

for the same reason my Spanish instructor gave quizzes...to see if we’re ready to move up to the next level of His plan for us.

Abraham’s big test

In Genesis 22, God presented Abraham with the ultimate test for a dad. Abraham had previously decided to follow God, even though he didn’t know where God was leading him. Genesis 22:1 NIV tells us, *Some time later God tested Abraham*. This test was a chance for Abraham to prove his willingness to follow God.

God instructed Abraham to sacrifice his only son, Isaac. Abraham may not have understood the request, but he took Isaac up to the place of sacrifice. He built an altar, set Isaac on it, and prepared to slay his son.

Then (in verse 12) the angel of the Lord called out to him, saying, “Do not lay a hand on the boy...Now I know that you fear God, because you have not withheld from me your son, your only son.”

Of course, God knows everything, so He must have known what was in Abraham’s heart. But the test gave Abraham a chance to demonstrate what was already inside him. Abraham *said* he was willing to obey God. But eventually he had to *show* it.

We also will have times when God tests us to see what we’re made of. We can say all day long, “I love You, God. I’ll give You whatever You ask. I’ll go wherever You want me to go.” But at some point, God will respond, “Will you? Let me allow you to demonstrate that.” That’s when the test will come, and it will reveal whether we really mean what we have said to Him.

The good news is that God’s not only our examiner; He’s our cheerleader too. He *wants* us to pass our exam so He can promote us. Just as a product is never used until it’s tested, so it is with us. If we will faithfully execute what God has given us to do now, He will move us up to new levels in due time.

The Bible is full of tests

The Bible reveals many types of tests we can face. One is what I call *the test of small things*, found in Ephesians 5:16 and Luke 16:10. This test proves whether we will faithfully do the little thing when we’d like to move on to the bigger thing. It’s important for us to do the small things, even when they’re not glamorous or glorious.

Another test that comes our way is *the motivation test*, seen in Job 1:9–11 and Matthew 6:5–6. It reveals the reason we’re doing the things we’re doing. We need to do the right thing for the right reason, because our motivations ultimately determine what we choose to do. If our motives are wrong, we’ll eventually do the wrong thing.

First Samuel 16:7 and Galatians 2:11–14 are examples of what I call *the credibility test*, which reveals our integrity and allows us to prove we won’t compromise our ethics when under pressure. In other words, we may know what we believe. But in a time of pressure, will we stay with our beliefs, or will we compromise them?

The granddaddy of all the tests in the Bible is *the Lordship test*. It happens in situations when we find it very difficult to obey God, and it reveals what or who has the final authority in our lives.

Luke 5:4–7 is a great example of the Lordship test. Jesus told Peter to let out his nets for a catch of fish. Fishing was Peter’s strength. He knew where and when to lower the nets, and he could have said, “Listen, Jesus, I don’t think You know what You’re talking about.” But instead he obeyed Jesus, and he ended up with a great catch. Jesus won—and so did Peter!

Ultimately, I believe that every person who wants to make a difference in this world will experience tests. In fact, you may be experiencing a test right now. Don’t fear! Just remember—this process is normal. Be faithful to God, obey Him, and trust Him to help you, so that you can pass every test you encounter.

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It's a *Miracle!*



And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony.

— Revelation 12:11 NKJV

God put my life back together

All around me, my life seemed to be falling apart. I fell in my walk with the Lord, a personal relationship that had meant so much to me was cut off, and then I lost my job. Finally, I sank into a deep depression.

I didn't know where to turn for help, until I remembered the *Abundant Life Prayer Group*. I called for prayer and also mailed in a prayer request for God's restoration—spiritually, emotionally, and relationally.

I'm forgiven, the depression is gone, I've got a new job, and I can see His hand at work in the relationship I had lost. God is still in the miracle-working business!

Gary from Alabama

Our grandson can hear!

Our precious grandson came into the world unable to hear in one ear. The audiologist said he'd always need a hearing aid—test after test confirmed the diagnosis.

I began calling the *Abundant Life Prayer Group* to agree with me in prayer, and I requested a prayer cloth.* Each night his mother laid him down to sleep with the prayer cloth beneath his head as a point of contact. For 10 months, I called the prayer line and believed my grandson would be healed.

God has rewarded our faithful prayers. My grandson's last hearing test showed *no* hearing loss! The doctor said he is completely healed!

Sylvia from Virginia

(*To request a free prayer cloth, [click here.](#))

Leukemia healed through a little boy's faith

My son Billy was 13 years old and suffering with leukemia—an almost certain death sentence in the 1950s. One day he was watching Oral Roberts on the TV and saw him praying for children with polio. He said to me, "Mother, if you'll write to Oral Roberts and let him pray for me, I believe the Lord will heal me." So, I wrote that letter and sent it with all the faith of that one little boy.

I received a letter back from Oral saying he was praying and believing for my son's healing. I took Billy back to the doctor to confirm what the Lord was doing. When the doctor checked him out, he said he couldn't find the leukemia anymore! He didn't know what happened, but my boy was fine. I told him what had happened—God had healed him. My son is now in his 60s and serving God with all his heart.

Ann from Georgia

Prayer broke the chains of pain

For several years, I'd suffered with back pain. I felt chained to my home because of the pain. I was watching *The Hour of Healing* one night when I heard Richard praying for people with back problems. As he prayed, I stood in front of the TV and raised my hands. Suddenly, I felt a jerk in my back. All of the pain suddenly melted away, and I've had no more back problems since that day!

Jackie from Arkansas

Our teenager no longer needs insulin

When my 15-year-old son was diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes, he was immediately put on four insulin shots a day to try to control his blood sugar! I called my family, my church, and the *Abundant Life Prayer Group* to pray for his healing.

Over the next four months, my son and I often called the prayer line for prayer and encouragement.

We monitored his blood sugar closely and soon began to see improvement...so much so that we returned to the doctor to confirm his healing.

The doctor couldn't believe what we told him. After running more tests, he determined my son only had a few remaining antibodies in his system—then took him off *all* the insulin shots!

Janice from North Carolina

My liver is back to normal

Constant pain on my right side sent me to the doctor in search of an explanation. After the exam, he told me I had an enlarged liver. My blood work showed that Hepatitis C was the culprit.

I called the *Abundant Life Prayer Group*, and while I waited for prayer, I listened to the recording of Richard reading Scriptures. I was so encouraged that I set my faith in agreement with him and then the Prayer Partner. Immediately, I felt the pain leave my side!

I returned to the doctor for another exam and ultrasound. Both came back negative, but he decided to do a biopsy to be sure. I called the prayer line once again, believing for a good report. Once more God answered my prayer, and all my tests came out clear. I praise God for His wonderful healing!

Sylvia from Florida

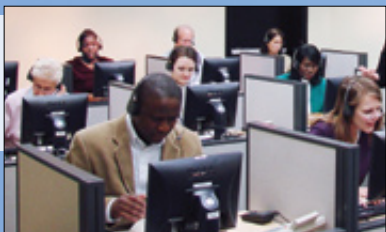
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