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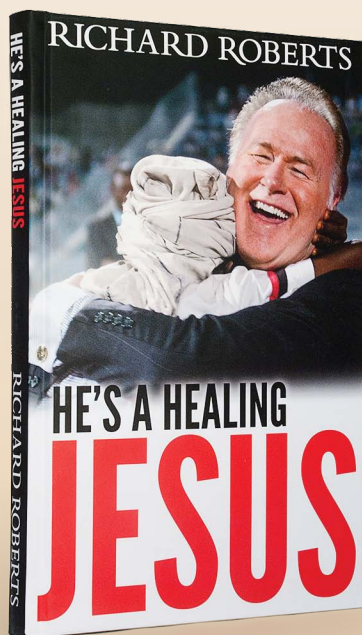
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*Richard Roberts*



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*This is the time...this is the hour...*

## “THIS IS THE MOMENT FOR MIRACLES!”

People had waited for weeks to come to the first Richard Roberts Healing Service on June 4. Some came from Tulsa and the surrounding areas, but many drove across the country—from as far away as Pennsylvania and Florida—to be here. Many had planted seeds of faith to help Richard get the auditorium outfitted with the necessary equipment. And in return, they were believing God for a harvest of healing that evening for themselves or someone they love.

The service began with Jordan Roberts, Adrian Compton, and the



Richard with special guests: the Swallows, Hank and Brenda Kunneman, and Kate McVeigh

ORM Singers leading a sweet time of praising and worshipping God for what He had already done and was getting ready to do next.

### Decreeing and Declaring the Purposes of God

Several special guests felt led of the Lord to be present at this first service, to lend their faith and their support to the new arena of ministry that Richard and Lindsay were launching into.

Pastor Jay Swallow, who had been instrumental in helping Richard minister to the Crow Indian nation recently, prophesied that “the shift we have been forecasting for the last 50 years is beginning tonight.” Kate McVeigh shared that “God put a mandate for miracles” on this service and declared it a “launching pad. I’m grateful to be a part of this.”

Kate also shared a testimony of how Richard and Lindsay prayed

for her dad after a life-threatening heart attack. Her dad was healed in an unusually quick manner, and she encouraged those getting ready for healing prayer to “expect an unusual harvest tonight...unusually fast.”

Dr. Frank Hultgren called in live from Australia to pray and thank God for opening the windows of Heaven for healing...a work that would go around the world through Richard and Lindsay.

Pastors Hank and Brenda Kunneman prophesied that God had placed a weapon in Richard’s hands...“the healing anointing, the double anointing, for the city of Tulsa and for this nation...” This healing work of God will be brought forth through Richard’s mantle and ministry.

Then God’s Word was preached with power and anointing. To “plow the ground” and get it ready for an explosion of miracles, Lindsay shared how God had instructed her to minister to “letters” and to preach on “ADHD—Addictions, Discouragement, Hopelessness, and Devastation. Needs that aren’t very glamorous,” she stated. “But if we want to get the body healed, sometimes we have to get the soul healed first.”

Lindsay encouraged those dealing with any of those areas to rely on the truth of God’s Word for their hope and their healing.

### Identifying the “Real Jesus”

Richard began his message by explaining that many people know *about* Jesus, without knowing the *real* Jesus. The real Jesus, Richard shared, is revealed in Matthew 14:14, which says, *Jesus went forth, and saw a great multitude,*



Lindsay laid hands on people suffering from tumors and other sicknesses.

*and was moved with compassion toward them, and he healed their sick.*

“Jesus was always moving in a forward direction and being stopped by people with needs,” Richard shared. It is said that two-thirds of his ministry was spent in healing people who came to him.

“Jesus sees great crowds of people; but more importantly, Jesus sees you... as an individual with individual needs. He is moved with compassion—or that irresistible urge to rid a person of what’s tormenting them.

“And right now, I believe Jesus is moved with compassion toward you. He knows who you are. He knows where you live. He knows what you’ve been going through and what you’re facing right now. And tonight, it’s all about you and Him.

“Lindsay and I are just instruments tonight to help you receive your mira-



Jordan Roberts and Adrian Compton lead the crowd in worship.



This woman testified that she regained the feeling in her foot as well as healing in her back.



Many people shared that their backs felt better after Richard prayed.



A woman who came walking with a cane showed the crowd she could now walk.



"The arthritis in my knees is healed," this partner declared.

cle. Let our words be a point of contact for your healing. Reach out with your faith to receive. *Your* faith is important; don't expect God to do it all. He needs you to do your part.

***"This is the time...this is the hour... this is the moment for miracles!"***

### With Those Words, the Healing Service Took Off!

Richard and Lindsay began by having people stand who had any kind of tumors, and then come forward to the front of the auditorium for prayer. Lindsay emphasized the need for "collective faith." She also said that this was an "interactive service"...that it was important for those in the audience to pray one for another, as James 5:16 instructs, "that *you* may be healed."

"These are your brothers and sisters in Christ," she explained. "When one rejoices, we all rejoice. But when one suffers, we all suffer. Right now, some of your 'relatives' are dealing with tumors and other problems. Pray for them, and I believe God can not only heal them but He can bring the healing back to you."

As people filed down to the front, Richard and Lindsay began praying and laying hands on each person, calling out more needs and sometimes having words of knowledge or prophecy, as the Holy Spirit led them to do.

### Many Received the Healing They Came For

After prayer, one woman shared enthusiastically, "I had numbness in my back from a pinched nerve. The numbness is gone...completely gone!" Another woman who walked in with

a cane, but no longer needed it, told Richard, "My hip was broken. I had surgery twice. My hip is much better now. I know I can finally walk outside now, which I couldn't do before."

As the testimonies continued, a woman in a pretty red-flowered blouse declared, "I had arthritis in both knees really bad and could hardly walk for some time. My knees are well now. God healed one of them a month ago and He healed the other one tonight!"

Richard had met a Partner earlier in the day who told him she had come to get her healing, and that she had waited for a service like this one for years.

"I had major back surgery on April 3," she said, "and lost the feeling in my legs and foot. When you prayed, I got the feeling back in my foot. I had many bulging disks and I know they're healed. I felt it when God touched them. My back is fine now. I have many other problems and some doctors won't even touch me. But God touched me tonight!"

After returning home, one woman from Arkansas called the ALPG and reported, "My mother-in-law had breathing problems and problems with her lungs. She has just come from a smoke-filled room and didn't have any trouble breathing whatsoever. Usually, she can't be in a smoky room for even a second without choking up!" Not only was the caller's mother-in-law healed, but her husband's back and her daughter's stomach problems had also been healed. "Praise God for all the healings," she shared. "I feel like we all had total body healings. It was such an honor and blessing to be at that service."

Toward the end of the service, Lindsay felt led to pray for all who looked like they were doing okay on the outside, but "in reality are going through hellacious experiences." Many people responded to that call for prayer and found deliverance and peace of mind through the blood of Jesus.

Before the service ended, Richard invited all those who wanted hands laid on them and had not yet been prayed for to come forward. As promised, he personally prayed for everyone. "Some healings take time," Richard shared, "but when they come—My are they sweet!" 🙏



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*We serve a good God! And He is no respecter of persons. What He has done for these partners of our ministry, He can do for you!*

### Continued Giving After Job Loss Results in Financial Miracles

One of my jobs ended and my budget wasn't recovering quickly. Still, I continued to trust God to provide for me. I prayed with the Abundant Life Prayer Group for a financial turnaround. And I continued to sow my seed unto the Lord, no matter how uncertain my situation appeared.

One Sunday when I was feeling discouraged, a fellow churchgoer unexpectedly handed me an envelope containing a cashier's check for \$2,500. I was amazed!

A few days later, I received a job offer that increased my monthly income

by \$300. Also, the job that had previously ended for me opened up again, and my employer brought me back. Now I have all the work I need. I received a financial miracle from the Lord!

—Sandra from California

### No Cancer in My Body!

Not long ago, I received terrible news. I had a tumor on my lung. I was terrified! I prayed like I have never prayed before. I also called the Abundant Life Prayer Group to agree in prayer for healing.

A few nights later, I was watching *The Place for Miracles*. As Richard Roberts prayed for people with lung cancer, I placed my hands on the

television as a point of contact to believe God for healing. I also sowed a seed-faith gift as another point of contact.

Soon, I had surgery to remove the tumor. As I headed to the hospital, I prayed again with the ALPG and my husband, Peter. I sensed the Lord speaking to my heart that He was holding me in His arms. I knew I would be fine.

When I awoke after surgery, the doctor told me he was able to remove the entire tumor. He was surprised that the cancer had not spread. He said I was a lucky girl and that somebody up there liked me. I answered, "Yes, it is Jesus!"

Recently, I had full body CT scans, and the oncologist confirmed that there is no longer any cancer in my body. As a result of what God has done, my family came to the Lord, my husband quit smoking, and my life was saved. God bless you from the bottom of my heart!

—Teresa from Hawaii

### The Vertigo Is Gone!

About five years ago, I started having dizzy spells. I was diagnosed with vertigo and put on medication, but I continued to have symptoms, including inner ear pain that grew worse as time went by.

Things changed when I received a vial of anointing oil from your ministry. I placed a small amount of oil on the outside of my ear. In just a few seconds, the sharp pain and awful pressure vanished. The vertigo is gone too. I thank the Lord!

—Stephen from West Virginia

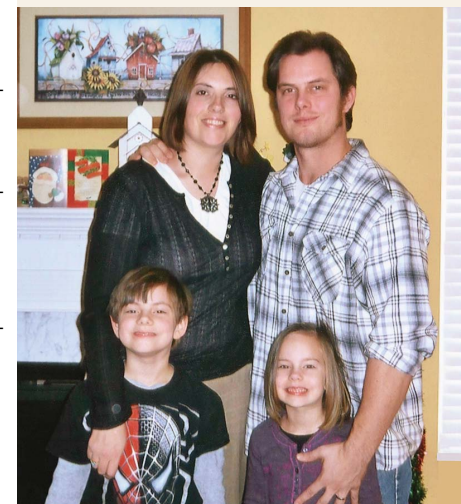
### My Son Is Healed

My son Andy woke up in terrible pain due to a stiff neck. The next day, he woke up even worse. His head was tilted sideways, he couldn't move his neck, and he had trouble eating and talking. We took him to the hospital, where tests revealed an abscess on the back of his throat that might require surgery. The doctors feared Andy might have a blood infection too.

My mother and I both called the Abundant Life Prayer Group and believed God for a miracle. Andy spent the night in ICU, but the next day, blood tests showed that he did not have a blood infection after all—just as we had prayed! When the doctor reexamined his throat, the abscess was healing, so there was no need to operate.

Andy was released from the hospital within a few days, and he is much better now. Thank you for all your prayers! God bless you!

—Amy from Indiana



Andy and his family



# God's Healing Power Transforms Lives in Ghana

Earlier this year, Richard Roberts had the privilege of sharing the message of the saving, healing, delivering Jesus with the people of Ghana.



Richard with the President of Ghana

President John Evans Atta Mills gave Richard's team a warm welcome and shared his appreciation for Richard's healing ministry.

"I know your visit is going to change many hearts," the president said. "It's going to have a remarkable effect on our people. May God continue to use you to glorify His holy name."

Richard addressed the president and an audience that included members of the military, government officials, and the press corps. "I praise God that Jesus Christ is Lord in this nation and I praise

God for the opportunity to meet with you today," he said.

Richard prayed that God would give President Mills wisdom through the Holy Spirit to meet the challenges that his nation is facing.

During his time in Ghana, Richard also participated in the Ghana for Christ crusade held in the capital city of Accra. For two nights, he preached to crowds numbering in the several thousands. Many people reported that they received healing during Richard's time of ministry. And many came forward to accept



Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior.

Thank you, Partners and friends, for helping us reach out to the people of Ghana. Through God's grace and healing power, many lives were transformed, as God was glorified in the process. ☺





# WRITING the NEW STORY of YOUR LIFE

BY LINDSAY ROBERTS



Anyone who watches television and hears reports about what certain movie stars are doing in their careers, has probably heard the expression that he or she is “re-inventing” himself or herself. The idea is that they are taking on a challenge to show how fresh and varied their talents are; that they’re not stuck in a “rut” of portraying just one kind of character, or acting in just one kind of storyline over and over again.

From time to time, all of us feel the need to have a chance to “start over”...to “re-invent” or “re-write” something about *our* lives.

The other day I was in a store in Tulsa, and as I was looking around I picked up what looked like a deck of playing cards...only the cards were blank. When I turned them over, there were no numbers on them. I thought

to myself, “Well, I can’t play solitaire with these!”

I started to lay the cards down. But as I did, I felt the Lord impressing me to pick them up and look at them again. “Wouldn’t it be nice,” the thought came to my mind, “if you could take your life, and everything you’re going through, and get a clean slate like these cards have...and just start over again?”

It made me think of the song Richard sings, called *You Can Start Over Again*. You can leave the past behind, it says, and have a brand new life.

But is it really possible to do that...to begin again and write the *new story* of our lives? It almost sounds too good to be true, doesn’t it?

But it *is* true! The good news of the Gospel is that God gives us that very opportunity every day...because as Lamentations 3:23 tells us, His mercies are *new every morning*.

*Behold, I will do a new thing*, God says in Isaiah 43:19, *Now it shall spring forth;*

*shall you not know it? I will even make a road in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.* So not only can we start over again, God will help us do it!

## What Is Our Part To Play?

I don’t believe God wants our lives to be stuck, or landlocked, or caught in a rut with no way out. In fact, He’s willing to help us change, as I’ve said. But how do we get there from where we are right now? What is the “transportation system,” so to speak, to transport us?

I believe the answer lies in Romans 12:2 NKJV, where the apostle Paul tells us, *Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.*

Paul is telling us not to be in harmony, or in agreement, with the practices of others, as people follow other people in this world’s system. But we are to let the Word of God transform us. Being transformed is more than just being changed superficially. It actually means that we can be “morphed,” or completely transformed from the inside out.

Think of a butterfly that goes through a metamorphosis that changes it from one way of existing into something completely different. That’s what Paul says that the Word of God can do in our lives if we allow it to. And that’s not accomplished by copying other

people. God wants us to think like Him, to act like Him, and to become like Him, as we allow His Word to transform us.

## The Way Out


Let me ask you a question. Are you stuck in a rut in your life? Do you feel like you’re just going through the motions...following what you’ve seen other people do and getting the same no-win results that they’ve gotten?

It’s important where we allow our mind to “dwell” or to live every day. *As a man thinks, so he is*, Proverbs 23:7 tells us. Whatever we think about affects what actions we take and that makes a difference in what we become, be-

cause what we think about and focus on *will* develop in our lives.

So, what are you dwelling on right now? Perhaps you’re even re-living something in your mind over and over that you need to release and get rid of.

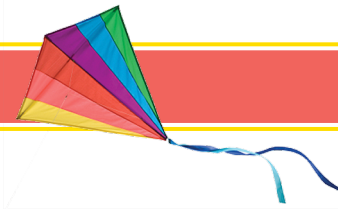
Remember that God said He would do a new thing in our lives (Isaiah 43:18-19)...but if we’re still holding on to our past, we might not even notice what God does.

So let’s make the decision to start over right now. Let’s wipe the slate clean and begin feeding our mind on the right thing. Begin spending time in the Word of God and letting it transform our minds until it begins to transform our lives, as well. 



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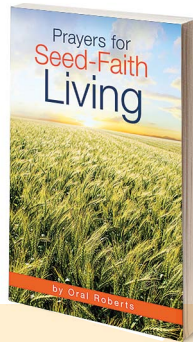
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## Prayers for Seed-Faith Living

by Oral Roberts

Written out of Oral Roberts' own life experiences, the prayers in this book can help you express your heart to God, thereby opening the door to His abundant answers for your every need. Subjects of prayer include: Family, loneliness, guidance, faith, discouragement, marriage, and many more. **\$4** LC193



## I Was Instantly Healed

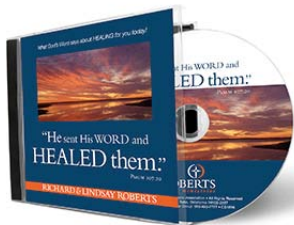
I had been suffering from lower back pain. Then I found a copy of *Prayers for Seed-Faith Living*, a book by Oral Roberts. I took the book to work and read through it. When I found the prayer on page 34—"For one who is in pain"—I prayed it, and the pain was gone. I was instantly healed.

—Teresa from Texas

## He Sent His Word and Healed Them

by Richard and Lindsay Roberts

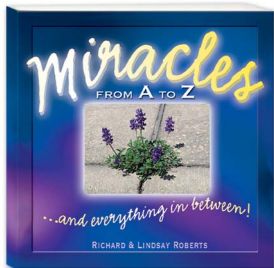
When you're hurting, God's Word says He is always ready to help you. On this CD, Richard and Lindsay Roberts read life-giving Scripture related to your healing—physically, spiritually, emotionally, and financially. As you listen, let the power of God's Word sink into your heart and encourage you to look to Him for miracle answers. **\$10** LC1556



## Miracles from A to Z

by Richard and Lindsay Roberts

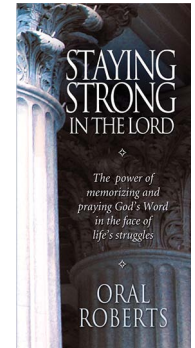
In this easy-to-use, alphabetically organized handbook for miracles, you'll read more than 150 dynamic, real-life accounts of people who were facing a need—from Arthritis to Zero finances, and many things in between—and who received the answer they needed from God. It can encourage your faith to believe that *nothing* is impossible with God. **\$8** LC1985



## Staying Strong in the Lord

by Oral Roberts

After memorizing eight major chapters of the Bible several years ago, and praying them over his life many times every day, Oral Roberts said, "There's nothing comparable to praying these eight chapters and verses without stopping. It clearly illuminates and strengthens my mind, reaches my heart and helps me through anything I'm going through that's not easy." This booklet lists the scriptures he used. Let the power of God's Word keep you strong, just as it did for Oral Roberts. **\$2** LC26



## Coping with Grief

by Evelyn Roberts

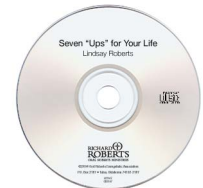
In this classic booklet, Evelyn Roberts shared her journey of sorrow after hearing of the tragic death of her daughter Rebecca and son-in-law. But God didn't leave her in her sorrow. As she leaned on the Holy Spirit for strength, He took her from a point of desperation to a place of deep joy and victory in Him. **\$2** LC74



## Seven "Ups" for Your Life

by Lindsay Roberts

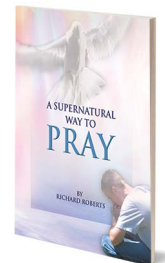
Lindsay Roberts shares seven things we can do on a regular basis that can help keep us lifted up to the Lord. **\$7** LC1995



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by Richard Roberts

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Margaret Court, the most winning tennis player, shares about praying for America.



## It's Time to **RISE UP** and *Cry Out* to God for America

**Richard Roberts:** In the mid-1990s, I met Australia's Margaret Court—the greatest women's tennis player of all time. To this day, Margaret has won more grand slam events than *any* other tennis player in the history of the game.

When I met Margaret, I learned that she had given her heart to the Lord in the 1970s, in the midst of her tennis heyday. I was invited to preach at the church she has pastored with her husband in western Australia for many years.

Margaret was recently a guest on *The Place for Miracles*, where we talked about the difference in the spiritual climates in Australia and the United States.

**RR:** Margaret, I understand that where you live in western Australia you have not felt economically what the U.S. has been feeling.

**Margaret Court:** No, we have not gone through a recession. We have a tremendous spiritual climate that we

enjoy. We have prayer in parliament, prayer in the police force, prayer in the military, and we've had great prosperity, I believe, as a result.

**RR:** I think one of the reasons is because of the tremendous moving of the Spirit of God that comes out of your ministry and others in that area. What are you sensing about America?

**MC:** When I came here to preach at a conference about three years ago, I had an experience with God as soon as I arrived at the Los Angeles airport. When the wheels hit the ground, I saw a picture in my spirit of something like a big octopus reaching across this nation, trying to squeeze the life out of it. It felt like it was the devil's hand, trying to come down on America. And I remember thinking we've got to take the Word of God—the sword of the Spirit—and chop that octopus-like thing off.

You need God's hand on America, not the devil's, because God's hand is symbolic of the Holy Spirit. And when He comes upon a nation, God's mercy can drop on it. He is long-suffering and will forgive His people if they ask Him to.

The Church has to rise up and cry out for this land...because I believe there is a God. He's real, He's awesome, and **He's a God of nations**. And America has been such a wonderful, giving nation to the rest of the world. In fact, I wouldn't be where I am today if it weren't for America.

After I finished playing tennis, I wanted to grow in the things of God. My life had become an absolute mess. I had a torn heart valve, depression, and insomnia, and I had gotten into wrong teaching. But it was through godly teaching that came out of this nation that I went to Bible school and found what God wanted for my life. That's why I love America. It's a missionary nation—a nation that has given to so many other nations of the world, and is still doing that. And I believe God can turn anything around if we pray and begin to understand who our God really is.

One day, the Lord showed me a vision. I was in heaven, looking down on the earth and seeing all the competition that goes on between Christians.



“I believe God wants His people to come together in this time like never before...”

And I said, “Lord, why can’t things on the earth be as they are up here?” And God said to me, “Margaret, the only reason you’re here is because of My name. Not because of your teachings, not because of money, or any other reason. It’s only because of My name.”

I believe God wants His people to come together in this time like never before, because the only way we get into heaven is through the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. That’s why Jesus called it the “narrow gate.” No other blood was shed for our salvation but His.

**RR:** Margaret, we’re facing a crisis in our nation—with the economy, and with the threat of terrorism on every side. Is there a prophetic word in your heart about the United States?

**MC:** Richard, I believe we need to rise up and cry out, “Satan, take your hand off this nation, because we are a nation unto God.”

**RR:** Yes, that’s how we were founded.

**MC:** And we need to pray that God’s hand would be over this nation in a heavier way...that the reverential fear of God and the awesomeness of God would come again in people’s hearts, because the spiritual realm is more real

than the natural realm. And we need to praise and thank God for who He is, for the awesomeness of His love, His mercy, and His compassion.

God’s Word is the same yesterday, today, and forever. Those of us who believe Him are the temple of the Holy Spirit—it’s not the church buildings or anything else. *We* carry His presence in the earth. We are light among darkness.

And I believe that as we cry out to God and we ask for His hand to come again on this nation, it can happen, because He’s a God of His Word and a God of mercy. I believe we’ll see the atmosphere begin to change...not because of any person or individual, but there will be such a presence of God that people will want to turn to Jesus.

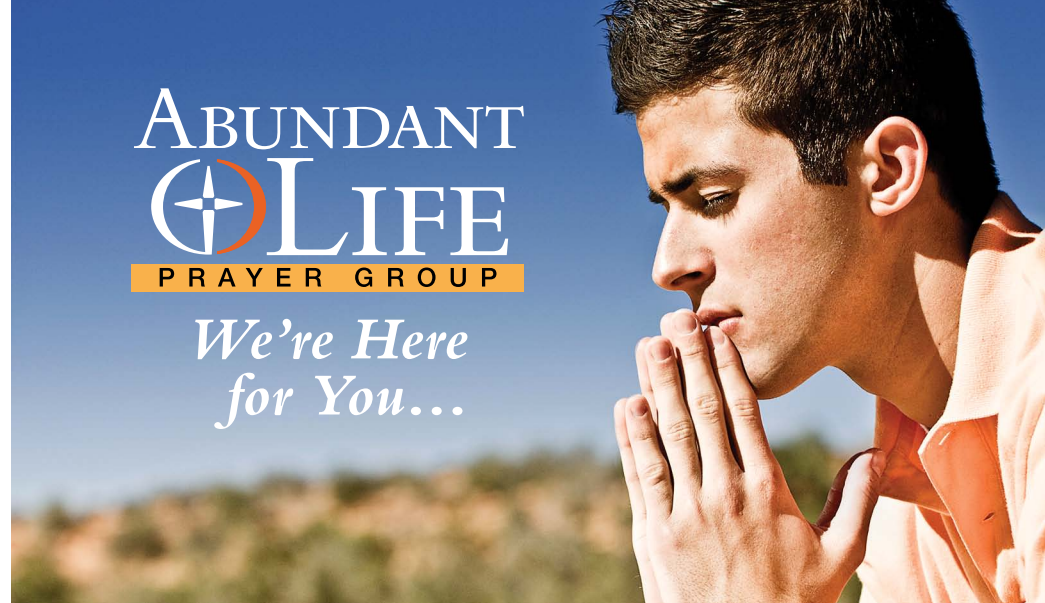
So it’s time that the Church became a voice and began to call things that are not as though they were. It’s time for us to stand up for righteousness and truth.

**RR:** Margaret, thank you for that word and for reminding us that we need to come together in love and let our voice be heard...and for reminding us that when we return to God, God will return to us and will rebuke the devourer for our sake. 🙏

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- We’re here to pray with you when you have no one else to pray with.
- We’re here to pray with you in the middle of the night when everyone else is asleep.
- We’re here to pray with you at Christmas or on your birthday—when everyone else is gone and you’re alone.
- We are always here to pray with you...No matter what your situation is, no matter what has happened, we are here and we want to see God meet you at your time of need...to share the love of God with you as He has freely given it to all who call upon Him.
- We want to pray the Word of God and send His peace that passes all understanding into your life and circumstances.
- We want to believe with you for the answer and miracle that you need.
- And we want to rejoice with you in all your praise reports!

For prayer anytime, call 918-495-7777, or log on to our website at [www.oralroberts.com/prayer](http://www.oralroberts.com/prayer).



*After the Disaster:*

## Food for the Hungry in Nicaragua



With the help of our friends and partners, the Oral Roberts Ministries was able to send much-needed nutritious meals to those left homeless after a devastating storm in Nicaragua.

Last November, Hurricane Ida hit the Caribbean coast of Nicaragua, destroying buildings, ruining acres of crops, and leaving thousands of people homeless. In some remote towns, the damage was so extensive that electrical services and water supplies were interrupted. Many in the affected areas lost their homes and everything they had, and they were soon in danger of starvation.

As soon as the extent of the damage became clear, the Oral Roberts Ministries went into action to help. ORM's humanitarian arm *Hunger Needs a Voice*®, led by Director Jordan Roberts, worked to get food to the

hungry with the aid of Nicaraguan Congressman Guillermo Osorno, the host of the powerful Healing Crusade that ORM held in his nation in 2009.

Over the course of a month, the fortified meals and dried fruit we supplied were distributed in 20-pound bags to as many hungry families as possible... giving them enough food to last until their next round of crops could grow and be harvested.

In expressing their thanks for our help, the people of Nicaragua have asked Richard Roberts—whom they called “the man with the huge heart”—to hold a healing crusade in the area affected by the storm...



opening a door for the Gospel to be preached again in the beautiful nation of Nicaragua.

Thank you, friends and Partners, for your generous prayers, support, and seed-faith giving into our overseas outreaches. With your help, we are showing people around the world that Jesus Christ loves them and is able to meet their needs.

*To plant a seed-faith gift to help us to continue to feed the hungry in im-*

*poverished areas of the world, go online to [www.oralroberts.com/seed](http://www.oralroberts.com/seed), call 918-495-7777, or write us at: Richard Roberts, P.O. Box 2187, Tulsa, OK 74012. ☎*







Jonah thought he could run away from God...

# THE JOB ONLY YOU CAN DO.

A CLASSIC MESSAGE BY  
ORAL ROBERTS

Time had caught up with the city of Nineveh. Its wickedness had reached highest heaven. God pronounced that Nineveh should be destroyed within 40 days. He gave the richest, oldest, and *most wicked* city of the earth a time limit of 40 days in which to hear the word of God and repent. God pronounced this sentence of judgment, but He tempered it with mercy, as He always does.

He set about to find a man whom He could send to Nineveh to stand on the most prominent street of the city, lift up his voice, and shout, “Yet 40 days hath God given Nineveh. Repent! Or your city shall be wiped off the face of the earth.”

Jonah was that man. *But rather than obey God, Jonah rose up and fled in the opposite direction* (Jonah 1:1-3).

When you read the book of Jonah in the Old Testament, the voice of God was very clear. Jonah knew what God wanted him to do, but he didn’t want to do it. Instead, he rose up and began the most famous flight in history. *Jonah is the man who tried to run away from the Almighty God.* He went down to the seashore to the little town of Joppa, got on a ship, and fell asleep, as it headed in the exact opposite direction of Nineveh.

## Jonah was prejudiced

Why did Jonah run away? One reason was because he was prejudiced. The city of Nineveh was filled with Gentile people, and this Hebrew man had prejudice in his heart against Gentiles.

God is the God  
of the entire  
human family,  
not just the group  
you or I happen  
to belong to.

But God is not the God of a chosen few or a hand-picked crowd. He is not just the God of Oral Roberts. Jesus Christ gave his life to save every man, woman, and child who shall ever live. We have no right to say anything against any race, because the love of God is for the whole world.

In the big tent during one of our meetings, a woman of a minority race came in the line one night. She had her crippled child in her arms and in one hand she had a brand-new pair of shoes.

Big tears rolled down her cheeks as she said, “Brother Roberts, God is going to heal my boy tonight. I am expecting a miracle. When he gets healed, he’s going to put on this brand-new pair of shoes and walk off here tonight.”

She touched my heart and helped me to believe better when I saw her expectant faith and attitude. I prayed for the child, and the crowd prayed with me. God healed that boy. The little boy put on the new shoes, and walked away.

What if we had not opened our meeting to that woman and her little child? Because we did, the miracle of that child’s healing spread throughout



the city. I thought of what God said through Paul in Athens—that God has made all people of one blood (Acts 17:26). God is the God of the entire human family, not just the group you or I happen to belong to.

### Jonah was self-centered

The second reason why Jonah ran away was because he cared more about his reputation than he did the Word of God. He didn't want the Lord to make a fool of him.

There are some people who will serve God as long as there is no cross to bear and no criticism to take. Now compare that person with the Apostle Paul—who was misunderstood, criticized, blasphemed, whipped, shipwrecked, cursed, and imprisoned for the Gospel. But he loved God with all his heart and gladly made himself a fool for Christ's sake (1 Corinthians 4:10).

When you have tasted the real power of God, I believe you will serve Him no matter what.

### Jonah didn't want responsibility

Third, Jonah became a runaway because he felt that God would just pick someone else.

A lot of people feel that if they don't obey God, someone else will do it. But Romans 11:29 NLT tells us that the gifts and callings of God *can never be withdrawn*. If the call of God comes to you, God will never take it away. It will be with you all of your life.

You can't just shrug your shoulders and say, "Well, God will get

someone else." But if He didn't have a special work for you to do, He wouldn't have put the impression in your mind and the urge in your heart. I can't do your job and you can't do mine. When God calls us, each must obey and do the individual job He has given us to do.

### Jonah thought he could run away

Fourth, Jonah ran away because he thought he could, as a lot of people think. But Jonah didn't reckon on dealing with the Arms that move the stars about.

The boat Jonah was in began to pop, and the sails were ripped from their poles. And the little ship began to sink.

The sailors screamed, "We're going to perish," and began to lighten the load of the ship, but it continued to look like it would go under.

Suspecting the problem might be with the stranger on the ship, the sailors woke Jonah and asked him, "Why are you here?"

Jonah explained to them that he was running from God. "That's why this storm is here," he explained.

"Throw me overboard," Jonah said and the sailors complied (Jonah 1:10). But he wasn't in the water long, for God had prepared a big fish that gulped Jonah right down!

I don't know how that fish was prepared on the inside, but Jonah was made to fit right in. And he got on his knees, prayed to God, and repented! God spoke to that fish and said, "Take him to the shore and cast him out."

Jonah had to go back to the place where he had run from God and start all over. But this time, he was glad to go to Nineveh!

As Jonah hit the streets of Nineveh, he began to preach. "Yet 40 days hath Nineveh, and it shall be destroyed unless you repent!"

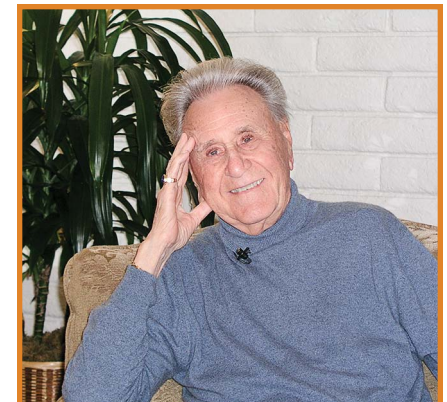
And if ever a town got on its knees, Nineveh did. They repented. God looked down, and had mercy, and saved them.

Jonah went up on top of a hill and sat down and said to God, "Now, I wish I were dead rather than alive, because You've made a fool of me." So that night, the Lord caused a gourd vine to grow. The next morning, it was so big that it provided shade. The sun was hot, but the gourd vine shaded Jonah, and he was exceedingly glad for the gourd vine.

But when Jonah awoke the next morning, the gourd vine was dead. Jonah was disheartened and discouraged. The Lord came to him and said, "Jonah, if a gourd vine of 24 hours' growth could so bereave a man for its death, how much more compassion will the Creator feel for a city near its destiny?"

"This gourd vine was very important to you, yet you didn't make it grow, you didn't bring it into existence. If the gourd vine was so important to you, if it meant so much to you, Jonah, how much does the city of 120,000 children—not to mention the mothers and fathers—mean to Me, the Creator?"

If we are so bereaved and disheartened about the loss of some material thing, how much greater is the feeling



God didn't let  
Jonah go, and  
He won't let  
you go either.

of God for the lives of human beings who may be lost?

### Your Value to God

I believe man is of unmeasurable value to God. Jonah was God's man for this task. What is your part that God has for you to do that is precious and important in His kingdom?

God kept after Jonah, and God wants to be Yours and you to be His. How valuable God sees you as part of His creation and how much He loves you and desires for you to be part of His family.

In fact, you're so valuable He sent His Son Jesus to the Cross for you. That's how unique and valuable you are to God. ☪

# THE POWER OF SEED-FAITH LIVING



BY RICHARD ROBERTS

My father taught me many lessons during his lifetime. I often tell people that Oral Roberts was not just my father in the physical sense, but he was also my father in a spiritual sense—he was my *spiritual mentor*.

My dad talked to me many times about the importance of Seed-Faith in my life because He wanted to be sure I got it down in my spirit. And now I want to do the same thing with you...because I know that sowing and reaping is as important to your life as breathing out and breathing in. One function needs to follow the other in order for everything to work like God intended.

## Can You Buy a Miracle?

Often on my TV program I encourage people to plant a seed of their faith if they need a miracle from God. Why

do I do that? Is it because you can “buy” a miracle from God? Of course not! If you could buy a miracle from God, I think most people would go to the bank and empty out their accounts in order to get one.

And who would decide the value placed on each need? For instance, what would be the “going rate” for a healing from cancer, or a heart condition, or a broken leg, or any other physical problem? That would be impossible to determine, wouldn’t it? And that’s just the physical aspect of healing. Think of someone with a broken heart, or a broken marriage, or a child who has gone missing and no one knows where they are.

But I do believe that when you plant a seed of your faith to the Lord—when you give Him something that’s of real value to you and requires your heart

to be involved in the giving—you can put yourself in position for receiving a miracle, as in Malachi 3:10–11 NKJV where God said, *Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be food in My house, and try Me now in this,” says the Lord of hosts, if I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you such blessing that there will not be room enough to receive it. And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes.*

Now your faith is attached to God and you’re looking to Him as your Source.

## Seed-Faith Principles

One of the Scriptures Dad poured into me as I grew up was Philippians 4:13–19. *I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. Nevertheless you have done well that you shared in my distress. Now you Philippians know also that in the beginning of the gospel, when I departed from Macedonia, no church shared with me concerning giving and receiving but you only. For even in Thessalonica you sent aid once and again for my necessities. Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that abounds to your account. Indeed I have all and abound. I am full, having received from Epaphroditus the things sent from you, a sweet-smelling aroma, an acceptable sacrifice, well pleasing to God. And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.*

## The Philippian Church

Paul had established this little Philippian church. He had, no doubt, shared his testimony with them...perhaps in an illustrated sermon...of how he

was knocked down and blinded on his way to Damascus to persecute and kill Christians...how he’d heard a voice—the voice of Jesus—asking, “Saul, Saul” (his Jewish name), “why do you persecute Me?”

And he most likely told them how he was led to a certain house to a man named Ananias who prayed for him. As Ananias laid his hands on him, the scales fell from Paul’s eyes, spiritually as well as physically, and he had a true encounter with God.

So the Philippians knew Paul’s story, what he had already suffered for the Lord, and how he had a zeal and a passion to share the Gospel.

## Giving and Receiving

I believe the Philippians understood that the greater the sacrifice, the greater the blessing. Paul poured into them what God had poured into him, just as he did with other groups. But these Philippians were the only group who did something about it. They gave “once and again” to Paul’s need—which had to do with spreading the Gospel. That means they didn’t just give once. I believe they got into a lifestyle of giving. And they understood receiving as well.

They had the right motive in giving and Paul had the right motive in asking: “Not that I desire a gift,” Paul said, “But I desire fruit that may abound to your account.” In other words, he wasn’t trying to get something *from* them; he was trying to get something *to* them. And, apparently, he was successful at that.





“...He [God] wasn’t trying to get something *from* them; he was trying to get something *to* them.”

### A Covenant with God

Paul taught the Philippians how to put God to the test...and they “proved” God as they did just that.

My dad often talked about a blessing-pact covenant with God. Once when I asked him what he meant by that term, he explained it like this. He said, “Richard, the Apostle Paul taught it and the Philippians understood it—the principles that Malachi laid out. When you bring your giving unto the Lord, He opens the windows of heaven and pours you out a blessing where there isn’t even room enough to receive it. But He doesn’t just stop there; He also rebukes the devourer—the devil—for our sakes. That’s the blessing-pact covenant with God.”

Once when my dad was preaching on the road, he got thirsty in his hotel room. With a couple of quarters in his hand, he went down the hallway and found a soft-drink machine. After he put his money in and made his selection, he said that he just automatically reached down with the same hand to receive his selection. He said, “Richard, when I did that it hit me that there was a contract between the maker of that product and the owner of the machine that, sold it. And when I, as a third party, entered into that contract, I had a right to expect that contract to be

“made good” and provide me with my soft drink selection.”

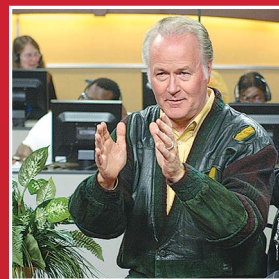
Then he said, “If we can enter into a contract with a company that makes a soft-drink machine, how much more can we enter into a covenant, or a contract, with God who made everything.

“In a very simplistic way of explaining it, that’s our blessing-pact covenant we have with Him. When we bring our offerings to Him and fulfill our part of the biblical contract, He opens the windows of heaven and fulfills His part of the contract.

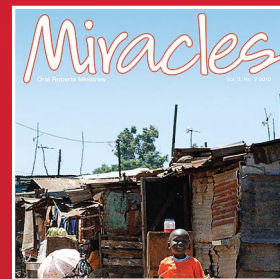
We can be just like the Philippians in this terrible time in our economy. When others are saying, “No, I’ve got to hold on to what I have, we can say, “Now is the time that I must sow to the Lord.” We can do it, and we can expect to receive everything we need from God, because like the Philippians, we know God, we operate in giving and receiving, and our giving has proven God. And we know, according to Luke 6:38, He blesses our giving back to us “good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over.”

This is not the time to live in fear, but in power—the power of Seed-Faith. This is not the time to hold back, but *to sow*...and *to prove* God to be the God of blessing that He says He is, and *to put ourselves in position* to receive those blessings from His hand. ☺

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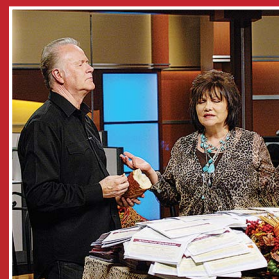
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# 'Partnership Has Brought Us Many Miracles'

## Mike and Patricia Hatcher Share Their Testimony



Mike and Patricia Hatcher have been Oral Roberts Ministries partners for over 10 years. Recently, they traveled from Fort Worth, TX, to attend Richard Roberts' Miracle Healing Service in Tulsa, OK.

"We first discovered Richard and Lindsay Roberts on TV," the Hatchers said. "We enjoyed their broadcast so much that we continued to tune in. And we immediately began sowing seed into their ministry."

Two months later, Patricia experienced God's healing power. "I was having a knee problem," she said. "I was in constant pain." One night as she watched Richard on television, he gave a word of knowledge that spoke to her situation.

"I put my hands over Richard's hands on the TV screen, and I was

healed instantaneously. The pain was totally gone! I'm still healed today."

When a serious fire broke out in their home, the Hatchers again received a harvest from their seed-faith giving. They were out of their home for nine months. But they received enough reimbursement from their insurance company that enabled them to improve their home for sale prior to their move to Fort Worth.

The Hatchers believe that sowing into this ministry helps to show God's love to people in need—and that's why they sowed generously toward the Miracle Healing Service.

Mike said, "When we see Richard ministering in Africa and his daughter, Jordan, giving out food in Haiti and South America, we know we're a part of those outreaches. We're honored to be partners with this ministry."

"It's all about bringing people into God's Kingdom," Patricia added. "And one way we can do that is through the Oral Roberts Ministries."

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# *The* PLACE *for* MIRACLES

EXPECT A  
*Miracle*

Don't pass by *The Place for Miracles* without stopping in. You'll see "living proof" of miracles from people who tell their stories of divine intervention. Listen as Richard and Lindsay share God's ALIVE Word, and then pray over the needs of those calling in.

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*Get in the right place at the right time to receive the miracles you need!*

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