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Are you ready for a spiritual boost?**

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May 5—Atlanta, GA	May 19—New York, NY

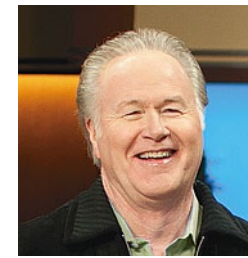
More meetings are being scheduled too, so be sure to check our website, Facebook page, Twitter, our television broadcasts, and the latest issue of *Miracles* for updates on where Richard is going next.

COME READY TO RELEASE YOUR FAITH, EXPECTING MIRACLES AND ANSWERS TO PRAYER, AS THESE PARTNERS DID!

“I had a large blood clot in my left leg. Recently, Richard Roberts held a meeting in Ohio that I was able to go to. He laid hands on me and prayed for my healing. I’m happy to say that I have had a CT scan, and the doctors have declared my left leg completely healed!” —Donna from Michigan

“I served as an usher at the Richard Roberts meeting in Tampa, and I was healed! I had a breathing problem, but Richard laid hands on and prayed for all the ushers, and now I can breathe!” —Ronald from Florida

“Hi, Richard and Lindsay. I want to thank you so much for your prayers. I came to your meeting in Los Angeles, and I came forward for you to lay hands on me. I was instantly healed from terrible back pain that had bothered me for years. Praise the Lord!” —Mandy from California



A Word from Richard Roberts

If you or your loved ones have a need, a care, a concern, or a situation that needs God’s touch right now, I have a good word from the Lord for you... I believe Jesus loves you, and He wants to be with you in the middle of your “right-now” moment.

I believe in basing everything I say to our friends and partners on the Word of God because that is where I believe we can find the answers to all of our needs (Philippians 4:19). Often, we get so busy with our lives...with the weights and cares that so easily beset us (Hebrews 12:1)...that we can lose sight of the Lord and His Word. But the Bible truth is, He is always with you and me. He promises, *I will never leave you nor forsake you* (Hebrews 13:5).

So, don’t think that the Lord is too busy to pay attention to you and your needs. **He is never too busy for you!** He is closer to you than your very breath. He knows where you live—and He even knows exactly how many hairs you have on your head right now (Luke 12:7).

You can put your faith in Him *today*, because He cares about you enough to hear and answer your prayers. He is your refuge and strength...*a very present help in time of need* (Psalm 46:1).

And as your partners, Lindsay and I are here to pray for you and help you to stand on God’s Word. Write, email, or call the Abundant Life Prayer Group anytime with your needs—we’re here for you!

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The Freedom that Comes from Forgiveness

BY RICHARD ROBERTS



The Bible makes it very clear that you and I are to live in the *now*. Second Corinthians 6:2 says, *Now is the day of salvation*. Hebrews 11:1 tells us that faith is *now*. He wants to commune with you now, and I believe He wants you to live for Him now. Right now. Today.

But there is something that often hinders Christians from living for God right now—in the today of our lives. *It's called our past.*

Some people have pasts that they are not proud of. Many of us have lost expectations, failed dreams, or circumstances from past failures. We've all experienced things that we didn't intend to have happen. Problems are a part of being human.

The key to a successful life with God is not getting it perfect all the time. If it was, none of us would qualify!

No, the secret isn't perfection—it's being quick to repent and quick to forgive ourselves and others.

The Power to Move Forward with God

Now, let me be clear... Repentance is not a free pass to do whatever you want. It's not a license to do something wrong.

But repentance is crucial to our spiritual health, because it is the biblical way to handle things when we mess up. And it's important to be quick to repent—because that's how we connect with God's unlimited power to cleanse us, forgive us, and move us forward in life.

Your past does not have to hinder you from moving ahead with God. I want to emphasize this, because many people feel that they will never be able to move beyond their past. Many Christians use past mistakes

as an excuse not to do what God has called them to do *today...in the now of their lives.*

If that's you, let me say what the Bible says; *nothing is impossible with God* (Luke 1:37). The Bible says there is nothing too hard for Him—whatever is in your past, it's not too big for God to handle. The key is that you give it to Him and be willing to change.

It's the Will of Jesus to Forgive and Heal

John chapter 8 tells the story of the Lord's encounter with a woman who was literally caught in the act of committing adultery. The religious crowd—the Pharisees and those with a legalistic attitude—threw the woman at the feet of Jesus. They had rocks in their hands, because the Jewish law said that anyone caught in the act of adultery would be stoned to death.

Then they tested Jesus, saying, “What do you think we should do with her?” They were trying to trap Him. If He said, “Forgive her,” they could accuse Him of violating the Law of Moses. But if He said, “Stone her,” they could say, “You see, Jesus talks about God's love, but He doesn't live it.”

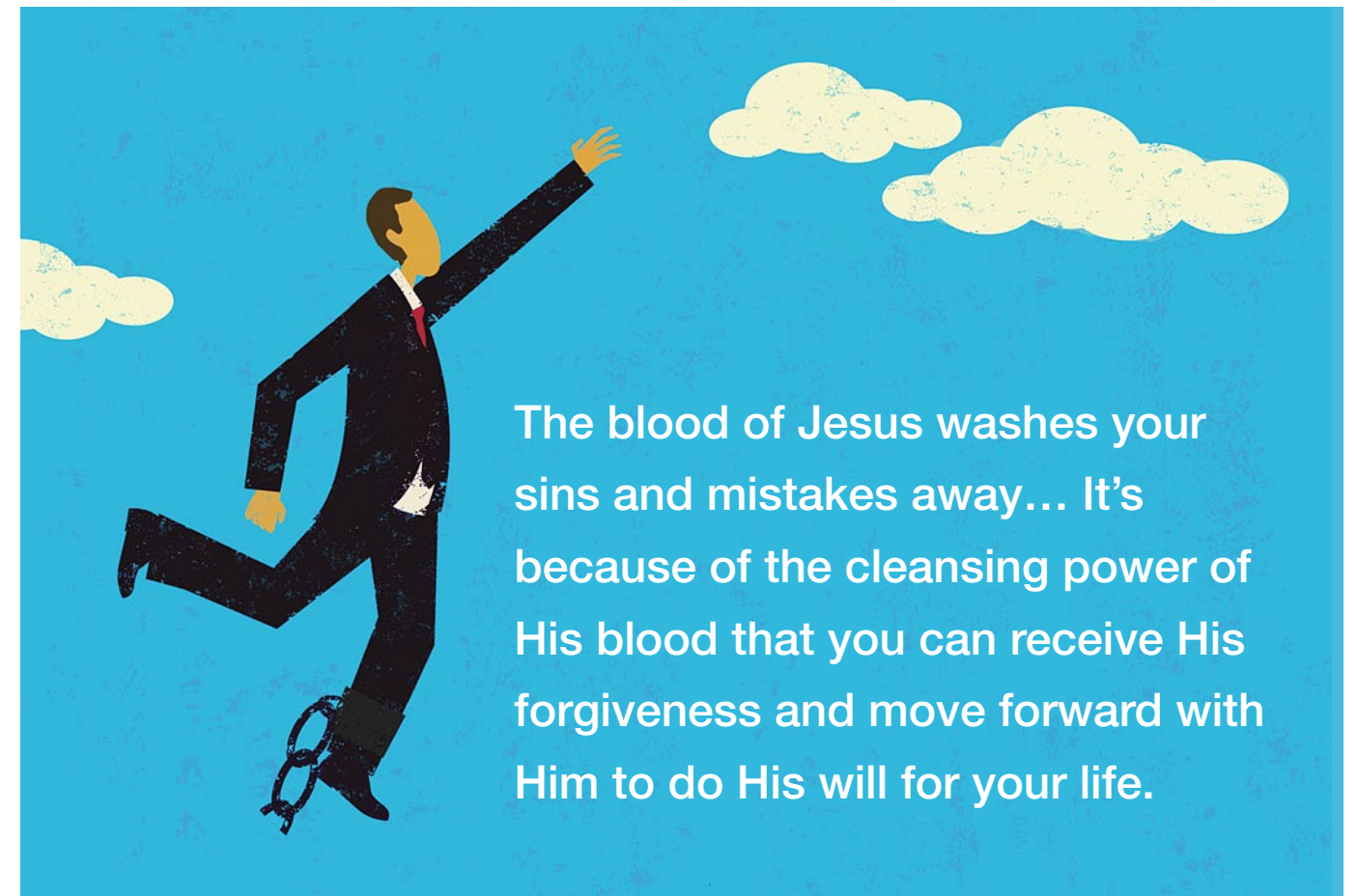
When Jesus saw what was happening, He didn't respond the way the crowd expected. Instead, He got down in the dirt and He began to write something.

The Bible doesn't say what He wrote. But when He was finished, He looked up at the people who were ready to stone the woman, and He said, “Let him who is without sin cast the first stone” (John 8:7).

Do you know what happened? No one threw a single stone! The Lord's words pricked everyone's conscience. They knew they couldn't claim to be without sin, so they walked away. Then Jesus turned to the woman and said, “Where are your accusers?”

She said, “There are none, Lord.”

He said, “Neither do I condemn you. Go and sin no more.” In the flash of a second, He gave her forgive-



The blood of Jesus washes your sins and mistakes away... It's because of the cleansing power of His blood that you can receive His forgiveness and move forward with Him to do His will for your life.

ness and freedom from her past—and an instruction of how to live her life from that moment on.

Where Does the Past Belong?

You may say, *Richard, the answer to that question is obvious... The past belongs in the past.* And yet, we often carry our mistakes, missteps, and mess-ups into our present and future, allowing them to dominate our thinking.

The problem is this: As long as you are living in the past—or tied to it by a lack of repentance and forgiveness—you can't really live in the *now*. **You can't focus on the good things that our unlimited God has for you today if you're tied to the past.**

I believe this is why the Apostle Paul learned to put his past behind him. He said, “I have not arrived. I don't know it all. I've got a long way to go. But, there's one thing I've learned to do. I take the past, and I give it to God.” (See Philippians 3:12–14.)

Of course, if you know the story of Paul's life, then you know that he made some terrible decisions in his past. He stood by and held the coats of those who

killed Stephen, the first Christian martyr (Acts 7). And he didn't stop there—he persecuted and arrested many Christians before Jesus got hold of his life and turned him around.

Paul knew that he couldn't fully live for God if he didn't repent and move forward, in spite of how he once persecuted the Body of Christ.

But Paul also knew that he couldn't live in his past triumphs. Remember, Paul experienced some wonderful miracles! He wrote much of the New Testament through the direct leading of the Holy Spirit. The handkerchiefs and cloths that he touched were used to point many people to God's healing power (Acts 19:11–12). The Bible records that during Paul's ministry, God raised the dead (Acts 20:8–12).

But in spite of all his successes, Paul knew it was important to live in the *now* of his life. I'm sure he thanked God for all those miracles, but he didn't dwell on them. He didn't talk constantly about what he had done in the past.

No, he learned to focus on what was happening in the *now* of his life... And because he did, he was a blessing

to the churches of his time, and his letters are still a blessing to us today!

God's Forgiveness Is His Gift to You

Who doesn't relate to Paul when he talks about leaving his past behind him? I'm no different than you or any other human being. We all make mistakes (Romans 3:23).

The good news is that there is nothing in our past that we can't give to God. He's willing to forgive it all, if we truly want to be forgiven and to live according to His ways. As 1 John 1:9 says: *If you confess your sin, He (the Lord) is faithful and just to forgive you of your sin, and to cleanse you from all unrighteousness.*

Through the blood of Jesus, shed for you and me on the Cross, we have forgiveness of our sins and mistakes. When we honestly admit we've done wrong, repent to God for it, make things right, and change how we act in the future, we are honoring the sacrifice that Jesus made for us.

What to Do When You Have Messed Up

In my life, as soon as I realize I've made a mistake, I go to God to make it right. That's always the **first step**—to go to God the minute you realize that you have erred.

You won't always
get things right.
But you can repent,
and you can be
forgiven. And you can
forgive yourself and
move on!

All it takes to give God your past is a simple, sincere prayer:

"God, I want to give You my past. Everything that is hurting and broken in me because of past mistakes, sins, and failures...I give it all to You now. Please forgive me, and set me free from anything that would hold me back. Help me to move forward in You, starting right now, with a clean slate, in Jesus' name. Amen."

When you pray a prayer like that and you mean it, God will honor it. And He can help you avoid trouble in the future too...when you are willing to listen to Him and allow Him to direct your path.

After you make things right with God, you can go to the **second step** and ask forgiveness from those you may have offended. Sometimes this means going to them personally, and if that's not possible, God knows your heart.

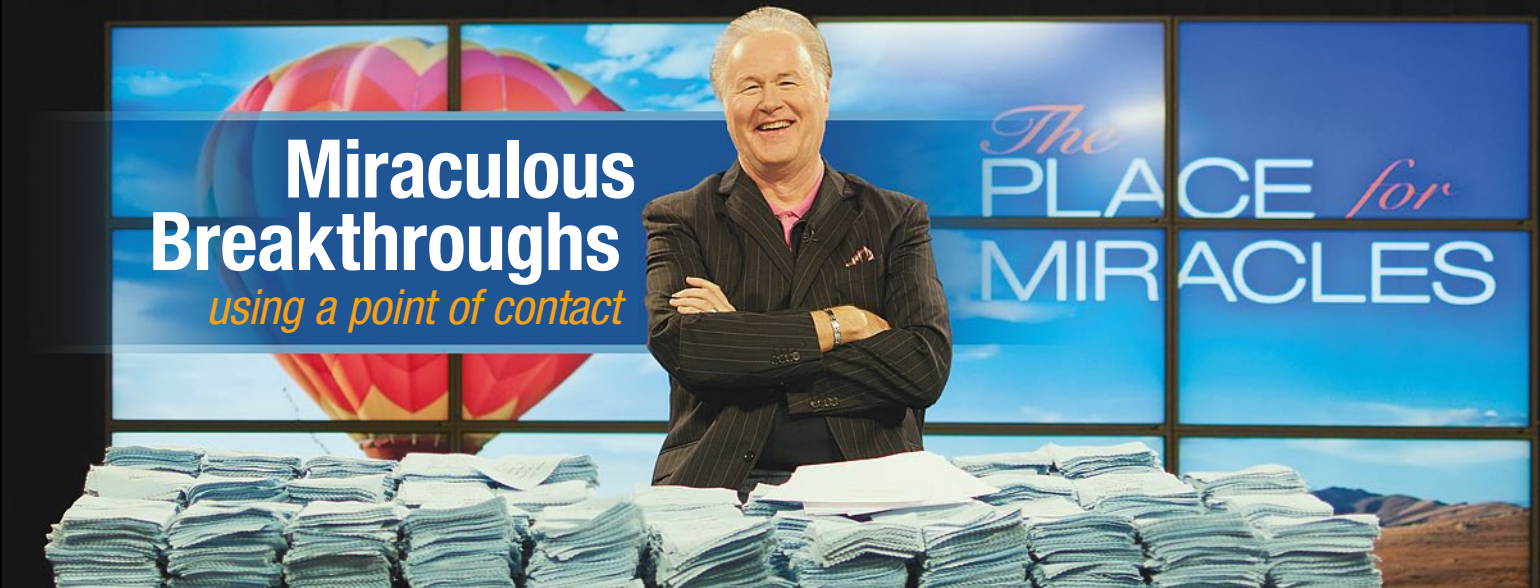
It can sometimes be hard to humble ourselves to the people we've hurt... Sometimes it can be a powerful step to take if you want to move beyond the past and walk with freedom into the plans God has for you. You can't control how others will respond, but you can make your heart and your actions right. And that's a very important thing!

The **third step** is to forgive ourselves. Sometimes, this is the hardest thing for us to do. We think we should have done better, and we hold our mistakes against ourselves. But I believe that's called *pride*—maybe it's pride in reverse—and it's not the biblical way to look at ourselves.

Romans 3:10 says, *There is none righteous, no, not one.* None of us are ever going to get it right 100% of the time, because there's only one Person who is perfect and sinless—and that's God.

So, let God be the Perfect One. And remember, you won't always get things right. But you can repent, and you can be forgiven. And you can forgive yourself and move on!

The blood of Jesus can wash your sins and mistakes away... And you can receive His forgiveness and move forward with Him to do His will for your life. ☺



For many years, the Oral Roberts Ministries has been sending out prayer cloths to our partners to use as a point of contact to reach out in faith and expect a miracle. The Bible tells us in Acts 19 that the Apostle Paul laid his hands on handkerchiefs and aprons, and people were healed as they were using them. It is a Bible-honored method for receiving prayer in your life. When you hold one of these prayer cloths in your hands in prayer believing, it can help you release your faith to God for the miracle you or a loved one needs.

Recently, the Lord instructed Richard to make a **new** prayer cloth, specifically targeted against **cancer, incurable diseases, and impossible situations**. In a powerful word of prophecy, the Lord told Richard that he would have a new level of anointing to pray specifically for the healing of cancer and incurable diseases. Since that time, over 71,000 special blue prayer cloths have been mailed out from this ministry to our partners all over the world, and we are hearing healing testimonies from people just like you.

As you pray, release your faith, and expect a miracle, I believe that what God has done for these partners, He can do for you!

Request your **FREE** blue prayer cloth today! Call **918-495-7777**, or visit **www.oralroberts.com**.

CONNIE FROM MISSOURI—My mother had fallen and cracked her pelvic bone. I sent her a blue prayer cloth and believed God for a miracle. My sister reported to me this morning that after further tests, the doctors could not find the crack in mother's pelvic bone. She is walking well and even her memory has improved. I praise God for answered prayer.

JAMES FROM KENTUCKY—About two weeks ago, X-rays showed spots on both of my lungs which doctors believed to be cancer. I called the Abundant Life® Prayer Group to agree in prayer and requested a blue prayer cloth to be sent to me, which I used as a point of contact. After prayer, I had a biopsy done and the tests showed no cancer. I am giving God all the glory for my healing. Thank you very much for your prayers.

LAVEENA FROM CANADA—I want to thank the Lord that my mother got a good report after a biopsy. There were signs of malignancy and the doctors were very concerned. I prayed, planted my seeds of faith, and ordered a special blue prayer cloth. Before the cloth even arrived, we received the good news that there was no malignancy and my mother was well. Thank you, Richard Roberts, for the prayer cloth and your special healing prayers against cancer.

JULIE FROM INDIANA—I requested a blue prayer cloth for a friend of mine because doctors had discovered a three-inch mass in his abdomen. I called the Abundant Life® Prayer Group for prayer just before the surgery. Doctors successfully removed the tumor, which they believed was cancerous. I stood in faith for my friend and believed God for a miracle. Praise God—the test results showed it was not cancer! Thank you so much for your prayers and for the special prayer cloth. It truly was a point of contact for us!

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INCURABLE DISEASES.
ACTS 19:11-12
Richard Roberts

The Power of God's Provision for Employment:

He Is Not Limited by the Economy!



These days, we hear a lot on the news about the economy. Downturns, layoffs, unemployment... it can seem as though there's no hope for things to get better. But the Bible says, God is not limited by any problem that might hit the economy. He can do great and mighty things for everyone who puts trust in Him for His provision.

These testimonies represent just a few of the many people who have called in and prayed with an Abundant Life® Prayer Group prayer partner—releasing their faith for a job. God is faithful to provide jobs for His children! Let these testimonies encourage you—because what God has done for others, He can do for you, when you call on Him in faith. (And remember, we're here to pray and agree with you whenever you have a need!)

I called the Abundant Life Prayer Group for prayer for a job. I'm happy to report that I got a call today offering me a job! —Christin From California

I called the Abundant Life Prayer Group for prayer for my husband to get a job. The very next day he received a phone call offering him employment. I am praising God! —Linda from Nevada

I called the Abundant Life Prayer Group for prayer for my grandson who was in need of a job. After the prayer of agreement, my grandson got a good paying job and he thanks the Lord for His blessings. —Wilma from Kentucky

I have been in need of a job, so I called the Abundant Life® Prayer Group for prayer. Recently, I got a great job with a pay raise. I'm looking forward to sowing my seed into this ministry. —Donald from Georgia

I called the Abundant Life® Prayer Group requesting prayer for my son to receive a part-time job, and he has been blessed with a really good one! —Jane from Tennessee

I was unemployed so I called the Abundant Life Prayer Group for prayer. I have received a good job, and I'm so thankful for the Lord's faithfulness and for the Oral Roberts Ministries. —Barry from South Carolina

I called the Abundant Life Prayer Group for prayer to receive employment. The very next day after I called for prayer, I got a job! —Janeen from New Jersey

My step-daughter has been without employment, so I called the Abundant Life Prayer Group for prayer. Now she has a wonderful new job with benefits and better pay. —Tina from Illinois



I called the Abundant Life Prayer Group because I needed you to agree with me concerning a job. Today I can report that I got the job I wanted. I thank God for you and for your prayer partners. —Addie from Ohio

I called the Abundant Life Prayer Group for prayer because I needed a job. A few days after we prayed, I had an interview and when it was over, the senior manager said, "Welcome aboard!" —Tanya from Illinois

I have been without a job for a long time. I wanted to let you know that I called the Abundant Life® Prayer Group to pray with me, and today is my first day at my new job. —Sandra From Georgia

I have been believing God for my son-in-law to get a job, so I called the Abundant Life Prayer Group for prayer. After prayer, he received four job offers! —Judith from Ohio

I called the Abundant Life Prayer Group for prayer about a month ago. I have had such peace since then, because I knew my new job was on its way. Well, I just got a call to interview for a great company. Praise the Lord! —William from Virginia

My wife and I have been praying for God to provide us with new jobs. I have been sowing seeds into the Oral Roberts Ministries, and I also called the Abundant Life® Prayer Group and prayed with them. My wife starts training for her new job this week, and my new job starts at the end of the month. Praise God! —Leroy from Pennsylvania

For prayer anytime, call the Abundant Life® Prayer Group at **918-495-7777**, or log on to our website at **www.oralroberts.com/prayer**.



I want to share something with you today that I believe can help you. Let me ask you a question: Have you ever done anything stupid? I don't like that word, but let's face it, sometimes we mess up! And the first feeling that floods up can be that of feeling stupid. Perhaps what you may have done wasn't malicious, it wasn't evil, it wasn't premeditated—it just seemed foolish!

The truth is, people sometimes make mistakes. I've messed up at times too. When that happens, we may

feel like we want to punish ourselves, and the devil may try to bring condemnation on us, but we must learn to ask ourselves, what does God think about it?

The Bible tells us that there are no perfect people on Earth except Jesus Christ. The Bible says we're all born with the seed of sin (Romans 3:23). We all suffer the consequences of Adam and Eve's fall (Romans 5:12).

But then, Jesus came to redeem us (Romans 5:17). His work on the Cross was complete, without anything

missing. Yet even with this perfect redemption that Jesus obtained for us, we are still tempted to think, "I couldn't do anything for God. I'm nobody special. And just look at how I've messed up."

Well, I encourage you to take a look at Moses. I believe Moses is one of the most amazing men of the Bible—and yet he gave God all kinds of excuses. He said that since he was a stutterer, he couldn't possibly do anything for the Lord.

But God didn't accept any of those excuses. He told Moses, "If I called you, I can handle you. I made your mouth, and I can make it speak right."

It's amazing to me how God looks at our sins, our shortcomings, our faults, and our mess-ups, and He says in essence, "If you trust Me, and if you allow Me, I can take this situation that seems to be defeating you, and I can turn it around for your good."

The bottom line is this: we need to give all of our situations to God. That's exactly what Moses did—and look at the amazing things God did through him!

In Ephesians 3:14–17, the Apostle Paul says, "*For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, that he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man.*"

You see, Paul is petitioning his Father God. He is bowing his knee in submission to the Lord to pray for every believer in Christ. Paul wants his dear friends in the church at Ephesus to be strengthened by that power source which comes from Christ Himself!



And then here comes the amazing part in verse 17... Why do we want to be strengthened like this? So that "*Christ may dwell in our hearts by faith.*"

There are the two most important words in that scripture—*by faith*. That's how we can give our hurts, disappointments, and mistakes to God. We do it *by faith* in the Lord. That's the only way we can hand them over.

It takes courage to let go of an offense or a hurt, or to let go of the guilt we may feel for something stupid we did. Paul is telling us, "Grasp onto this truth and recognize that the strength of Jesus Christ Himself dwells inside us, and all things are possible through Christ who gives us strength!"

I pray today for God to move on your behalf in every area of your life, in Jesus' Name. I challenge you to give whatever situation you may be facing to the overcoming power of Jesus Christ. Give it to God, *by faith*! And start living in all the blessings that I believe God has for you. 🙏

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Coping with Grief

by Evelyn Roberts

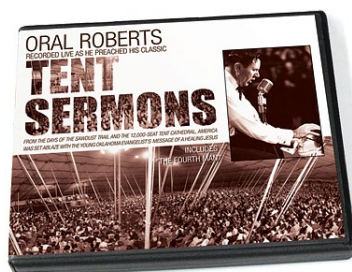
In this classic booklet, Evelyn Roberts shared her journey of sorrow after hearing of the tragic death of her daughter Rebecca and her son-in-law. But God didn't leave her in her sorrow. As she leaned on the Holy Spirit for strength, He took her from a point of desperation to a place of deep joy and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



I Need a Miracle

by Richard Roberts

When everything inside of you is crying out for a miracle, this DVD from the Oral Roberts Ministries can help. Richard Roberts shares powerful healing prayers for you, Bible-based messages to build your faith, and real-life stories from everyday people who received miracles from God. You can watch this faith-building DVD over and over, believing for the miracle you need. **\$10** LC2346



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by Oral Roberts

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36 Hours With an Angel

by Lindsay Roberts

One of the greatest miracles in Lindsay Roberts' life was God's restoration in the midst of devastation. *36 Hours With an Angel* is the story of how God brought Richard and Lindsay through the loss of their firstborn son many years ago. This book can be an encouragement if you're dealing with disappointment or loss of any kind, or you know someone who is. It can help you believe God for a miracle of His healing power in your life. **\$7** LC233

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The Power of the Resurrection: What It Means to Have Jesus Alive in YOU!

But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus. —Ephesians 2:4–6

The Bible says that because of the disobedience of Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden, the entire human race has been subject to the power of sin ever since. Sin is not just a thing we do that is wrong—it's a spiritual force that separates people from God. Ultimately, if sin isn't dealt with, it robs us of eternal life with God.

But Ephesians 2:4–6 tells us that God is rich in mercy, and He loves us so much that He made a way for us to be freed from the power of sin. God's greatest miracle of all is the work that He worked when He raised Jesus from the dead. The salvation that we have through faith in the finished work of Christ is so powerful that it changes the effects of sin and death, restoring us to life in Jesus.

The moment you put your faith in Jesus to save you and be your Lord, you are raised with Him and seated with Him in heaven. You can receive from His authority, His name that is above every name, and His power to put all things under His feet.

Your spirit, which was once dead to the things of God, is now alive to God in Christ. You can receive from His victory over sickness, disease, lack, poverty, confusion, strife, and every other evil thing, and you have been blessed *with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places* in Christ (Ephesians 1:3).

In Christ, you have... *righteousness and justification* (Romans 3:22,24)... *peace* (Romans 5:1)... *power and authority over the enemy* (Romans 5:17)... *eternal life...* (Romans 5:21)... *freedom from condemnation and forgiveness of sin* (Romans 8:1–2)... *life and health for your body* (Romans 8:11)... *a godly inheritance* (Romans 8:17)... *God's love* (Romans 8:38–39)... *fellowship with God* (1 Corinthians 1:9)... *victory* (1 Corinthians 15:57)... *deliverance from the past* (2 Corinthians 5:17)... *God's abundance* (2 Corinthians 8:9)... and *His strength to triumph in all circumstances* (Philippians 4:13).

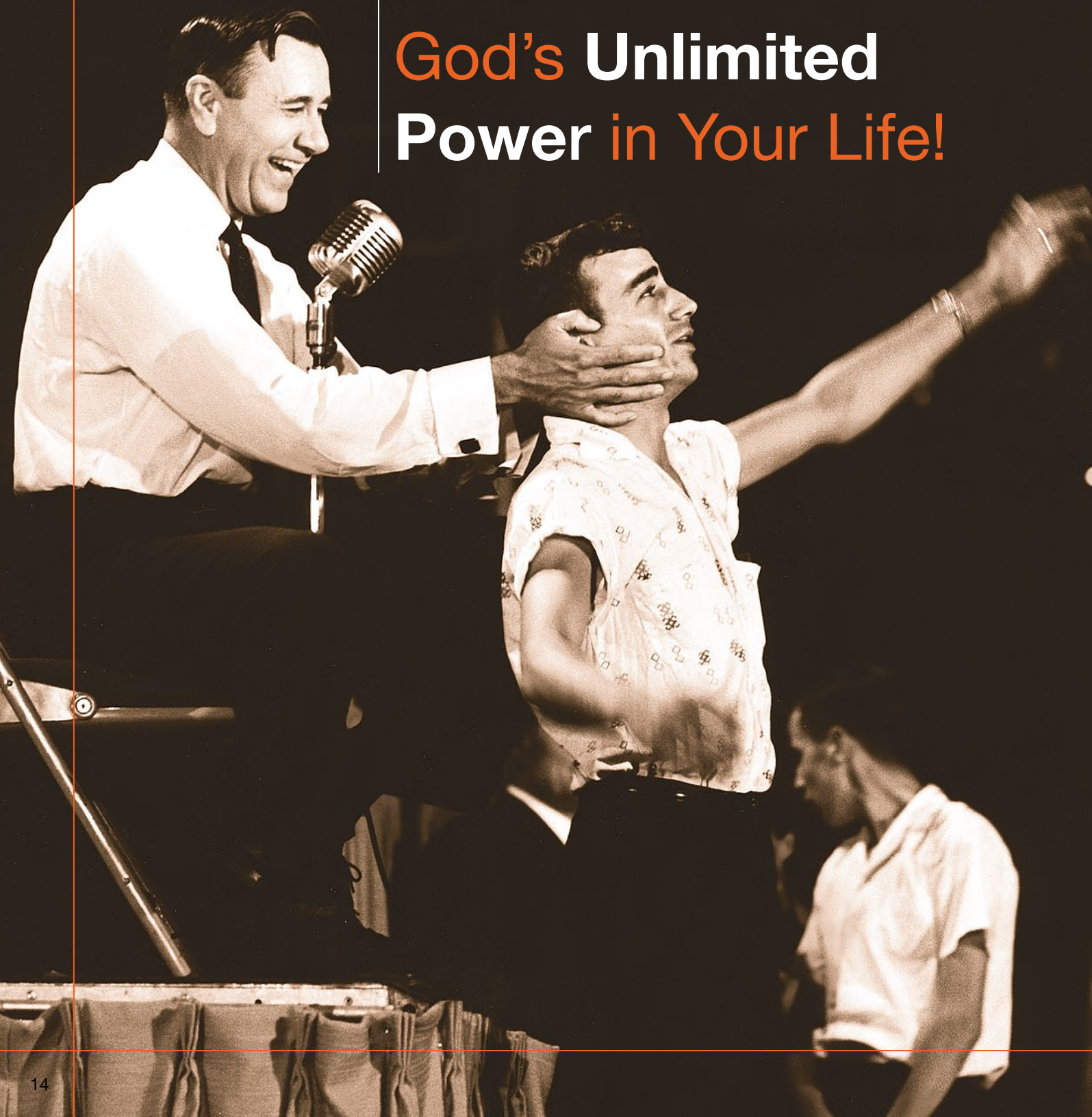
As a Christian, you have so much to rejoice over! And if you have never received Jesus as your Lord, you can put yourself into His hands today with a simple, heart-felt prayer:

Father God, I need You and Your Son. Lord Jesus, I believe You are the Son of God, who came to pay the price for my sins. I ask You to forgive me, and come into my heart right now to be my Lord and Savior forever. I receive You, and I will live for you from this day forward. Amen.

If you have prayed that prayer, or if you wish to pray for a loved one who has not yet given their life to Jesus Christ, please call the Abundant Life Prayer Group at 918-495-7777. We are here to pray for all your needs, and to rejoice with you over your salvation!

This classic message by Oral Roberts was originally published in *Abundant Life Magazine* in August 1971.

How You Can Have God's Unlimited Power in Your Life!



2 KINGS CHAPTER 2 TELLS A STORY that explains how we can have God's unlimited power in our lives.

And Elijah took his mantle, and wrapped it together, and smote the waters, and they were divided, so that they two went over on dry ground.

And it came to pass, when they were gone over, that Elijah said unto Elisha, Ask what I shall do for thee, before I be taken away from thee. And Elisha said, I pray thee, let a double portion of thy spirit be upon me. And [Elijah] said, Thou hast asked a hard thing: nevertheless, if thou see me when I am taken from thee, it shall be so unto thee; but if not, it shall not be so.

And it came to pass, as they still went on, and talked, that, behold, there appeared a chariot of fire, and horses of fire, and parted them both asunder; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven.

And Elisha saw it, and he cried, My father, my father, the chariot of Israel, and the horsemen thereof. And he saw him no more: and he took hold of his own clothes, and rent them in two pieces. He took up also the mantle of Elijah that fell from him, and went back, and stood by the bank of [the Jordan River]. And he took the mantle of Elijah that fell from him, and smote the waters, and said, Where is the Lord God of Elijah? And when he also had smitten the waters, they parted [right and left]: and Elisha went over (2 Kings 2:8–14).

Here was an old man—the prophet Elijah—facing eternity, with his life's work coming to an end. He knew that he was going to be taken up to Heaven soon. And by him stood Elisha, a young man with stars in his eyes, having seen this great old man's exploits and wanting very much to be like him.

The old man leaned over toward Elisha and said, "What do you want me to do for you before I'm taken up into heaven?" The young man answered, "Elijah, let a double portion of your spirit and power be upon me."

The old man said, "You've asked a hard thing. However, if you see me when I go up, it'll happen to you."

What did Elijah mean? **FIRST OF ALL**, Elijah was talking about his own unshakable conviction to let God be God. When the nation of Israel was backslidden... when the wicked stronghold of King Ahab and Queen Jezebel upon the nation had to be broken and there was no one to stand forth, Elijah appeared before the king and the people and issued the challenge, "How long halt ye between two opinions? If God be

God, then let Him be God. You build your altars, you call on your gods, and I'll call on my God. And the God who answers by fire, let Him be God" (1 Kings 18:21–40).

The Bible says the false prophets utterly failed in their efforts to prove their gods. But when Elijah prayed, fire came streaking down, consuming the sacrifice. The people fell on their faces and cried, "The Lord is God." We now know that our God really is God.

THE SECOND THING Elijah wanted the young man to see was that Elijah knew his Source was God.

First Kings 17:1–16 tells us that when the prophet Elijah told King Ahab there would not be rain until he prayed, Elijah had to flee. The Lord told him to hide by a brook, where God was his Source—supplying his needs from unexpected sources and in unexpected ways.

The Lord sent ravens to drop bread and meat to him morning and night. When that stopped, God sent him to a widow who had only enough meal and oil in the house to cook one meal before she and her son would die.

Elijah said to her, "You go ahead. But cook me a little cake first, then cook for you and your son, and the Lord says the meal will not waste and the oil will not diminish until He sends rain upon the earth." And she obeyed. She planted her seeds of faith, and she, too, looked to God as her Source. And she and her son ate for many days until the rains came.

Later, a contract was put out for Elijah's life. Again he had to flee. He went a day's journey and came to a lonely area. There he fell down and said, "God, take away my life. I've tried to change things, but I've failed. And they're trying to kill me." Then he fell asleep.

In the morning he awakened to a beautiful meal cooked on coals of fire by an angel. Elijah ate and went in the strength of that meal for 40 days. He didn't need human resources at all, just his dependence upon God, his Source.

THEN THE THIRD THING Elijah wanted Elisha to know was this: There is the still small voice of God in Elisha's heart. During the time he was hiding from Ahab and Jezebel, Elijah went up a mountain and into a cave. Suddenly the sky was ripped open by a mighty storm. Thunder, lightning, rain, wind, and noise

rushed in. Then an earthquake shook the mountain. It was a terrible time of confusion and fear, but God was not causing it. In the midst of it all, Elijah heard the still small voice of God inside himself: “Rise up, Elijah, and do this. And everything will work out.”

When he heard that, Elijah leaped up from the confusion of the storm, from everything that was going wrong, and resumed his life with power and great success.

Elijah wanted Elisha to know that if a person can hear God’s still small voice inside them and know He still speaks, then that person can walk in God’s power.

FINALLY, Elijah was saying the power of God in his life was transferable. It didn’t leave the earth when he went to Heaven. He did not take it with him; it wasn’t his. It belongs to God who bestows it where He will. You can have it today if you ask for it and use it for God’s glory.

So while Elijah and Elisha were standing there by the riverside, Elijah took off his mantle, stepped over to the Jordan, and smote the waters. The waters parted, and the two men walked across on dry ground.

As they spoke, a whirlwind came up and a chariot of fire appeared. Elijah hopped on and away he went. As Elisha witnessed the amazing sight, he voiced the opinion of the people:

“There go the horsemen and the chariots of Israel. Elijah’s gone. Everything is gone.”

That’s the way people feel, you know. When Jesus died, they put Him in a shroud and cried, “It’s all over. There’s nothing left for us.” But God touched the shoulder of Elijah as he went up. His mantle (outer garment) fell off and came twirling down, right in front of the young man, Elisha. Elisha took off his own outer garment, picked up the mantle of the man of God, walked over to the water’s edge, and asked the question, “Where is Elijah’s God?”

He no longer had his mind upon the man. He had his mind upon the man’s God: *If the God who worked in Elijah works in me, I can part the waters.*

So he struck the waters, and they parted—he walked across on dry ground.

There were 50 sons of the prophets watching this and they cried, “He’s got it!” (See 2 Kings 2:11–15.)

What the world needs today is somebody who’s “got it.” Elisha performed twice the number of miracles

“Jesus is not a dead man in a shroud. He’s not in the tomb at Jerusalem. He’s risen from the dead. He’s alive!”

that Elijah did. He got a double portion of God’s power and Spirit. God’s power is always on the ascending scale. It’s never diminished!

Now the meaning of all this for you is found in the life of Jesus when He rose from the dead and ascended to Heaven. The last five months of our Lord’s life were primarily spent in trying to tell His disciples that He was going away, but that if He went away, things were going to be greater. He would send them another Comforter—the Holy Spirit. And through the power of the Holy Spirit, they would do greater things than He was able to do. Jesus was telling them that His power was always increasing, that it was transferable, that they would not be left as orphans in the world.

When Jesus came back on the Day of Pentecost through the power of the Holy Spirit, the disciples, who had been able to heal only a few people, were now able to do miracles and to win thousands. In fact, they took it to the whole world.

That’s what the Resurrection means—it isn’t all over! Jesus is not a dead man in a shroud. He’s not in the tomb at Jerusalem. He’s risen from the dead. He’s alive! He has ascended to His Father and sent us the Holy Spirit. The great power of God is here right now for you!

In this world of violence and confusion—when you don’t know where to turn, and you feel that no matter what you do, you can’t get your needs met—the message of Christ is that if you let God be God, and open up your life to Him, His power will explode in you!

God is God, and I believe He can speak inside of you this moment in a still small voice. As you make Him your Source, you can allow His power to be transferable and unlimited. So, reach out to Him and receive all He has for you, expecting great blessings, miracles, and abundance in your life! ☺



Richard preaching at Victory Christian Church in Kiev Ukraine, with translator

Demonstration of Faith in the Ukraine

Recently, Richard had the privilege of sharing God’s Word and praying for people in Kiev, the capital city of Ukraine. It was a God-ordained appointment! The conference on God’s healing power was held over a weekend at Victory Christian Church, pastored by Henry Madava.

Richard preached and prayed for the sick for nearly three hours in each service, seeing tremendous miracles of salvation and healing as the precious people of the Ukraine released their faith to God. Many people traveled long distances to attend the meetings, and over a hundred ministers from the Ukraine and Russia attended as well.



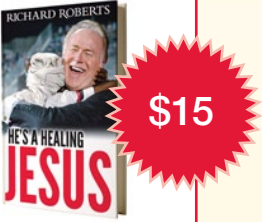
Pastor Madava was so excited and touched by Richard’s preaching, especially the practical Biblical methods of healing for the believer, that he himself preached the same message to his congregation in the second Sunday morning service. He spent the rest of the afternoon and early evening having the people practice and put into action all that Richard taught during the conference.

According to Pastor Madava, many people got healed during this service as well as during Richard’s ministry time. He said it was one of the most important and practical sermons ever taught to his people, and he was so thankful for Richard’s visit and impartations into the Ukrainian people.

It was a powerful time of ministry in the Lord! Thank you, partners, for helping make it possible. ☺

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I Am No Longer a Diabetic!



For over five years, I have battled Type II Diabetes. My doctors were constantly changing my medications and dosages, which resulted in terrible side effects. Through my illness, I have continued to sow my seed-faith gifts and call the *Abundant Life® Prayer Group* for prayer.

One day after I had prayed with a prayer partner, I noticed that I was feeling tired and had no energy. I tested my blood sugar and it was beginning to drop, meaning my medication was too strong. I went to the doctor and he tested me again, and the results showed my blood sugar had dropped into the normal range. He took me off the medicine, but wanted to see me again in three months to make sure my blood sugar was still normal.

I just received the results from those new tests, and everything is perfect! I am no longer a diabetic—praise God! He truly is a healing Jesus.

Donna from Indiana

Delivered From Concussion Symptoms

Last year I was playing with my dog and he snapped his head backward, hitting me very hard in my nose and forehead. I went to an urgent care clinic and was diagnosed with a concussion. For the next few weeks I suffered with dizziness, nausea, and awful migraine headaches.

I finally called the *Abundant Life® Prayer Group* late one night. I was so thrilled because I got right through to a prayer partner. As I was talking to this young man, I felt such an incredible closeness to Jesus—it was wonderful. I went to sleep that night and slept like an angel.

I have not had any symptoms of any kind since that night! I praise God and I thank you, Richard and Lindsay, for your ministry.

Diane from New Hampshire

No More Acid Reflux

For many years, I have suffered with terrible acid reflux. Recently, it has been interrupting my sleep. I wrote an email to the *Abundant Life® Prayer Group* asking for prayer about this. For the past week, I have had no acid reflux at all! I can drink water after a meal with no problems. That used to be impossible. Praise the Lord, I am healed!

Seleena from Singapore

The Tumor Is Gone!

I had been diagnosed with kidney stones and a tumor in my bladder. I called the *Abundant Life® Prayer Group* for prayer and stood on my faith in God. After prayer, I went back to the doctor, and tests showed the kidney stones and the tumor were gone. Hallelujah!

Donna from Michigan

The Power of Prayer and Medicine!

I had a cyst surgically removed from my throat and after the surgery, the doctor told me it was cancerous. I got very depressed and afraid. I called the *Abundant Life® Prayer Group* twice during my treatment and follow-up.

The next time I called the Prayer Group, I was actually parked in front of the hospital. I was afraid to go in there because they were going to be taking a CT scan of my neck. After prayer, I felt so much better.

I took the tests and the next day my doctor called me with the results. All my tests came out normal. I am cancer free! I praise God for the joining of prayer and medicine.

Iris from New York

Healing in Tanzania

My name is Esther from Tanzania, East Africa. Last night I was watching Richard Roberts, and

he asked people to touch the television as a point of contact to believe God for their healing. I did, and it felt like electricity went into my body. I received my healing from terrible pain in my back and side. I praise the Lord!

Esther from Tanzania

Partnership Brings Blessings



My husband Scott and I started watching *The Place for Miracles™* a few months ago. The miracle testimonies and Richard's anointing really inspired us to get involved with Oral Roberts Ministries.

We sowed a seed, and immediately we got back our tax refund and it was larger than we expected! We were thrilled. We later came to a Richard Roberts Healing Meeting and were so blessed to hear his teaching and receive prayer in person.

We have committed to being financial partners with ORM, and we are excited to see what God is going to do. We know that if a person is ever going to get anywhere in this world, trusting God with your finances is the beginning. We are so blessed to have learned that God wants us to prosper in every area of our lives.

Connie from Missouri



My Home Finally Sold!

The insurance and expenses on my home had gone up to the point that I really needed to sell it. I had a couple of potential buyers right away, but the deals fell through. And then for months and months, no one even came to look at the house.

Then one night I was watching your TV program, *The Place for Miracles™*, and you were teaching on the power of planting a Deuteronomy 1:11 seed. **So I planted a seed-faith gift and believed God for my house to sell.**

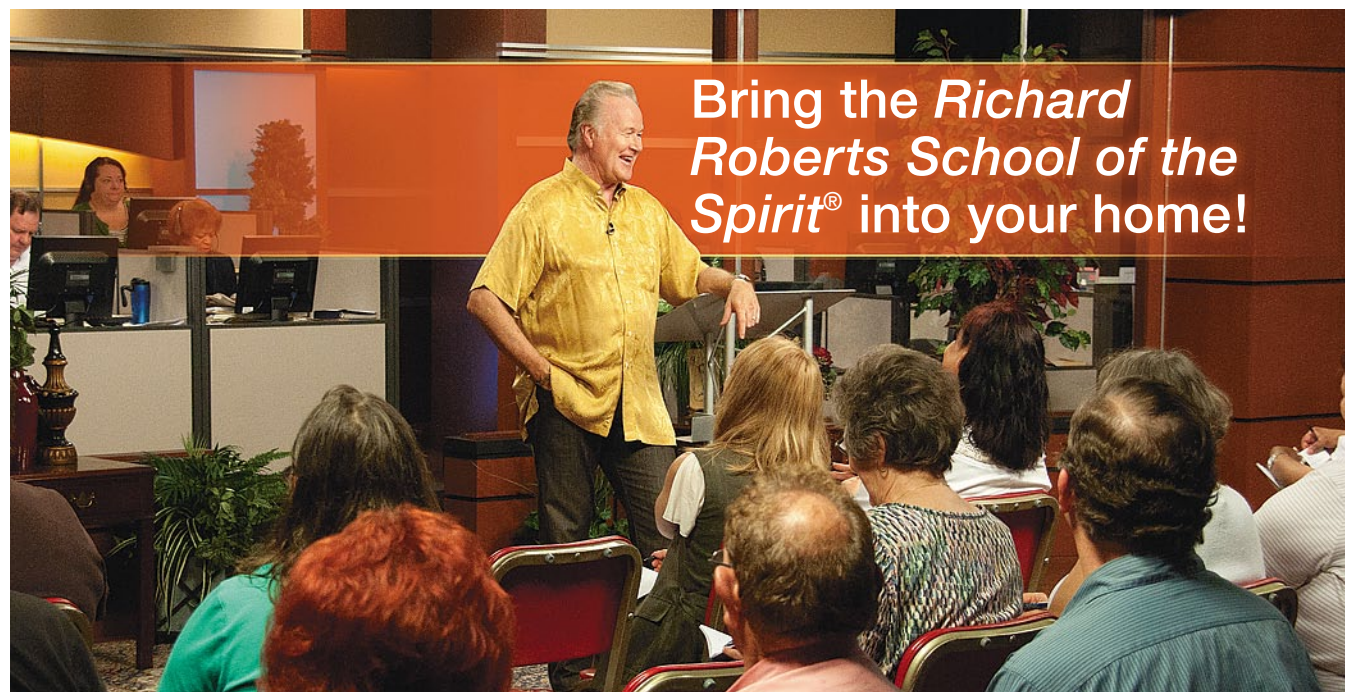
A few weeks later, my real estate agent called me and said, "We've got a buyer, but you've got to move fast. He wants to buy it right away." I was overjoyed! I came upon some complications during the closing, but God worked everything out just perfectly. **We closed the sale**

on the day the house would have gone into foreclosure.

I am a living example of what God can do when you plant your seed to Him and expect a miracle.

Dorsha from Ohio

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Healings Break Out in Fort Meyers



Pastor Lynn Braco

Our friend and partner, Pastor Lynn Braco of Fort Myers Christian Outreach Center church in Florida, has been facilitating the Richard Roberts' course, "The Healing Ministry of Jesus," in her church. Recently, she called our ministry to share with us about several healings that have taken place as a result of watching the class. After each class session, students have the opportunity to practice what they have learned by laying hands on one another and praying. Here are a few of their stories.

After listening to Richard tell the story about the man at the Pool of Bethesda, a church member named Judy laid hands on her fellow classmate, Teresa, who had been suffering with pain in her foot. Immediately, her foot was healed—the pain was gone. Then Teresa

reached out her hands and prayed for Judy, and the terrible neck and back pain Judy felt when she came into the class vanished.

Another student, Joanne, came into class one evening feeling dizzy, disoriented, and nauseated. As she was watching Richard Roberts preach on the DVD, he reached out his hands to pray and she felt an abrupt change in her symptoms. The dizziness and nausea left, and she no longer felt disoriented.

Phil was struggling with acid reflux. As a classmate laid hands on him and prayed, his symptoms disappeared. He said it was like he had taken an antacid—the terrible discomfort was gone!

And finally, Charlotte was dealing with painful leg cramps. Her fellow student laid hands on her and prayed that she would be healed from her head to her feet. Charlotte received that prayer by faith and her leg cramps disappeared.

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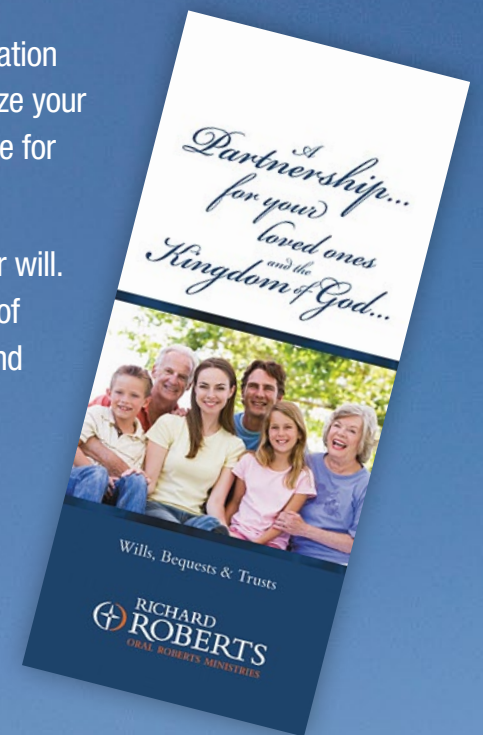
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Prophetic Insights

I believe there are modern-day prophets in the Body of Christ, and it is wise for us to hear what the Spirit of God is saying through them. My good friend, **Dr. Hank Kunneman**, who pastors the Lord of Hosts Church in Omaha, Nebraska, recently joined me on *The Place for Miracles™* via Skype. (My father, Oral Roberts, called this man the most accurate prophet of God he ever met!) I asked Pastor Hank what the Lord was saying right now concerning the United States, our future, and the economy. Here is a portion of that word of prophecy. —*OR*

◦ A Year of Great Opportunity for God's People

One of the things the Lord wants us to understand is that 2012 is a great opportunity for people to seize their moment. It's going to be a year of open doors. In the day when the Apostle John was taken up to Heaven, the Bible says there was an open door—a call to come up higher, so God could show him the things that were to come hereafter (Revelation 4:1). So it is today—this is a season where God is answering prayer now. It's a now season!

But there's a prerequisite for this door, and that is a *renewed intimacy with God*. I believe this will be a key for your prayers to be accelerated, and for things to come to pass in your life. The second key is asking God for His will. That's what David did. The Bible says David was a man that served the will of God to his generation (Acts 13:36).

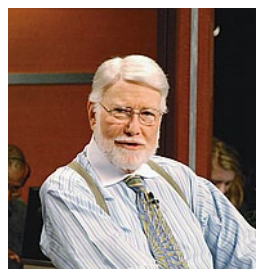
Another key thing for the people of God to understand is that we are not to get in fear regarding the economy. The Lord said there will two more hiccups in our economy, but as Christians, we don't need to be afraid. I asked Him why He said *hiccup*. And He said, "A hiccup may be a nuisance, but it's not something to fear. Eventually, the hiccups go away, and things get back to normal."

I want to encourage Christians to resist fear, and to continue to sow seed into ministries like yours. I encourage them to partner with a good ministry, so they can be like Peter, who wasn't catching anything until he partnered with Jesus. Then he had a great catch, a great blessing (Luke 5:4-7). Some of your partners



may see the storms in their lives but I believe we can be at peace. Many will receive their healings, and they're going to marvel at this new season.

Now, I'd like to pray—*Richard, I call you blessed. I declare a fresh wind of the Holy Spirit to flow over you and your ministry. When you stand in front of the cameras as you tape your television programs, you will see a greater dimension of spiritual blessings. You will see creative miracles that you have not seen before, and you will see incurable diseases be healed. Lord, let this fresh anointing come upon Richard, and let it come upon all those who hook up with his ministry and get in the boat with him. Thank You, Lord, for the mantle of power that is on Richard. Not by might or power, but by your Spirit, Lord. I thank You, in Jesus' name. Amen.* ☕



Recently, Dr. Hilton Sutton went home to be with the Lord, and I rejoice that he is now experiencing God's ultimate form of healing—life with Him in heaven. Dr. Sutton was, in my opinion, the most outstanding interpreter and revealer of Bible prophecy concerning the end times. He carried a powerful anointing wherever he went, and he was a true gift to the Body of Christ around the world. The Oral Roberts Ministries is thankful for his contributions to *Miracles* magazine and *The Place for Miracles™* television program. My family deeply loved and admired Dr. Sutton. He will be greatly missed!

Richard Roberts



Jordan in La Chureca garbage dump in Nicaragua

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