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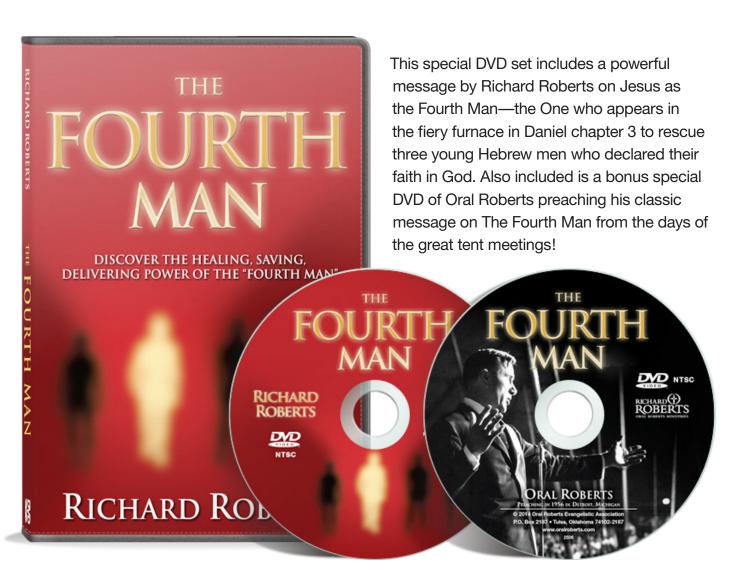
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a future."

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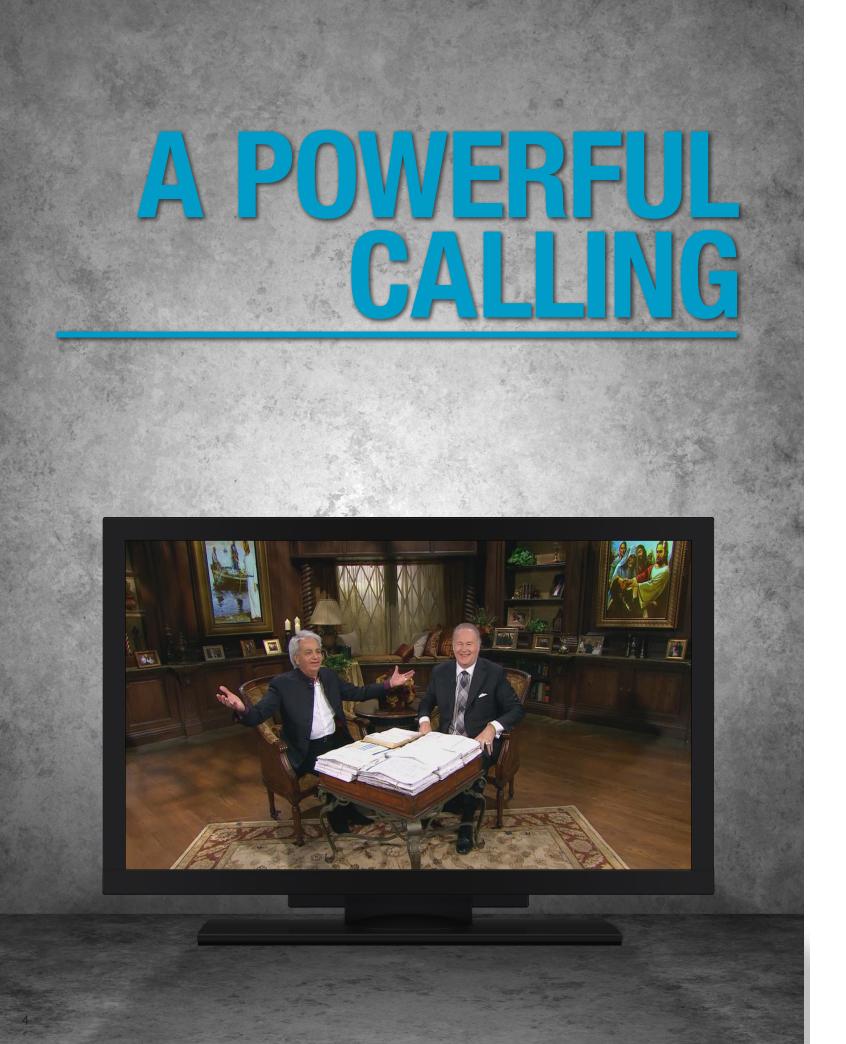
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the anointing

**BENNY HINN:** Richard, you and I go a long way back. The anointing that has rested on you has been mighty and powerful for many years. As you have ministered on television, I could feel the power of God. We recognize the anointing, and we are hungry for the anointing, and we need that anointing so much in our lives.

I will never forget when your daddy, dear Oral, laid hands on you. It was years ago. Oral had just turned seventy years old. He laid hands on you to bless you, like Moses did with Joshua, to honor you

with the anointing of God. That anointing to heal was already on you, but your father wanted to impart a double portion of it to you.

RICHARD: That's right.

**BENNY:** Those of us who were there that day could feel the atmosphere change. *We actually felt the transfer.* I think if we were there with Moses and Joshua, or Elijah and Elisha, we would've all felt the same thing,

because Oral carried a mighty anointing on his life. The power of God that flowed through his life is beyond description.

Well, that anointing is still here, and God Almighty will not allow the anointing to die. It's like invisible glue. It cannot be removed. The anointing that rests on all of our lives cannot be canceled or erased.

RICHARD: Well, for most of my adult life, I

told my father, "Dad, I want a double portion of the anointing." I saw that Elisha got it. God's no respecter of persons, so if Elisha could get it, I could get it.

BENNY: And today, the Lord is using you in a powerful way. I am here to tell you after sensing the anointing that your future is greater than maybe you realize yourself.

Think about the light in you, Richard, and what God will do with it. It's just like someone holding

a candle. When the sun is out, who cares? But when the sun is gone, when the darkness reigns, that little candle becomes all-important. We need the healing anointing today more than ever. Frankly, I believe the world needs it today more than they did when your father was alive.

RICHARD: Praying for people's healing was my father's passion. I watched as he would lay hands on thousands of people. And so many times, as I was a boy, he would stand

me beside him and say, "Son, you lay your hands on them." I didn't realize that he was schooling me, and God was preparing me for the anointing of the healing ministry. But I'm so grateful.

**BENNY:** People are hungry for the real anointing of God. Sickness has increased, not decreased. More are getting horrible diseases, and there are new plagues on the scene. People are scared. And there are not many people who are (continued on next page)



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carrying the anointing that Richard is carrying. **The** mantle that God put on your father is on you.

**RICHARD:** And that was my dream, Benny, all of my adult life, and I'm so grateful. I'm so grateful for it.

**BENNY:** God anointed you. But in addition to that, being Oral Roberts' son gives you a plus.

**RICHARD:** A heritage.

**BENNY:** Exactly, the heritage. You know, God uses families. The anointing is imparted from one generation to another.

**RICHARD:** It's generational. From Abraham to Isaac... from Isaac to Jacob...from Jacob to Joseph.

**BENNY:** You're 66. I'm 63. Let's finish the race stronger than we began. You and I have made a commitment to the Lord. We are going to take the healing ministry, the healing anointing, to the world. We really have no choice.

**RICHARD:** It's a calling.

**BENNY:** Necessity is laid upon us to take the Gospel and the healing ministry to the nations. We have to do it. So, I want to pray with you and pray for your partners that God Almighty will increase that anointing.

Precious Jesus, we come into agreement that the healing anointing on Richard and Lindsay will increase mightily. I pray, Lord, that the power on Richard will increase in Your holy name, bringing healing to the nations, healing to the multitudes with brand-new doors opening in brand-new places that he's never been to, in Jesus' mighty name.

Now, Lord, let that same healing power heal those in need of a miracle in their body. In the name of Jesus, receive God's touch on your body in the name of the One whom we love with all of our hearts, Jesus, the Son of Almighty God, Amen and Amen.

Dear God, I feel the anointing just sitting here. Thank you, Richard, for giving me the honor to do this.

RICHARD: In Jesus' name, from the crown of your head, to the soles of your feet, we take authority over sickness. He gave us authority. The Bible says He gave us authority over all manner of sickness and disease. That means we can command it to come out, in Jesus' name. Pastor Benny and I set our faith with you right now for your healing. One can put a thousand to flight; two can put 10,000 to flight. And when you and Benny and I join together, a three-fold cord is not easily broken. I set my faith with you, and I will not come out of this prayer agreement. Hallelujah! (9)

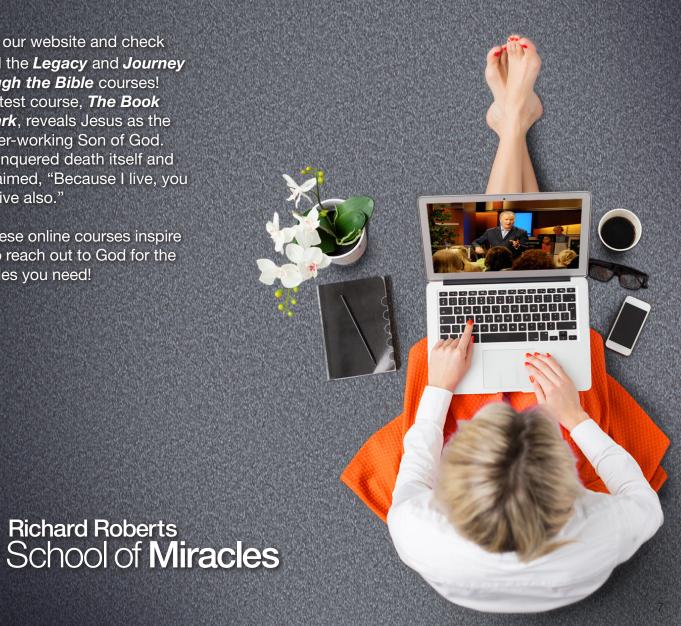
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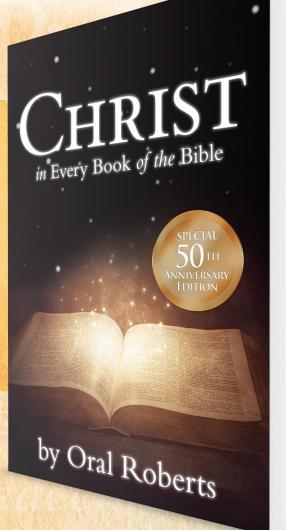


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#### **Successful Surgery**

I called the Abundant Life Prayer Group on behalf of my brother. He was having replacement surgery on his elbow, which had caused him pain for thirty years. After we prayed in faith, the surgery was successful. My brother is painfree. Furthermore, he's going to church, he's been baptized, and he is serving in the church!

-Sharon

\*For prayer any time, day or night, call the *Abundant Life Prayer Group* at **918-495-7777.** 

#### The Debt Was Canceled!

I put my house up for a short sale after the death of my husband. I called the Abundant Life Prayer Group to pray for my situation. The sale went through, but I was told I would still have to pay the balance of the mortgage. I then sowed a seed-faith gift out of my need, releasing my faith for a miracle. I soon got a letter stating my remaining debt had been canceled!

-Michelle from Ohio

## connections

letters and comments from friends and partners

#### **New Job!**

In the midst of a three-month wait to hear about a job I applied for, I dug out your letter and the sticker chart for expecting a miracle that you sent me. I put it on the refrigerator, and used it as I believed God for the job. After 27 days, I have my new job! I will continue using the chart in prayer for others as I believe God for spiritual growth and a house for myself.

-Parma from Pennsylvania

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Lindsay, I can remember my grandma watching Oral Roberts on Sunday mornings. I just love that you and Richard are going forward with Oral's dream. God bless you, and thank you so much!

—Tina via Facebook

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BY LINDSAY ROBERTS

When we believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, the Bible says we shall be saved (Acts 16:31). Well, what does it mean to be saved?

The word translated as "saved" is a Greek word, sozo. It's such an unusual word in the Bible. It means the total completeness of your salvation, your healing, and your deliverance. To me, it means that whatever you have need of, God has provided it through the cross.

I believe with all my heart that when Jesus went to the cross and said, "It is finished," it was for a reason. He went to redeem us, to pay the price for our sins. And He completed the work He set out to accomplish. It's done.

He went to the cross to take whatever it is in our life that is plaguing us, and exchange it for everything

that He has for us. He took on our sin, our shame, our sorrow, our sickness, our poverty. He took the 39 stripes on His back so we could have healing. Anything and everything that is unlike God, He took it on Himself on the cross. The Bible says He paid the final sacrifice.

You know the saying, "Been there, done that, bought the T-shirt?" That's what Jesus meant when He said, "It is finished." He's been there, done that already. In a sense, He took on the devil's roughest territory, so that we could have a life full of the essence of God through Jesus.

That's what the Bible says, isn't it? For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil (1 John 3:8). He suffered, died, and was raised from the dead so that we might have life and have it more abundantly (John 10:10).

That phrase *more abundantly* means superabundant, superior in quality, excessive, exceedingly abundantly above. It means high above and beyond. It even means vehement. To me, it means He is so strong at giving us all of His highest and best!

All the highest and best that Christ is, He gives to us, His saints. All His highest and best are to replace

all the sin, sorrow, suffering...all the mess that we find ourselves in.

So, how do we connect to what Jesus has done on the cross for us? How do we take it into our lives and receive it? I believe it's a matter of us knowing, agreeing with, and acting on the Word of God. The

Bible says as we know the truth, the truth *that we know* is what makes us free (John 8:32).

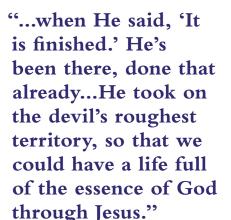
You see, sometimes we know the situation we're facing all too well. We may even rehearse the situation over and over in our minds. We may complain about it. But we can **forget** to rehearse *the Word of God...*the truth that can make the difference and change our situation for the good.

I believe it's vitally important to hear, understand, and act on what God's Word tells us that Jesus has done for us on the cross. It's His Word that can steer us consistently in the right direction as we look for His salvation, healing, and deliverance in the circumstances of our everyday lives.

I encourage you to really hear and listen to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Give ear to the Word of the living God. Get it into your heart

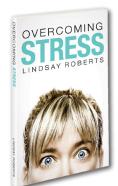
until it becomes a revelation and understanding of how much God loves us, how much He heals us, how much He cares for us.

Remember, Jesus has already done His part on the cross. He has been there, done that. His part is finished. Now we can receive all He has given to us, according to our faith.  $\oplus$ 



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by Richard and Lindsay Roberts

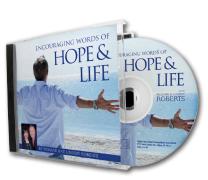
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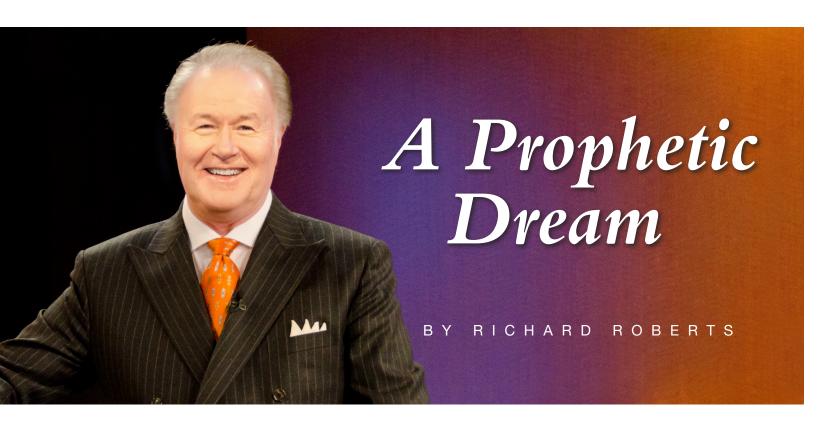
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"And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony..." -- Revelation 12:11

sense in my spirit that something good is going to had the most unusual dream of my life! happen for my partners.

Of course, I also know that the devil will do his very best to stop those good things from happening. That is why it's important to press in to the things of God in order to overcome what Satan has planned.

Remember what Jesus said in Luke 10:19... Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you. While this is a spiritual, biblical reference, it became very important to me in this prophetic dream. And, through Jesus, we can defeat the devil and walk in victory!

#### My Dream from the Lord

Recently, the Lord told me that I was going to begin having more dreams and visions, and that they would be spiritual, not only affecting me but also affecting and speaking to others.

What I didn't realize was that the prophetic word would begin that very night... When I went to bed, I

I dreamed I was sitting on my porch. I looked up and saw a huge, scorpion-like figure. The lower half of his body looked human-like, while the upper half was a blackish-red scorpion with a barbed tail and huge pincers. Behind him was a group of men in chains, barefoot and wearing only waistcloths. They appeared to have been beaten, and some were bleeding.

The scorpion-like figure said to me, "Where is the leader of your kingdom? Bring Him before me."

"I can't," I replied. "His kingdom is not of this world.'

"Where does He live?"

"He lives in my heart," I replied.

The creature looked at me strangely, and the men in chains mocked me. "How can He be of another world, yet live in your heart?" he asked.

"Through the miracle of His shed blood at a place called Calvary," I replied, "the place where Jesus

Christ, my Savior and Lord, loved me so much that He suffered, bled, and died for my salvation."

He asked, "Do you love this Jesus? And does your family love Him too?"

"Yes. We are one together in Him, not just in loving Him, but also in serving Him."

"How long will you serve Him?" he growled.

I said, "Forever."

"What about when you die?"

And I replied, "Then I will go straight to heaven to be with Him and live with Him forever."

The scorpion figure raged and moved toward me, but I looked down and saw a shining sword in my hand. I swung it and split the scorpion's head open. His head swung down as if he were dead.

I watched as he stood motionless. Then suddenly his head rose. He turned away from me and led the men he held captive into the distance and disappeared.

#### And Then I Woke Up...

I sat up in bed and wrote down exactly what I had dreamed, for I did not want to forget it. I shared it with Lindsay, and we prayed over it. Suddenly, I began to understand what God was showing me.

You see, the devil knows that his time is limited... In fact, his time is running out.

The half-man, half-scorpion in my dream is a picture of the intimidation that comes from Satan himself, to try to bind us up with fear and keep us from using our faith and God's Word to counterattack him.

Now, fear is one of Satan's greatest weapons. It can freeze us in our tracks...blind us from the truth... and try to make us give up. But remember, God did not give us the spirit of fear but of power, love, and a sound *mind* (2 Timothy 1:7).

In this dream, the men who were captive in chains represented those who have been caught up in the devil's snare and who, without a miracle, could be lost forever.

And the questions he asked were not questions that he did not know the answers to... No. he knew the answers. But he was asking them to see what I believed and to see if I would break down before him or if I would stand tall in my faith.

Really, the answers I gave him in the dream outlined God's plan for salvation for all humankind. Without even realizing it, I had given him the overview of God's redemptive plan for all of us.

#### We Can Stop the Devil in His Tracks

I believe that dream was a picture of what Satan tries to do to all of us...to intimidate, to accuse, and to put us in chains so that he can lead us around as his personal trophy.

But I believe he can be stopped in his tracks!

We as believers can stop him by using the power in the name of Jesus...for God has given Jesus a name that is higher than any other name (Philippians 2:9).

And Jesus made reference to spiritual victory when He said in Mark 16:17-18, And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.

Remember, 2 Chronicles 16:9 says, For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose heart is loyal to Him. I believe that means the Lord can bless you in any circumstances...no matter what the devil may try to use against you. But when you use God's Word in faith, praying and releasing your faith expecting miracles, you give Him something He can work with as He moves in your behalf.

#### I Want to Pray for You...

Father, we come to You in the name of Jesus, believing Your Word, that "Greater is He who is in us than the devil who is in the world!" Strengthen us in the knowledge of Your love and Your power to deliver us, so we can stand firm against the intimidation of the devil. I pray right now that something good is going to happen for us because You are working in our behalf in every area... spirit, soul, and body...so that we can enjoy Your healing, deliverance, restoration, peace, joy, provision...and everything else You have provided for us through Christ. Thank You for Your goodness and mercy, in Jesus' name. Amen! (4)

Go... to your friends, and tell them what great things the Lord has done for you, and how He has had compassion on you.

-- Mark 5:19 NKJV



#### I've Had Multiple Miracles!

I had a stroke, and as a result, I couldn't raise my left hand. While I was watching The Place for Miracles one day, Richard had a word of knowledge from God and said, "Someone can't raise their hands." I acted in faith and found I was able to lift my left hand!

That's not the only miracle I've had through the Oral Roberts Ministries. Another time, Richard and Lindsay were planning to have communion on *The Place for Miracles*. I put notes all over the house so I would remember to participate.

The morning of the communion broadcast, my back went out. I couldn't bend. I couldn't sit. I was walking in pain. But I got ready for communion anyway. When Richard started praying, I put my hands on the TV screen,



Olive & her husband, Wahid

and I prayed in faith with him. Instantly I could bend. I could walk without pain. It was amazing.

Also, my grandson was doing very poorly in school. He was failing so badly that his teacher wanted to hold him back a year. I called the Abundant Life Prayer Group to pray for him, and he began to improve right away. Now, he is an honor student. Glory to God!

-Olive from Florida

## The Right Job with the Right Benefits!

I was getting permanently laid off on December 31, 2014 due to a department closure. I got my November letter from Richard and used the calendar, scriptures and stickers he sent me, believing for my miracle every day. I applied for a job in early December after many resume submissions to various companies. In my heart, I wanted the job closest to my home, less than three miles away. I was offered my preferred job sometime after Christmas and started my new position in January 2015. I got my miracle—a good job with good income and medical benefits. Our God is faithful!

-Angela from Michigan

## Miracles Keep Coming!

I want you to know just how much your ministry has touched my life. God healed my back after a car wreck in 2008. My dad just received news that he is cancer-free. God has healed my left ear, in which I had been pretty much deaf since I was ten years old. We truly serve a caring and great God. Thank you for helping build my faith for miracles through your ministry outreaches!

-Bryan via email

## Crooked Bones No More!

I was watching *The Place* for Miracles recently. Richard said that somebody had fractured their left arm, and it had healed wrong and there was crookedness. That described me. I believed God for my healing. All of a sudden, my hand moved and my arm was straight! The knot is gone. I can put my hand out straight now, something I haven't been able to do since I broke my arm in 1986. Praise God!

–Linda from Texas

## Glory-to-Glory Financially!

I had a business need. I'd done some work that a customer really appreciated—they loved the work I did, but they did not pay the bill. So, I called the Abundant Life Prayer Group for prayer, believing God for a divine reversal of the situation. After prayer, the bill was paid, and the customer gave me a good referral for an even bigger job!

-Marcus from Alabama

## Wrist Pain Is Healed!

I sprained my wrist, and it was very painful. But I attended Richard's miracle healing meeting recently and received prayer. While I was sitting in the meeting, releasing my faith, I realized my wrist didn't hurt anymore! I can make a tight fist too. That pain is all gone!

-Barbara from New Jersey

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want to share with you from Deuteronomy 1:5–11. When I discovered this passage of scripture, God turned a light on in my soul.

Moses began to explain this law, saying, "The Lord our God spoke to us in Horeb, saying: 'You have dwelt long enough at this mountain. Turn and take your journey, and go to the mountains of the Amorites, to all the neighboring places in the plain, in the mountains and in the lowland, in the South and on the seacoast, to the land of the Canaanites and to Lebanon, as far as the great river, the River Euphrates. See, I have set the land before you; go in and possess the land which the Lord swore to your fathers—to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob—to give to them and their descendants after them.'

"And I spoke to you at that time, saying: 'I alone am not able to bear you. The Lord your God has multiplied you, and here you are today, as the stars of heaven in multitude. May the Lord God of your fathers make you a thousand times more numerous than you are, and bless you as He has promised you!"

This is a tremendous moment in the history of the world. Moses has just led the children of Israel from Egyptian bondage across the howling wilderness, perhaps the most desolate place on the face of the earth, for forty years, with their ups and downs, with God's mighty miracles, with many

of them obeying and others disobeying and losing their lives. Now, they have finally reached the edge of the Promised Land. And Moses begins to remind them where they had come from, how far they had come, and where now they are to go.

And then he pronounces a prophetic blessing: "God will make you a thousand times more than you are."

Can you imagine what went through the hearts of those people who had straggled through that wilderness, believing the promise of an invisible God, heading to a land they only heard about? And now Moses is saying, "Now that you can finally see the Promised Land, God is going to make you a thousand times more than you are and bless you as He promised."

#### This word is for us today.

I said to God, "How can this scripture apply to us, the Church, today? How can it reach across the centuries to me and to Your people everywhere?"

He called my attention to verse 8, which says the promise is to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob and to their seed. Then He led me to Galatians 3:29, which says, And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise. He asked me, "Do you belong to Christ?" I said, "Yes." He said, "Then you're the seed of Abraham, and you have the promise that was given to Abraham. I'm going to tell you what the thousand times more means."

Since then, Deuteronomy 1:11 has opened up my whole being, and it's been exploding inside my spirit.

#### You shall possess the land.

In 1947 when I began this healing ministry, I was led to move where they had an airport, and I knew I was to go to the ends of the earth. All Evelyn and I had was a car, \$300 worth of furniture, \$25, and children. We tried to rent, and we couldn't rent. We tried to buy, but \$25 wouldn't buy a house.

The man they had called to take my place in Enid where I was pastoring was Reverend Oscar Moore, and he lived in Tulsa. He said, "Stay with me a few nights while you look around town." When we walked into his little house, the Lord said to me, "This is your house."

Oscar said, "I'm so glad you're here, because I've sold my house and the man's coming at six o'clock to sign the papers." He had sold the house God said was mine. I said, "Would you excuse me just a little while?" I got in my car, put my head on the steering wheel, and began to pray. I said, "God, You said it was my house, but he sold it. You've got to help me. I've only got \$25. But You sent me here. You called me to take Your healing power to my generation."

After a while, I felt a deep, settled peace. So I went back and we sat down to eat.

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"...if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise."

-Galatians 3:29



"Oral, if you don't get a house for our family to live in and enough money for us to live on, I'm taking these children to my mother's, and I'm not coming back until you do!"

The man who was buying the house didn't come.

The next morning, the man still hadn't come. Oscar said, "Oral, would you like to buy this house?"

I said, "I'll take it."

We went down to the savings and loan, got the papers, and filled them out. I had the pen in my hand to sign them when Oscar said, "Oral, wait a minute. My wife and I are going to build a new house a year from now. We don't need this money right now. Why don't you wait a year to make the down payment?"

I said, "Just as you say."

Now that meant something. God let me know that I possessed the land.

#### As you sow your seed, expect ideas, concepts, and insights.

In Malachi, where it talks about tithing and giving, the Lord says, Prove me now herewith, saith the Lord, if I will not open the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing where there's not room enough to receive it, and I will rebuke the devourer for your sake.

I said, "Lord, I've been a tither since I was converted, and I've never received more than I could contain. And I don't know anybody else who has." He said, "I don't pour money out of heaven. I'm not talking about money. I'm including money, but I'm not talking about money."

I said, "Lord, what are You trying to tell me?"

He said, "When I say, a thousand times more, what I mean is, I will pour out ideas, concepts and insights because everything comes from ideas. I will pour you out ideas, concepts, and insights so great that you can't contain them."

Let me give you an example of an idea that came out of my tithing. I was in Enid just trying to get into this healing ministry, carrying a full load at a local university, pastoring this small church, and God was dealing with me. I knew that my time had come. We'd been called to that church, and I went primarily because they had a university in the town.

But they had no parsonage for us to live in. And we didn't have any money to build one or to buy one. We were just a young couple with children, trying to pay our way through school. And I couldn't get the church to do anything. One of the member's family invited us to stay with them for a few days and then a few weeks and then a couple of months.

Everything was fine, until one day we realized there were two women in the house and two wives and two mothers and two sets of children. There were nine of us in that little two-bedroom house. These were good people, but it was a tight fit.

Well, it was prayer meeting night, and I want to tell you, I got my Bible out and I said, "God, give me a text. I've got to preach tonight." When the service was over, the Lord said something to me.

He said, "I want you to give first. I want you to give your week's salary." That was \$55!

That was an idea that would never have entered my mind. I knew it was from God. She said, "How am I going to buy groceries for these children?" I said, "Honey, somehow the Lord will help us."

At four o'clock in the morning, there was a loud knock on our door. I opened it and a man from the church, Art Newfield, said, "I was at the service tonight. I didn't give anything. I went back to my farm. I went to bed and couldn't sleep. An hour ago, God had me get out of bed, go out in my yard, and dig this up." He handed me four hundred dollars. I showed it to Evelyn, who was amazed.

In six hours, God had given me seven times the salary that I gave. In six hours, I got four hundred dollars from my \$55. And it came because God gave me an idea that was greater than I could contain.

Art Newfield stood there in my living room and he said, "I want to tell you why I did this. I'm a wheat farmer, and I know I can't get a harvest unless I plant a seed first. **That money that I gave you is not money. That's seed.**"

I'd grown up on a farm and helped my daddy plant and harvest, but I didn't have a spiritual understanding of that until Art Newfield opened my eyes. That's where the blessing of Seed-Faith was born—in my living room that night. That concept is now throughout the body of Christ. And God is using it.

It can change your whole life when you recognize what you do for Christ is a seed. What you do for anybody is a seed. The ideas, concepts, and insights we receive are more than we can contain when we sow our seeds in faith to the Lord.

#### My Prayer for You

I pray for God's thousand times blessing upon your life, so that when you stand up to do what God has called you to do, you will feel His anointing in your body, spirit, and mind. I pray for divine wisdom in every area of your life, in the name of Jesus. (\*)

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