

# Miracles

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# A Christmas Message from Richard and Lindsay...

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What an encouraging verse of scripture! It's talking about Jesus—the gift God has given us for every need we face in life. Through Jesus, who shed His blood on the cross, we can have peace with God and receive help in the midst of every situation we face.

It's important to remember everything Jesus has done to bless us, especially during the busy holiday season, which can be a difficult time of year for so many people. Even if things may appear overwhelming, we can always turn to Jesus—the Reason for the Season.

According to the Bible, His salvation includes everything you could need for healing, forgiveness, wisdom, deliverance, restoration, hope, peace, joy, and more! If you have given your life to Him, you can call on Him anytime for help and provision.

If you have not yet asked Jesus into your heart or if you have the privilege of leading someone to Jesus, remem-

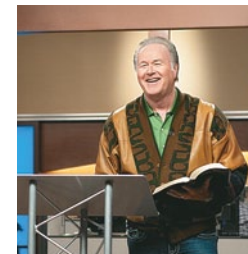
ber that it's easy. Romans 10:9–10 says, *If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.* Simply say this prayer in faith:

Lord Jesus, I believe You died on the Cross to pay the price for sin. I believe You are the way to heaven and the source of everlasting life. Come into my heart now and make me a new person. Cleanse me, forgive me, and help me to live for You from this day forward. Thank You for saving me! Amen.

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—Richard and Lindsay

# Your Answer Can Be Found in God



In the midst of this year's holiday season, I encourage you to focus on the Source for all good things in this world—our Savior and Lord Jesus Christ. He is God's gift to you!

I believe that whatever you need, God has answers for you, and He supplies your needs according to His riches (Philippians 4:19). As Joshua 1:5 says, He won't fail you, and He will never forsake you.

As you finish 2012 and enter 2013, Lindsay and I are praying that God's blessings may overtake you and that His Word may continue to guide your life. If you have specific prayer requests, let us know by writing, emailing, or calling the Abundant Life Prayer Group at 918-495-7777. We are always here to stand in faith with you, believing God for the miracles you need.

*Richard Roberts*

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# I BELIEVE JESUS KNOWS THE LOCATION OF YOUR MIRACLE

BY RICHARD ROBERTS

**W**hen you're facing a seemingly impossible situation, where do you turn for answers? That's what David asked in Psalm 112:1–2. The answer comes with a powerful God-given revelation that I believe can set you free today: David saw that *your help comes from the Lord!*

For me as a Christian, I believe the Source for everything I need is in Jesus! In Him *are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge* (Colossians 2:3). He came to give us *abundant life* (John 10:10). He knows what we need and the best way to get it to us. I believe with all my heart that whatever you're seeking right now, Jesus has your answer.



Now, I know that when I am going through a challenging time, it can feel like God is a million miles away. And perhaps your situation may appear so bad that it seems as though God doesn't see what is going on. But the Bible declares that He is with you in your times of need (Matthew 28:20). He hasn't forgotten you! He's the same yesterday, today, and forever (Hebrews 13:8). So therefore God doesn't change, and the miracles He did in the past, He can still do today.

In fact, I believe Jesus knows exactly where your miracle is located... And He has a plan to get it to you.

### **Your faith puts you in the place for miracles**

The way I read the Bible, the best way to put yourself in position to receive what God has for you is to use your faith. Remember, your faith pleases Him and produces results in your life (Hebrews 11:6). Miracles can happen as you receive God's Word into your heart, obey it, and expect Him to bring it to pass.

Countless believers have told of receiving miracles since God created humankind, and I'm sure it would be impossible to write books enough to list them all. My own father, Oral Roberts, was divinely healed of tuberculosis at a time when that disease had no known cure; it almost always led to death, but not for my fa-

ther, because God intervened and Dad believed Him. Whenever someone turns to God in faith and believes Him to do what He has said He will do, I believe they can step into the right position to receive what they are believing for.

From Genesis to Revelation, the Bible tells of people from all walks of life who received miraculous blessings because they believed God. So let's look at a few.

### **By faith, Abraham moved to his miracle**

Abraham was living in Ur of the Chaldeans when God said to him, "I'm sending you to a new place, and I'll tell you where to settle when you arrive at the right location. In that place, you'll be blessed and your descendants will become a great nation." (See Genesis 12:1–3.)

The whole situation must have seemed strange, maybe even intimidating, but Abraham obeyed the Lord. He packed his tents, gathered his family, and traveled, *in faith*, trusting God to speak again when it was time to settle down. God led him to make his home in Bethel and later Hebron, both located in the land that would become Israel (Genesis 13:3–4, 18).

Because he acted in faith, Abraham found himself living in a place where he increased in wealth, had victory over many enemies, and gave birth to a son, Isaac, from whom the Jewish people are descended. Through his descendants came, in my opinion, the greatest miracle of all...our Savior Jesus Christ!

### **You can step right into a miracle**

Then we see God's work again in the miraculous happening of the sick man who encountered Jesus at the pool of Bethesda (John 5:1–15). The man had been ill

for 38 years. Jesus saw this man and said, "Rise, take up your bed, and walk."

The man's healing was found in his willingness to listen to Jesus. When the man got up in faith, he found that he could walk normally, totally delivered from his sickness. He stepped right into a miracle!

### **God is still doing miracles today**

Some people read about Biblical miracles and say, "Yes, that's what happened when Jesus was on earth. But what about now?" I can't help but believe that God is still a miracle-working God (Hebrews 13:8) and that He does great things for those who believe Him today, just as He did in Bible days. Throughout the Bible, we see how *He responds to faith in His Word and our willingness to do what He says, believing and expecting supernatural results from Him.*

One of our partners, Esther, recently received her own healing miracle. She had severe pain in her left shoulder for nearly three months. God led her to attend one of our Healing Services so that she could pray for the healing of others. During the service, Esther began to pray for others, just as God had put it on her heart to do.

Then God led me to lay hands on people with shoulder pain. Esther came forward, and I laid my hands on her and prayed for her. She reported that she felt something like electricity go through her body, and God had instantly healed her shoulder! Afterward, she demonstrated for our staff how she could fully raise



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AND I BELIEVE HE KNOWS WHERE  
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her arm and lift her purse without pain. I believe God still does miracles today for someone who will believe and obey Him in faith!

**Follow God's instructions**

These people are great examples of what can happen when we act on a word from the Lord. Because of that, I believe that He's still speaking to His people and that He has a clear word of direction for you in all seasons of life. So, I encourage you to ask for His help when you need it; listen to what He says to you through the Bible, anointed preachers, and your personal times of prayer and worship; and when He speaks to you, obey Him.

It's important to act on God's Word, even if you don't fully understand it. Remember, He told Abraham to move without telling him where to settle. He told the sick man at Bethesda to rise up and walk when the man's symptoms said it was impossible. He told Esther to come to a Healing Service and pray for the needs of others, even though she was in need too. God can do what He says, even if it seems strange to you.

There's a great example of this in the life of the apostle Peter. One day, some men from Jerusalem approached Peter and asked, "Does Jesus pay His taxes?" (See Matthew 17.) I believe they were hoping to cause trouble for Jesus. So, Peter went and asked Jesus, "What do we do?"

You may face times like that too. A need may arise that you weren't planning on, and you need God's help to take care of it. The good news is, He's no stranger to situations like this. If you need His help, I believe He can help you.

**Jesus has the answer you need right now**

Jesus had an answer for Peter's need that Peter certainly didn't expect. Jesus said, "Go to the sea, cast in a hook, and the first fish you catch will have money in its mouth to pay the taxes" (Matthew 17:27). It was a word from the Lord to supernaturally meet the need.

However, that word went against everything Peter knew to be true in the natural. He was a fisherman by trade, and he knew that you don't just throw a hook in the water! You need bait. And even then, you might not catch anything. But he acted on the word of Jesus anyway. And sure enough, when Peter threw that hook in the sea, he caught a fish with money in its mouth. The impossible became possible, right before Peter's eyes!



Esther after her healing

**Jesus knew where Peter's miracle was located. And I believe He knows where your miracle is located too.** He can lead you to the right place at the right time to meet with the right people and find the right thing to answer your prayers.

But to receive what you need from Him in that place, I believe you have to hear what He is saying to you and then act on it. It's when you *act* on your faith by doing something and expecting results that your faith can connect to God's power and go to work in your situation (James 2:26).

If you need God to move in your life today, I encourage you to reach out to Him in faith *now*. The same miracle power that brought Abraham to the promised land, healed the sick man at Bethesda, and led Peter to the money he needed for his financial needs can be available to you today. I truly believe God is here for you now and can show Himself strong in your behalf.

So, let me encourage you to rise up in your faith and ask the Lord to lead you right where you need to be to receive your miracle. Then obey Him—whether it's sowing a seed, using a point of contact to release your faith, praying, repenting, worshipping, or whatever else He tells you. That's when I believe God honors His Word, whenever we choose to act on it in faith.

I set my faith with you right now, believing for your miracle from the Lord to come to pass, according to Philippians 4:19, which says, *My God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.* And I encourage you to stand strong and keep expecting His answer to your prayer. I believe it's coming to you, in Jesus' name. ☪

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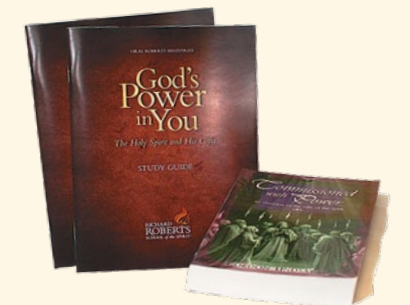
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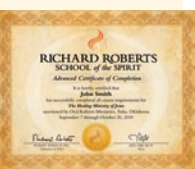


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Recently, Richard Roberts conducted a Healing Meeting in Toronto for partners and friends of the Oral Roberts Ministries. Over a thousand people came to hear an encouraging word from the Lord. Richard prayed for and laid hands on everyone who desired prayer. It was a powerful time in the Lord.

To attend a Healing Meeting in your area or to learn where Richard is going next, go online to [www.oralroberts.com](http://www.oralroberts.com) and view our upcoming events calendar.



Richard laid hands on everyone who desired prayer.

Jordan Roberts greeted the crowd and led in worship.

Richard and his daughter, Olivia, met and took photos with partners.

# PRAYING FOR OUR NATION

BY RICHARD ROBERTS

*Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for ALL men, for kings and ALL who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires ALL men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. —1 Timothy 2:1-4*

As Christians, we have the responsibility of praying for our nation. First Timothy instructs us to give thanks and pray for *ALL those who are in authority*.

This scripture doesn't say to pray only for the people who agree with us. No, we are to pray for *everyone* in a leadership position, no matter how we may feel about them personally.

Why? The simple answer is that God instructs us to do so. As His servants, we are to be people of prayer.

### Prayer opens up godly possibilities

But I believe God has an additional, powerful reason for us to pray for our leaders. James 5:16 NLT says, *The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results.*

When we pray in faith for those who have authority, our prayers can help lead us into God's perfect plan for our nation. And when we pray according to His will, God can bring about peaceful conditions that make it possible to share Jesus with others.

### The most important thing

As Christians, we should take advantage of our rights—including voting and anything else we can do to have good government. But the most important thing we can do is to pray and share the Gospel, so everyone may have the opportunity to accept Jesus as Lord.

### Our prayers can move mountains

As we pray for our nation according to God's will, the mountains in our way can begin to be moved

(Mark 11:23). Financial challenges...the safety of our military...our educational system...and every other thing that concerns us can be turned around for good as we invite God's help into our nation.

As we humble ourselves and turn to God, He promises to forgive and bring healing to every area of our land where healing is needed (2 Chronicles 7:14).

We can always have hope for the future, because the God we serve is the God of hope. Let's go to Him every day with prayers for His will to be done in our nation, just as it is done in Heaven (Matthew 6:9-10). ☪

### Suggestions on How to Pray for Our Nation

*As you pray, lift up everyone in authority, including:*

- President, Senate, Congress, Supreme Court, and their staff
- State and local government officials
- The military
- Business owners
- School teachers and administrators
- Pastors and ministry leaders

*Some scriptures you can use as you pray:*

- 1 Timothy 2:1-4
- James 5:16
- 2 Chronicles 7:14
- Mark 11:22-24
- Romans 13:1-7
- Proverbs 8:14-16
- Proverbs 15:22
- Proverbs 21:1
- Proverbs 29:14
- Deuteronomy 8:18
- 2 Samuel 23:3
- Matthew 18:18-20
- Mark 16:15

*Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers. —3 John 2 NKJV*



# Prospering in All Things:

God's gift to us through Jesus

BY LINDSAY ROBERTS

What an amazing scripture 3 John 2 is! It has changed the course of my life, and it is also the verse that changed the life of my father-in-law, Oral Roberts. He often told the story of how he and Evelyn were living in Enid, Oklahoma, where he was pastoring a little church while going to school. Evelyn was home with two young children. Richard wasn't even born yet. They had almost no money and struggled just to buy groceries and put gas in their car.

Oral made a habit every morning of reading a passage of Scripture with his family and having a devotional time. One morning, he was in a hurry and he left the house without reading the Scriptures. He ran back inside and grabbed his Bible, which fell open to 3 John 2. He was astonished to read the verse, because of the word *prosper*. So he read it to Evelyn, who said, "Oral, is that really in the Bible?" Before that day, they had never believed God wanted His people to prosper—and yet there it was in God's Word. Oral said about that day, "I had a decision to make because the pastor of our church didn't preach prosperity." And he continued saying that his point was that *he* was the pastor who didn't preach it!

Oral stayed home that entire day reading and studying the life-changing revelation that God wants His people to prosper in every area of life. And as they say, the rest is history! Can you imagine what we could be missing out on if Oral and Evelyn hadn't had that amazing revelation?

### Help is on the way

Prosperity means "help is on the way" and "to have a prosperous journey." In 3 John 2, it also means "to be fortunate or successful, bringing something good of physical and spiritual health." What an amazing blessing from the Lord! Imagine what this kind of prosperity might look like in your life as you reach out in faith to God to receive it. I encourage you to believe that according to God's Word, the help you need can be on the way, bringing something spiritually, financially, and physically healthy and successful to you.

Now, the Bible calls the Holy Spirit, who is the third person of the Holy Trinity, the divine *Paraclete*—which means "the one called alongside to help." Not

only is help to be on the way, but it is the spiritual help of the Holy Spirit to assist your successful journey along the way. Praise the Lord for His goodness!

### Ask for His help on your journey

This holiday season, my prayer for you is that you may experience the rich depths of God's wholeness in your life—spirit, soul, and body. According to 3 John 2, this is His desire for you, and it is something you can reach out in faith to receive because of Jesus.

I invite you to pray with me now and ask Him to help you on your life's journey:

Father God, I thank You that You put 3 John 2 in the Bible and that prosperity and being in health are part of Your plan for me. I thank You that according to this Scripture, You want to prosper me in every area of my life. I thank You that Psalm 35:27 says that You delight in the prosperity of Your people. I stand on Your Word that tells me I am to be healed by Jesus' stripes (1 Peter 2:24). I stand on Your Word that I am blessed coming and going, according to Deuteronomy 28. I thank You so much for all the good things You've brought into my life, and I give You all the praise and glory, in Jesus' name. Amen!

Now, I encourage you to begin to expect growth and change as your prayer life lines up with more and more of God's Word. And as you see yourself receiving health and abundance, give Him praise for bringing His Word to pass in your life. ☺

This article is taken from Lindsay's new devotional, coming in January—**Read & Pray & Then Obey**. Follow our website, this magazine, and our television program for more on this exciting new book!



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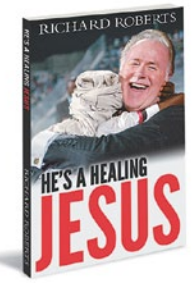
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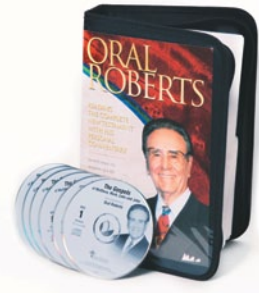
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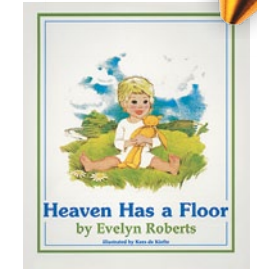
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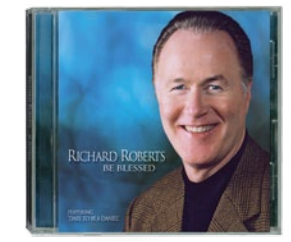
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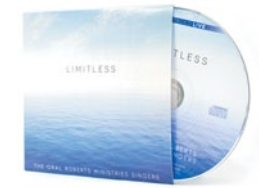
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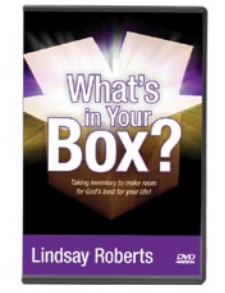
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Pre-Kindergarten teacher Erin works with her class in Niamey, Niger, Africa.

## Training Children in the Way They Should Go: An update from Hunger Needs a Voice®

The Bible says, *Train up a child in the way he should go, And when he is old he will not depart from it* (Proverbs 22:6). Our humanitarian outreach, **Hunger Needs A Voice**, is helping to fulfill this word of the Lord through our ongoing support of Vie Abondante, a Christian school in Niamey, Niger.

The permanent school is still being built, but classes for preschool and pre-Kindergarten age students are already being taught in a rented property, so that Niamey's children can begin their education. Teachers from both the United States and Niger are working side by side to help students learn.

So far, 48 children ranging from ages 2 to 5 have attended Vie Abondante; this number is expected to rise to 80 or more children as this year's classes begin. Many of these families and their children are hearing the Gospel for the first time. And the children are also learning to read, write, do math, and other life skills they need to succeed.

The school's influence on Niamey is already being seen. Parents are reporting that their sons and daughters are behaving more kindly toward others and are excited to study. On the playground, children are encouraging each other to pray to Jesus when they need healing. And the parents are stopping by the school so they, too, can learn more about the Lord.

Thank you, partners, for helping us reach these children and their families with the love of Jesus and practical knowledge to help them be successful in their home country. Please join us in praying for God to bless the teachers and students this year as they add new classes and work with new students. Also, pray for the school to have continued favor with the government of Niger, and to have its needs fully met by the Lord in every way.

To sow a seed into the school building or any of HNAV's projects, go online to [oralroberts.com](http://oralroberts.com) and select "I'd like to give," or call the *Abundant Life Prayer Group* at 918-495-7777. ☎



Children learn the Gospel (left) and also enjoy a good education (above).

Carol, a preschool assistant, sits with children she ministers to.



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He can do for you!*

### New Job!

After being out of work for almost two years, I now have a great new job! Two days after I agreed in faith with the *Abundant Life Prayer Group* prayer partner, I started getting called for interviews. Now, I'm working for a nursing home and am making more money per hour than I have ever made. I'm so thankful to be able to help my children and others in need!

—Betty from West Virginia

### Sleeping Well!

I had been very depressed and discouraged—and I was having a lot of trouble sleeping at night. I called the *Abundant Life Prayer Group* for prayer, and while I was waiting for my turn, I heard Richard and Lindsay Roberts reading scriptures. It really ministered to me! Now, I am sleeping well again, and I'm so encouraged. Thank you.

—Marcus from Colorado

### Phone Call from Heaven!

I called the *Abundant Life Prayer Group* to agree in prayer because I was very discouraged in looking for work and waiting for phone calls. Ten minutes after the prayer partner and I agreed in faith for a change in my situation, I got a call from my former employer offering me a position that started immediately!

—Mike from Ohio

### Free from Tobacco!

I was in bondage to tobacco. I called the *Abundant Life Prayer Group* for prayer. Unlike all the other times I've tried to quit smoking in my own strength, after prayer with you, the desire to smoke was totally gone. I have been set free.

—Stuart from Arizona

### Cancer Free!

Earlier this year, my family received great news about my father, who previously had been diagnosed with prostate cancer. I had prayed for him and called the *Abundant Life Prayer Group* to pray for him as well. After prayer, we went to the doctor, and tests revealed the cancer was no longer detectable in his body—he was healed! His chemotherapy treatment was canceled. My father is doing great and looking forward to living well in his old age. Thank you and God bless your ministry.

—Gerardo from California

### Now in Medical School!

My son was among 300 applicants to radiology school. I called your *Prayer Group* for the prayer of agreement that he would be accepted. Praise God, he was one of only 20 accepted! Thank you for praying with me.

—Sandy from Wisconsin

### Financial Needs Met!

I called the *Abundant Life Prayer Group* a few days ago asking for prayer for the funds I needed for moving. I didn't have a dime to pay for the moving expenses, or anything else for that matter. Praise God, in a matter of three days after we agreed in prayer, I received the money to move, plus enough to pay off my car note and then some. Thank you, Richard and Lindsay, for lifting up my prayer requests to God and always being there for me. May God continue to bless you.

—Anginette from Georgia



From Emily Dia  
age: 307  
3rd grade  
Hazen, Alabama  
March 25, 2005

Dear Brother Richard, Lindsay,  
I was watching the show today  
and I was watching the communion service  
and someone with a crooked leg was being  
healed. It felt a warmth in my feet  
and then it felt a sharp pain in my feet  
and it was healed. I showed you  
pictures in a minute in a minute  
and it was healed. It was great. I can run  
and jump without tripping  
at the city straight feet!

Love Emily

Emily wrote to Richard to tell him about her miracle.

When nine-year-old Emily's Mom and Dad discovered *The Place for Miracles®* on their cable network, they began tuning in every night.

One evening, little Emily was watching the program with them. It was a special Good Friday communion service, and Emily wanted to take communion with Richard and Lindsay. After communion, Richard had a word of knowledge from God about someone's crooked leg being healed. Emily sprang into action. She laid her hands on her foot and stretched out her faith for a miracle. Before her eyes, her leg and foot were made perfectly straight. She was miraculously healed.

Emily spent that night jumping up and down, dancing all over her house, and trying on shoes that had been so painful for her to wear before her healing. Emily and her family first shared her testimony with Richard and Lindsay in 2005. Recently, she called in to *The Place for Miracles®* program via Skype to give an update on her life and her continued healing. Here's what she shared:

**Richard Roberts:** Hello, Emily.

**Emily:** Hey, how are you?

**RR:** Lindsay and I are just fine, and we want to know, how are you today?

**Emily:** Well, I'm doing a lot better now. I can ride and I

## UPDATE: Crooked Leg Made Straight!

can go skating and not trip over my foot. I can run. It's just been a whole lot better. I can even wear high heels now!

**RR:** Lindsay, did you hear that?

**Lindsay Roberts:** Oh my word, high heels! Look at her now—what a beautiful young lady.

**RR:** What grade are you in school now?

**Emily:** Tenth.

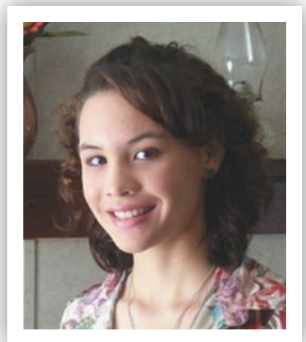
**RR:** When you first went back to school, tell me how the other children at that time responded, because they all knew that you had had a crooked foot, and it was now straight. What's been the response of people over these years?

**Emily:** Well, most of them were just really amazed when I told them the story. I told a friend of mine just this last week, because I didn't tell all my friends at once that it happened. But most of them were just really amazed. I mean, they believe in healing, but a lot of them believe a lot more now.

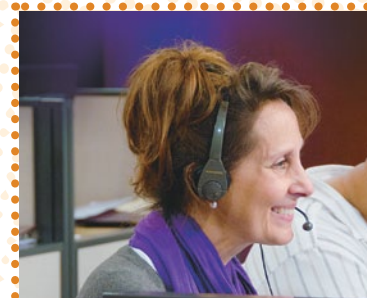
**LR:** I bet they do—praise the Lord!

The Dia family says they know firsthand that the healing power of Jesus still exists today. Nobody can tell them the Lord does not heal; they have seen it with their own eyes. God's healing touch has changed their daughter's life, and countless others have been blessed by hearing her testimony.

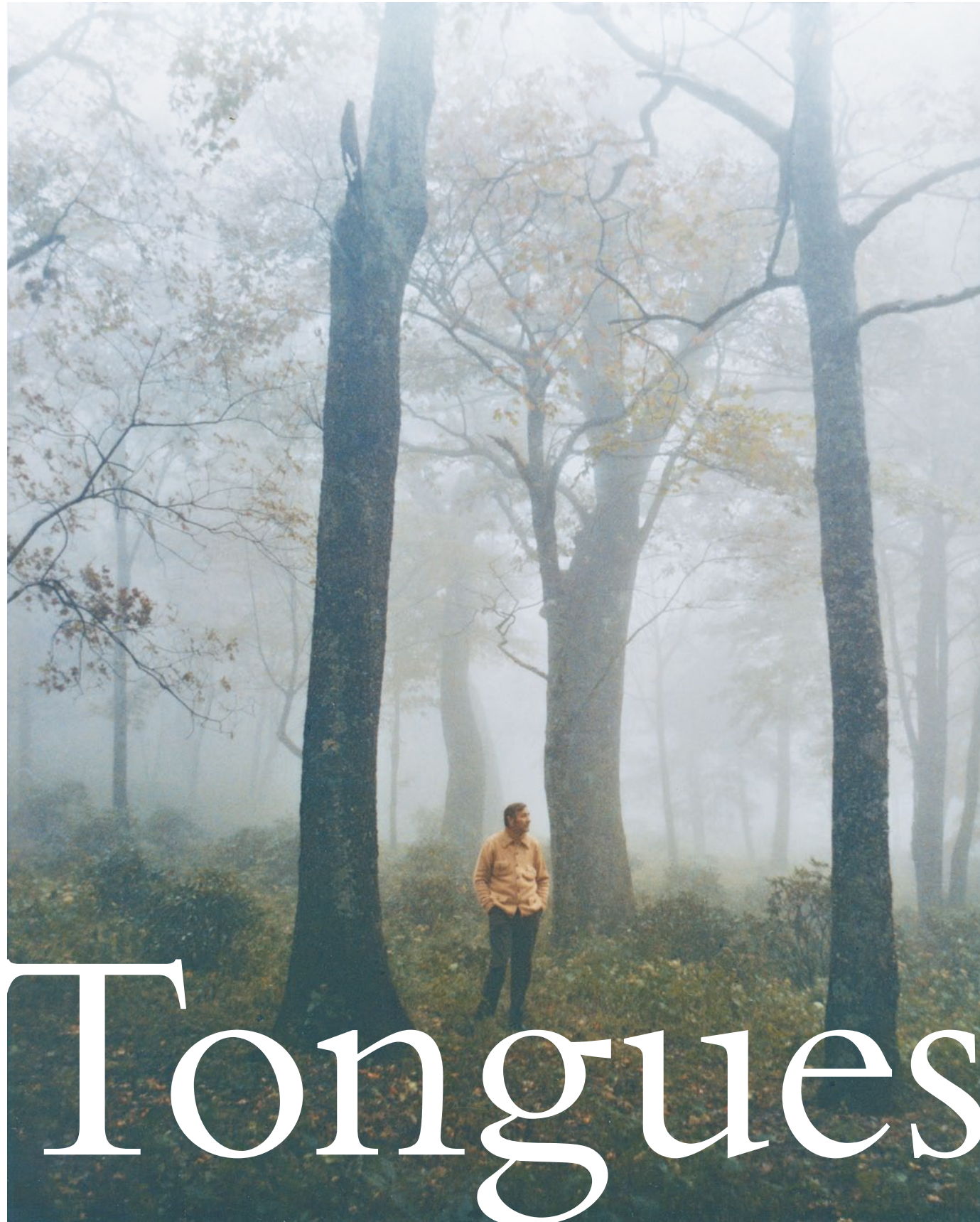
If you need a healing touch from the Lord today, or if you would like to share your own miracle story with us, we encourage you to call the *Abundant Life® Prayer Group* at (918) 495-7777. Prayer partners are ready to take your call and stand with you in faith for miracles.



Emily—seven years after her miracle healing!



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# Tongues

*The Importance of Praying in the Spirit*

**W**hen I started the healing ministry in 1947 at the age of 29, I'd had twelve years of ministry experience, but I had become an imitator, a clone. I'd become like other preachers and listened to what they said more than I listened to what the Bible said or what God said to my spirit.

I didn't know about talking to the Lord. I never thought about God being a talking God, and that He is speaking to us all the time.

Revelation 3:20 says, *Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him...* Notice He said, "If any man hear My voice." In other words, He's speaking all the time, but we need a listening ear. I didn't have that.

When God told me that I would take His healing power to my generation, I didn't know how to understand that. I said, "Lord, if You will let me see Jesus physically and talk to Him like the disciples did until I learn exactly how to do this, then I can do it." There was no one else I could talk to and no one who understood what God was telling me to do. I felt like a tiny speck in the universe.

The Lord asked me, "Do you have the Holy Spirit?"

"Yes," I answered. "I received Him when I was born again."

"**Do you know what you have?**" He asked.

I knew by His question that I obviously didn't know. So I said, "No."

### Another One Just Like Jesus

In John 14:16 Jesus said, *I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever.* Jesus was saying, "I'm going to send you another One just like Me."

Then in verse 26 He said, *The Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.*

The Holy Spirit was with the disciples as they followed Jesus in the flesh, when they saw His physical being and talked to Him and heard His voice.

Verse 17 says, *Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: BUT YE KNOW HIM; for he dwelleth with you, and SHALL BE IN YOU.*

God was telling them that the Holy Spirit had been *with* them, but now He was going to be *in* them. It's like sitting down to a meal and having the food on the table before you. The food is *with* you, but when you eat it, the food is *in* you.

Jesus was giving us a great truth here. When you believe on Him and receive Him into your heart, you are born again and the Holy Spirit is with you. But when you're baptized with the Holy Spirit, just as the disciples were on the Day of Pentecost (see Acts 2) and began to speak with other tongues, you can also release into action what has been there all along, waiting for you to give voice to it. If God speaks and Jesus speaks, why wouldn't the Holy Spirit, who also is a part of the persona of God, have a way to speak?

### The Holy Spirit Searches Our Hearts

There are so many times that we don't know what to pray for. But Romans 8:26–27 says, *Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.*

The Holy Spirit, our great Comforter and Helper, is interceding with God while we're praying. And He is using words for which there is no equivalent in human speech. Or as many call it a Holy language. This is why He gives us a new language—because our human speech is so limited that we sometimes don't know what to say to God. As a portion of His job, **the Holy Spirit was sent to open up a new line of one-on-one communication between Jesus and us, just as if He were here in the flesh.**

Verse 27 says, *He that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.*

While we're praying in tongues and saying those new words, the Holy Spirit is searching our hearts. What is He searching for? For problems, for hurts, for questions we don't have answers to. He's looking for things that are a mystery to us.

First Corinthians 14:2 says, *For he that speaketh in an unknown tongue speaketh not unto men, but unto God: for no man understandeth him; howbeit in the spirit he speaketh mysteries.* When we speak in tongues, we're speaking directly to God!

We don't have to go through life double-minded or burdened down. God gave us the Holy Spirit—Christ

in us—to give us a new understanding. **We don't have to live the rest of our lives with mysteries and problems. He said He would search them out for us.**

### Pray to Interpret

The Bible says that when we pray in tongues, our minds don't understand what we're saying, so why do it? I've heard people say, "Why pray in tongues? Can't you think of the words you want to say to God?" Yes, I can think of some words, but my mind is limited. **There's only one thing about human beings that's unlimited, and that is our spirit.**

Paul addresses this in 1 Corinthians 14:13–14: *Wherefore let him that speaketh in an unknown tongue pray that he may interpret. For if I pray in an unknown tongue, my spirit prayeth but my understanding is unfruitful.*

In other words, when you pray in tongues, ask God to give you the interpretation in English. Hear me now: When you pray in tongues, it's a *talking* experience between you and God. When you get the interpretation, you're *hearing* the response from God.

I pray in tongues ten or twenty times a day, most of the time under my breath. Then I stop to listen, and God speaks back to me through interpretation as I speak it out.

When the Holy Spirit first gave me utterance in another language, I didn't understand a word of it. But then I remembered Paul saying, "Pray that ye might interpret."

So I asked God, "Let me interpret!" And in the flash of a second, He opened my mind and understanding.

### Intimate Communication with God

After that experience, the Lord said to me, "You're beginning to understand a deeper power of prayer, the power of being able to talk to Me and hear Me talk back to you. You're learning to communicate with Me, not in your own language which is limited, but in the language of the Holy Ghost."

When we have this intimate communication with God, I believe we have a boldness to do whatever He's called us to do! The Holy Spirit in us allows us to communicate directly with Him, so that we get answers that we've never had before!

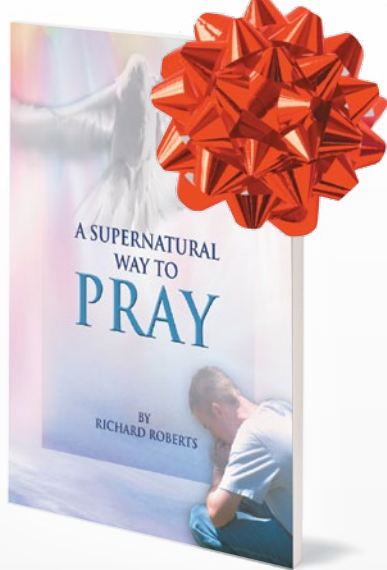
### You Can Release Your Prayer Language Right Now

To release this powerful communication tool in your life, consider doing these things:

1. Ask Jesus to be your personal Savior (Romans 10:9–10).
2. Know that when you believe, you can receive.
3. Open up to the Holy Spirit and ask Him to fill you.
4. Exercise your will to release your prayer language as you pray.
5. Focus on Jesus and worship Him aloud.

Now, let me pray for you:

*I pray that the power of the Holy Spirit will flood up from the depths of your being so that you can tap into the Spirit's perfect prayer for you. And as you begin to pray in tongues and interpret the meaning back to your mind, I pray that you can find the answers for every need you are facing! In Jesus' Name. Amen. ☮*



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*Richard Roberts*

# Giving God Thanks in All Things: The First American Thanksgiving

*In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in  
Christ Jesus for you.* —First Thessalonians 5:18

**T**he American holiday of Thanksgiving is most often associated with the Pilgrims, a group of Christians who wanted freedom to worship God and who saw firsthand how prayer and thanks can help His people survive hardships.

The Pilgrims arrived in America in 1620 after two long months crossing rough seas. Winter was approaching, and there wasn't much time to build shelters. As a result of the cold weather and illnesses, many of these men and women died. Those who lived until spring knew they had a lot of work ahead of them if they wanted to build a colony that would survive.

So, they took their need to God in prayer. And God miraculously provided help in the way that only He could. First, a Native American named Samoset came to the Pilgrims' settlement to meet them. He spoke a little English because he had met other Englishmen prior to the Pilgrims' arrival.

Seeing that the Pilgrim settlers needed help, Samoset came back later with Squanto, another Native American, who helped the Pilgrims to befriend the local Wampanoag tribe and taught them how to thrive in their new homeland.

After much hard work and prayer, the Pilgrims had a good harvest. They were so thankful that they set aside time to celebrate and worship God alongside the Wampanoag tribe. For days, they feasted, held races and other games, and offered their thanks to God.

## Living a Life of Thanksgiving

The Pilgrims continued their practice of praying and thanking God for His goodness and mercy. And though they sometimes faced hard times, the Lord brought

them through. They learned the truth of First Corinthians 15:17, which says, *Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.*

Today, you may find yourself facing something that appears challenging. Circumstances may appear desperate, and you may even be wondering how you're going to make it.

Let the Pilgrims be a reminder to you today of God's goodness in the midst of difficult circumstances. Follow their example by making time for prayer and seeking God humbly for His mercies. Begin to place your faith in Him and expect the miracle you may need. As God helped the Pilgrims, He can help you, because He is the same yesterday, today, and forever (Hebrews 13:8).

**Thank Him for what you have,  
and thank Him in advance  
for the miracles you are  
believing Him to do for you.**

This Thanksgiving, set aside a special time to worship the Lord for His goodness. Thank Him for what you have, and thank Him in advance for the miracles you are believing Him to do for you.

And remember—We're standing in faith with you for God to show you His goodness every day, in Jesus' name! You can call the Abundant Life Prayer Group at (918) 495-7777 or email us at [oralroberts.com/prayer](mailto:oralroberts.com/prayer). We want to pray and stand in faith with you for your needs to be met, and to thank God with you when your answer comes. ☪



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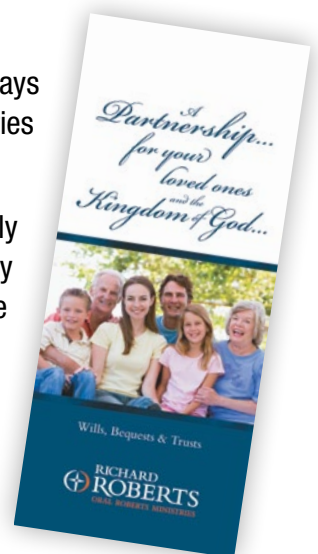
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