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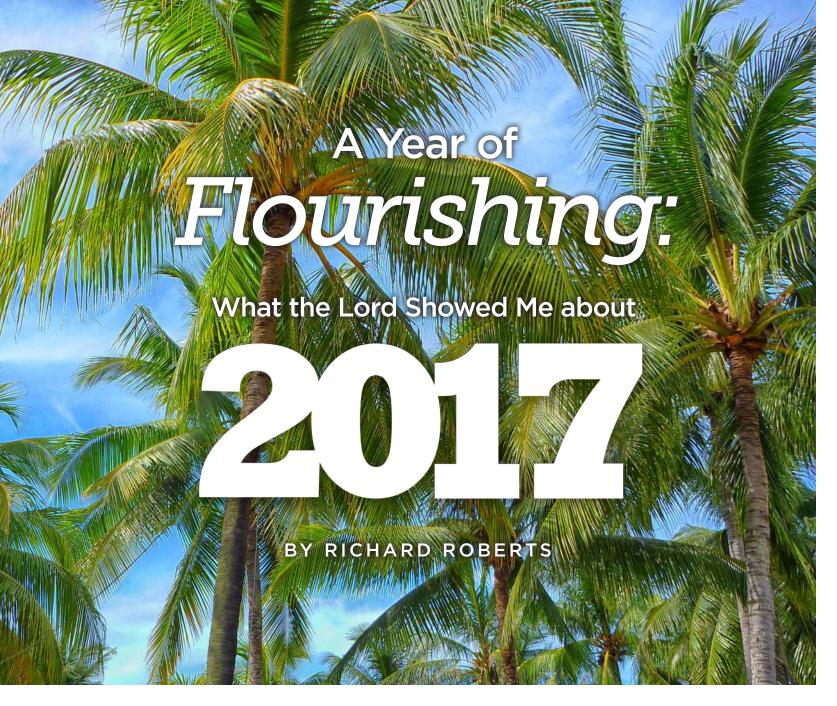
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od recently gave my long-time friend, Jerry Savelle, a special prophetic word about this new year that really spoke to my spirit. In that prophetic word, the Lord said, "2017 will be a year of flourishing, and it will be like heaven on earth…like no year we have ever seen."

Ever since I heard that word, I've been supercharged in my spirit! I believe that 2017 is a year for you and me to flourish. I'm believing that for you, and for your families, including spouses, children, and grandchildren. I am expecting God's flourishing power in our lives. Let me show you what flourishing can mean to you in this new year.

### The righteous shall flourish

As I was studying what it means to flourish in God's kingdom, I remembered the scripture in Psalm 92:12, which says "the righteous shall flourish like a palm tree."

The word "righteous" simply means to believe God. So, a righteous man or a righteous woman is one who believes God. If

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you are believing God today, then your faith is counted as righteous (Romans 4:3).

And the word "flourish" means to grow or to develop in a vigorous way.

You might say that Psalm 92:12 is telling us that those who believe God are to grow and develop vigorously, like a palm tree. So, how does a palm tree grow? As I thought about that and studied it, the Lord showed me six different blessings that come to a Christian so they can flourish like a palm tree.

#### 1. We Can Rise Above Hard Times

The palm tree grows best under adverse conditions and when it is weighted down. I don't pray for hard circumstances to knock on my door, but through faith, Christians can also grow even in hard circumstances. Like the palm tree, we can flourish even when we are facing challenges.

When I look at all the wonderful things my father, Oral Roberts, accomplished and the tremendous ministry that he had, I think he was still able to do his greatest work when he was under intense pressure because he knew that even under pressure, as he cast his cares on the Lord (Psalm 55:22, 1 Peter 5:7) God would strengthen him. Oral said, "If you are a righteous person you're going to exist under adverse circumstances, but the Bible says you shall flourish....in your righteousness there is a flourishing built into it." I believe God can cause us to flourish no matter what. Even when it seems impossible with man, "all things are possible with God" (Matthew 19:26).

As believers, we can lift our heads high and know that if the devil is against us, then God is for us (Romans 8:31). *Greater is He who is in you than he that is in the world* (1 John 4:4).

### 2. Rooted in Our True Source

Now, the second thing about the palm tree is that its roots reach down to its ultimate source, down deep in the earth where the water table is.

For Christians, God is our Source. Yes, we can thank God for government, employers, banks, friends and family... But God did not intend them to be our source. God is our

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Source. And as we've entered now into this new year, I encourage you to look to God, not people, as your Source. People are instruments, but God is God. And our roots are to be deep in Him and His Word.

### **3.** We Bear Fruit that Nourishes and Delights

Palm trees grow some of the sweetest fruit. If you've ever eaten a date, you know what I'm talking about. Dates are so sweet. Likewise, there is to be a sweetness about us as Christians that is a fruit of the Spirit. I believe that when we come into a room, people can and should feel the sweetness of our spirit.

I got on an airplane one time to fly somewhere, and when I sat down, the lady sitting behind me leaned over and said, "Brother Richard, I'm just so glad you're on this plane. I know we're going to land." Well, she recognized the anointing of the Lord on me, and it gave her peace and security. That presence of the Lord in our lives is part of our flourishing in Him.

### **4.** We Bring Forth New Growth

The palm tree's roots grow down until they interlock with the roots of another palm tree. And pretty soon, a little palm tree is produced. To

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pray for this to be a year of **FLOURISHING** for you and those you love, and that the days will be like heaven on earth.

me, that's like soul winning. Jesus said, "You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you'll be witnesses unto me in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and the uttermost parts of the earth" (Acts 1:8). This scripture says Christians are to be witnesses.

"I don't know how to witness." you may say. "I don't know what to do." I personally think that since this witness is about Jesus who resides in our heart, then from our heart, He can give us the right thing to say to the right person, and when and where to say it as well. Really witnessing in any sense of the word is simply telling people what Jesus means to us. And then we can say, "Would you like for me to pray over you, that you might receive Him as your Lord and Savior like I've done?" It can be as simple as that. And again, if we have a heart's desire to do that and Jesus is in our heart, then He can direct what to say, where to say it and when to bring forth this witness with the sweet presence of the Lord that only He is capable of.

### 5. We Can Abide in the Lord

A palm tree cannot be grafted (transplanted into another tree, or taking a transplant into itself). Other trees can be grafted, but if a palm tree is grafted, it dies. To me, that speaks of what happens when a

Christian turns away from God. When a Christian becomes disobedient and gets off of God's path, something inside them spiritually begins to die.

That's why it's so important that we keep our faith in God. That's why we must not allow doubt, fear, and worry to overtake us. Remember, the Bible says that God has not given us a spirit of fear, but a spirit of power, love, and a sound mind (2 Timothy 1:7). You don't have to lose your mind. You can believe God, and you can shut the door on doubt, fear and worry. You can change the channel, just like you do on your TV at home. You can choose by your actions to switch over to faith.

### **6.** We Are to Continually Grow

The final thing I want to share with you is that all of its life, the palm tree grows. It never stops growing.

My dad used to say to me, "Richard, never stop growing in your life. Always be a learner, always learning. Always be a student." The Bible says, "Study to show yourself approved, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (2 Timothy 2:15). We are to continue to study and grow in God all of our lives, becoming more and more like Him every day.

### My Prayer for You

I'm praying today for God's spirit of flourishing to be upon you — in your family, job, business, marriage, finances, health, emotions and in every other area of your life. In the name of Jesus, I command the devil to take his hands off of your life. I rebuke discouragement, depression, fear, worry, and anxiety. And I pray that you would come to a knowing that God is your ultimate source for everything you need. I pray for this to be a year of flourishing for you and those you love, and that the days will be like heaven on earth. In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen. 😚

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### BEGIN YOUR DAY IN PRAYER AND FAITH

As a believer, taking time to speak with God and let Him speak to you through His Word is so important to our daily success in life. Richard wants to encourage you to Start Your Day with Prayer each and every day. To bring you encouragement to do that, on this CD, Richard demonstrates the method he uses every day as he prays and makes scriptural confessions over his family, the Oral Roberts Ministries, and more. As Richard demonstrates his daily guidelines of prayer and then walks you through prayers you can add to your daily life, let these prayer guidelines, scriptures, and anointed music inspire you to wake up each day and have your own personal conversation with your Father God.

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# CONNECTIONS letters and comments from friends and partners

### Healed while Watching The Place for Miracles

I have been healed two separate times while watching Richard Roberts on television. First, I had injured my left shoulder on my job. It was painful and I was unable to use my left arm fully. One night while I was watching *The Place for Miracles*, Richard had a word of knowledge from God about someone's left shoulder being healed. I immediately claimed my healing by faith. The next morning, the pain and stiffness were gone!

A few years later, I injured my other shoulder. I tried everything, but I was in pain and discomfort for weeks. I remembered how I had been healed watching your show a few years before and I thought, 'It could happen again!' So I turned on your show and lo and behold, you had another word of knowledge about God healing

someone's shoulder. I claimed it by

faith and went to bed. The next morning, I got up and it dawned on me that my shoulder was healed. I have not had any pain or discomfort in either shoulder for many years now. Thank you for being there and being faithful to the call of our Lord!

—James G. via email

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### My Ray of Hope!

Thank you, Richard, for your ministry, prayers, and all that you do. Your letters, programs, and Bible teaching have helped me immensely, and at times, they are my ray of hope. Many of the scriptures that you and Lindsay share on *The Place for Miracles* have been memorized by me to use in prayer for others and my family's needs. Thank you from the bottom of my heart!

-Donna M. via email

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## Jordan's singing brings

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When I'm nervous, listening to the praise songs
she sings makes me so relaxed! 99

—Sylvia from California



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your prayer requests

I sent a prayer request to you to ask for prayer for my daughter, who at the time had three job offers. I asked for God's peace and wisdom to direct her as she decided what to do. She now has a new job with a bigger title, more money, and growth opportunities. She is thrilled. We thank your prayer team for their prayers. God bless you!

—Cheryl from Missouri

### The psoriasis is totally gone

My daughter Diane had psoriasis on the back of her neck up to her hair. I gave my daughter a blue prayer cloth (for incurable diseases) from your ministry and told her to place it on the neck area where she had problems. And then I called the Abundant Life Prayer Group to agree with me in prayer for a miracle. A short time later, the psoriasis was gone. My daughter is healed!

-Margaret from Michigan

Click here to request a prayer cloth.

## You Don't Want to Miss This!

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### Healed during Richard's service!

"Richard, I watched online while you preached a healing service in New York City at Creflo Dollar's church. You said, 'The Lord is healing hands.' Eight or nine years ago, I pushed my middle finger all the way back, and it popped. It hurt a lot after that. My middle finger began to be twisted and painful. I couldn't close my hand because of the pain. But today, praise the Lord, I got my miracle! My crooked finger is now straight, and I can close my hand. The pain is gone too. Thank You, Jesus, for my healing, and thank you, Richard. Bless you!"

—Sylvia from California

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## Faith and Prayer Raised My Uncle off His Death Bed

A while back, I requested some of your prayer cloths. I got one of each — green for children, blue for cancer and incurable diseases, and white for general prayer.

Shortly afterward, my uncle Bobby nearly died. It started when he drove to his buddy's house. His buddy noticed that uncle Bobby was slumped over the steering wheel of the truck and was not breathing.



Uncle Bobby's friend
got in the truck and drove to the hospital
emergency room. ER personnel jumped in the
truck at the emergency entrance and worked on
him. Uncle Bobby was unresponsive — dead
— for over 15 minutes before they revived him
and intubated him.

Because of how long he was not breathing, the doctors suspected my uncle would likely have brain damage if he survived.

I remembered I had the prayer cloths with me. So I said to my family, "We're going to trust God." We all made a decision that nobody was going to pull the plug on my uncle. We

were going to see God do a miracle. I put the blue prayer cloth for incurable diseases on my uncle Bobby's body *as a point of contact.* 

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While my uncle was in ICU, I began to talk to him and quote scriptures to him, telling him that the same power that raised Jesus from the dead was working in him now and was keeping him alive so he would live and not die and declare the works of the Lord.

The next morning, I called to ask how uncle Bobby was doing. And I found out that he had woken up! In fact, he was trying to talk. He was able to move his eyes all around the room. He was showing all the signs of becoming fully

responsive. The nurse on duty was amazed.

The doctor said it was nothing short of a miracle!

I got my **Miracle!** 

The doctor examined uncle

Bobby and decided to take him off the ventilator. Uncle Bobby was sitting up in bed, totally responsive and knew everything that was going on around him. He couldn't figure out where he was and how he got there, but he was totally the opposite of everything that doctors were worried would happen.

A few days later, uncle Bobby came home from the hospital. He is doing so well! He has quit smoking totally, and he gives God all the glory. And we've been so excited over this story because every time we tell it, it just kicks everybody's faith in.

It's just like the doctor said: "It's nothing short of a miracle." We know the power of God and what He can do. Our motto is that God is who He says He is. He can do what He says He can do. We thank God for the ALPG and your prayer cloths and for the power of prayer in *making God big in our lives every day!* 

-Elaine from North Carolina

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One of our contacts in India received this letter from a Greater Works tablet translator, and we want to share it with you so you can see the impact these tablets can have on pastors around the world. There are 80-100 million people who speak Telugu! -Richard

Dear Sir,

Richard's book *The Unlimited Power within You* is power-packed with Bible teachings about how you can tap into the mighty, unlimited, supernatural power of God and allow God to transform our lives.

This book is one of the most powerful books I have had the privilege of reading. I received the power of God when I was typing this book. And one Hindu boy named Venky came and read a passage from the book. Immediately he said, "Brother, I am feeling a difference and peace in my heart. These words are really touching my heart."

This book is very useful to our Telugu people in these end times. We are praying each and every person should read this book and know the biblical truths about the supernatural power of God in us!

With prayerful regards,

-Chandra

Recently on The Place for Miracles, Richard and Lindsay were joined by Pastors Hank and Brenda Kunneman of Lord of Hosts Church in Omaha, Nebraska. They spoke about what the Lord was showing each of them about 2017.



## a PROPHETIC season

Hank: We're in a new season right now just as God is unfolding things. It's going to be awesome. It's going to be better than it ever has been before because God's the one who determines times and seasons, and especially the season that we're in. Concerning America, it was a decade ago that the Lord said to me, "Watch the 240th year." (Note: The Lord said 240 years in America was after its founding in 1776.)

Richard: That would be 2016.

Hank: The Lord said, "I'll raise up a great reform. It will signal a new season, a new era of what heaven is wanting to do." Sometimes we're so much wanting to make it about an individual, or wanting to make it about a political party. But God is saying, "No, this is about My plan. And I have found people who are going to do what I'm asking them to do." And as a result, it's going to usher in this great reform that the Lord is talking about of great changes for us and for this generation.

**Richard:** I was praying the other morning. And I saw God taking America, and then all of a sudden, there was a U-turn in prayer. It was like America was going one way, and I saw a U-turn. And I saw America praying again.

**Brenda**: You know, as we look back on the election cycle and everything that we have come through as a nation, it's easy to get your eyes on what the news is saying, the secular perspective. You can look at all of that perspective and forget what heaven is saying and doing, what God is doing through His people.

We forget that God has His perspective. And here's what I believe His perspective is for this year.

"...Watch now, for *the greatest season of miracles* shall begin to be made manifest, greater than we've ever seen before."

We are in a year of blessing. This is our year as the Body of Christ to seize the moment. The Lord had spoken to Hank and me that this is the year to come into a transfer from heaven. We believe it's a year of divine transfer, where heaven is transferring blessing to God's people. We can't look at what's been on the news and let that be our gauge. We have to realize that we're in a prophetic season.

Hank: When the woman in Mark 5 had an issue of blood, she spent all of her earnings. Yet the Bible said she grew worse. Now, here's what's amazing. She reached out in faith, and healing virtue was already coming from Jesus. It just needed someone to tap into it.

This has been a tremendous season of warfare for a lot of folk. Many in the Body of Christ have been in a battle. Do you know that David was in a battle? And God brought a heavenly transfer, a new season for him. A heavenly transfer came. David had rest from his enemies. Something of heaven transferred upon his life that brought a divine protection and a season of peace.

This is what we're coming into. I believe heaven's transfer is on its way for us. It just needs us to connect to it in

faith. How do we do it? Say, "God, I believe right now that it's the year of a divine heavenly transfer." And begin to tap into it by faith.

**Richard:** I see transfer, but I also see transformation. God is transforming our lives into His image so that His power can flow through us and minister to the needs of people.

**Lindsay:** I believe this is a time when God is going to have an opportunity to show Himself, so that people can't refute the miracle working power of God. I think that these transfers, a transfer of power, a transfer of wealth, a transfer of healing... I believe and pray it will be irrefutable, and even the skeptic will say, "This is irrefutable. This is the hand of God."

**Hank:** God has a plan of a divine heavenly transfer to heal this land and to heal our situations. And we're going to begin to see it. We are going to see that things are going to turn around. And we need to come into agreement with Him and believe it.

**Richard:** When the healing happened in Luke 5, it was irrefutable. The man's friends tore off the roof tiles and lowered their friend down into the over-crowded room where Jesus was preaching. Jesus perceived the man's faith and healed him. And no one could deny that a great miracle had been done. I believe no one is going to be able to deny the great miracles that God is going to do through America beginning this year.

**Lindsay**: Who would have picked Esther? Certainly not Esther. Who would have picked David? Not even his own father let him in the house when the prophet Samuel was there to anoint the next king. Who would have picked Rahab? They called her a harlot. Who would have picked Mary Magdalene?

**Richard:** Who would have picked Saul, who became the apostle Paul?

**Lindsay:** Yes. It's not the "who" that matters. What matters is, "What does God want to do in this nation for the people who are

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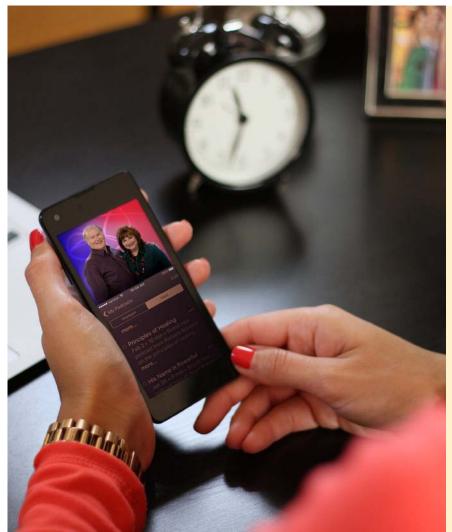
praying?" I believe God wants to answer prayer.

Hank: God says, "I've already told you that I would take you from good, and I will bring you into great. Watch now, for the greatest season of miracles shall begin to be made manifest, greater than you've ever seen before. And it shall come to pass that those who watch, those who attend, those who touch the places of contact concerning the great anointing that I've placed upon this ministry, you will see the percentage increase for healing. For there is a season coming in the Oral Roberts Ministries where people will say like never before, 'I've been healed."

**Richard:** Praise God. I receive that. Now, in the authority of the name of Jesus, I set my faith with every word that has been spoken and prophesied today.

And, Partner, I pray over your body and over your health. I pray for God's transfer and His transforming power in your life. I rebuke every sickness, disease, fear and doubt. Be healed in every area of your body right now. I pray for your healing, and I receive it with you. And I'm not coming out of this prayer of agreement, until the miracle comes! I'm believing it in Jesus' name. Amen. 😙

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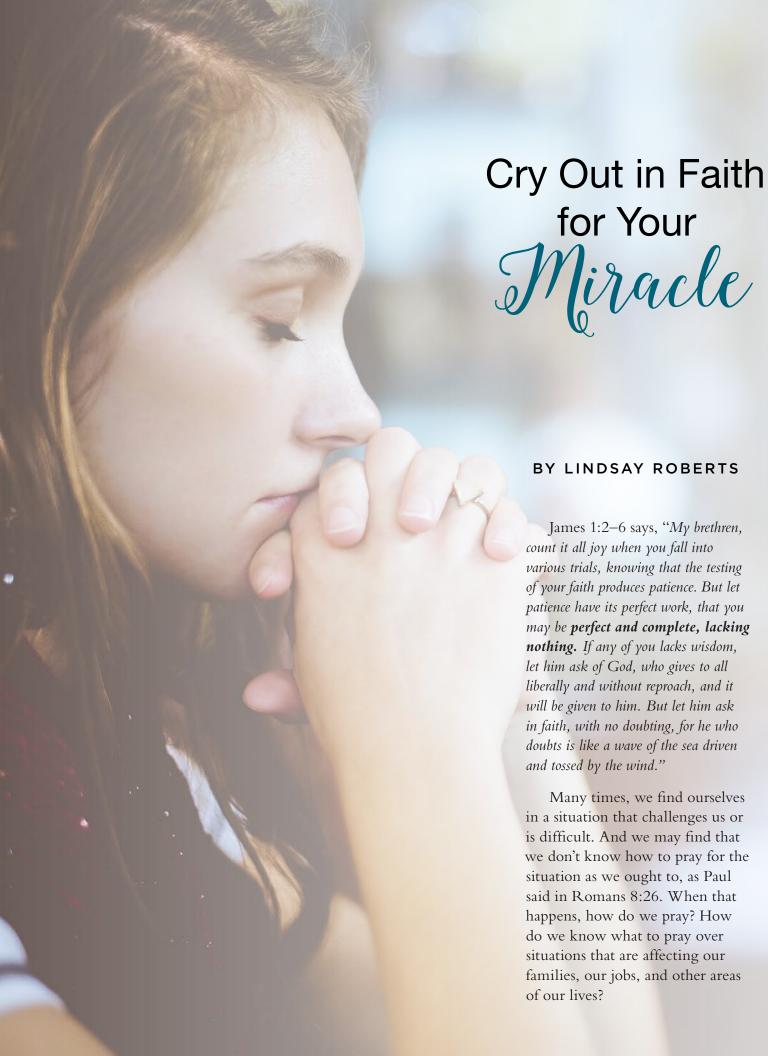
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James chapter 1 tells us to count it all joy when we fall into different kinds of trials. Now, as we read that scripture, it doesn't say that we are to count it joy for the trial and the test. No! We are to count it all joy because of what James goes on to say... The testing of our faith produces patience. One translation of this scripture talks of the trustworthiness of our faithfulness.

In the middle of the trials and tests we are facing, God is looking at the trustworthiness of our faithfulness in prayer. He sees our faith as we pray in faith, believing that we can count it joy, not that we have fallen into a trial or a test, but that the proving of our faithfulness will leave us entirely perfect, lacking nothing (James 1:3).

### When You Don't Know How to Pray, Ask God

But what do you do when you are already in a quandary, and you don't know what to pray for? The book of James answers that question too. It says, If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him (James 1:5).

When we're not sure what to pray for, it can be tempting to sit back and not pray at all!



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Or, we might pray, but it's not a prayer of faith to set captives free, because we're not sure if we're praying the right things.

The next time you find yourself in a situation like this, consider doing what James says. Ask God! Ask in faith, without doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind (James 1:6). Say, "Lord, what would you like me to pray into existence today? How would you like me to pray?"

### Attach Your Faith to Your Prayers

As we ask for wisdom, the book of James tells us that God gives us the wisdom we seek, and He gives it to us freely and liberally. But as James 1:6 says, our faith must be attached to our request.

You see, the Bible says in Hebrews 11:1, Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. And Hebrews 11:6 says, But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

If we're going to cry out, let's cry out in faith! And as we begin to pray in faith to God, who is the rewarder of those who diligently seek Him, our prayers can begin to change... and begin to bring about a change. Instead of crying out, "Oh me, oh my," our prayers can turn into, "Oh, thank You, Father! By faith, according to the Word of God! Lord, according to Your mercy and Your will! Lord, according to my seed sown in faith to You!"

You see, the word *cry* has two completely different meanings. Cry can mean, "Boo-hoo, poor me, poor

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situation, poor everything." Or, it can mean a spiritual battle cry—a shout of faith! If we are in the middle of a battle, we can cry out in faith, "In the name of Jesus, God has not given me a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind!"

### Faith-Filled Prayers Make the Devil Flee

When we pray in faith, I believe the devil sees it. The Bible says he is walking around, seeking whom he may devour (1 Peter 5:8). And if we are sitting around crying boo-hoo, whining or complaining, in fear instead of in faith, does it appear to the devil that he can devour us?

But when we're saying, "In the name of Jesus, I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength," we do not appear to be such easy prey. James 4:7 says, *Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.* 

When I choose to pray in faith and say, "God, I expect a miracle outcome in the name of Jesus," then to me, if satan comes by seeking whom he may devour, he sees this. When he sees and hears that I am praying in faith, I believe he takes a detour, responds and turns the other way. In fact, Jesus says when we truly resist, the devil must flee. (James 4:7)

So, I believe we have to look at what the Bible says. We have to pray in faith. We have to get out of fear. And we have to use If we're going to cry, let's cry out in faith!

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wisdom in our prayers and pray without doubt and without ceasing. I believe that's when God sees our faith, and that's also when the devil recognizes our faith and flees. And that's when we can begin to see miracles!

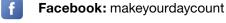
### **My Prayer for You**

Today, I pray for you... I pray that your faith would grow up in the Word of God. I pray for your physical body



to be healed according to the Word and the will of God. I pray for you emotionally. I pray for your soul...your mind, will and emotions...to prosper and to be raised up to healing and wholeness. I pray for your family. I pray for your finances and that as you are sowing, you shall reap harvests of blessing...As you give, it shall be given unto you good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over. I pray for you to have the mind of Christ. And I pray for the healing power of Almighty God through His Son Jesus to pour into every aspect of your life today, in Jesus' name. Amen. (9)

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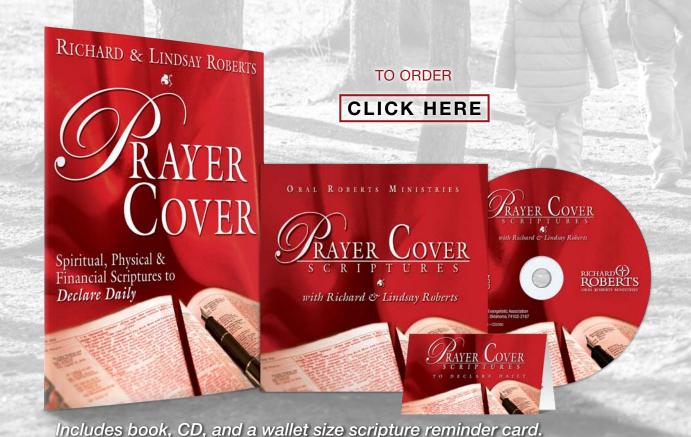
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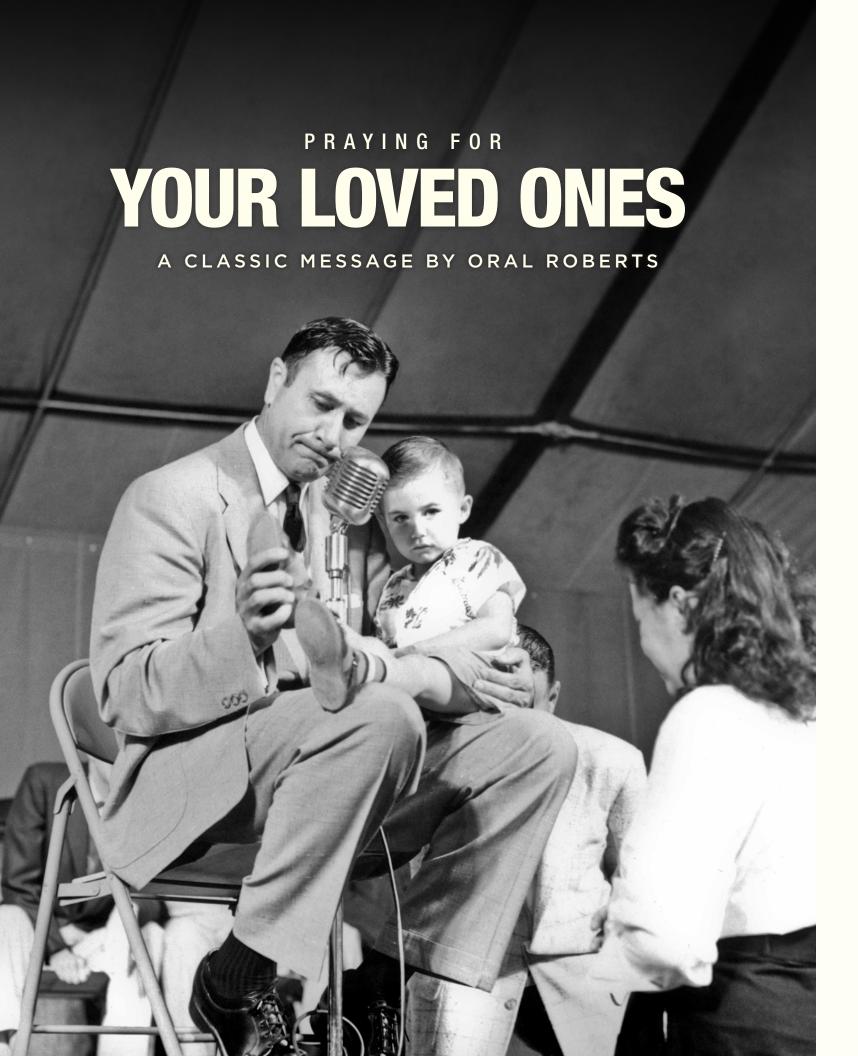


## The Word of God tells us 'Fear not!'

No matter how your circumstances may appear, the Bible says you don't have to live in fear. You can pray according to the truth of God's Word to see God as powerful, life-changing, and greater than any troubles.

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henever you begin to believe for a miracle in your life or the life of someone you love, you're sure to meet opposition.

But don't give up! Keep believing! Hold on to the vision of your loved ones being healed or saved because faith knows that if it holds on, God can answer.

### **Someone Held On for Paul**

In Acts 9:22–25, Saul of Tarsus was in Damascus shortly after his dramatic conversion. He was testifying of Jesus so strongly that the religious leaders got mad and decided to kill him.

They watched the gates of this great walled city day and night so that Saul couldn't escape. But the Christians in Damascus helped him escape one night by letting him down over the wall in a basket. At great personal danger to themselves, they held on to the rope that freed the man who would become Paul the Apostle.

These Christians held the rope at night. You know, night time is a wonderful time to slip out of bed and be on your knees in prayer. Long after I was healed of tuberculosis as a teenager, my mother told me, "Oral, many nights I got up after midnight and walked the floor, praying for you. I called your name to the Lord because I wanted you to be saved and healed. I didn't want you to lose your soul."

If the Lord should awaken you and slip a spiritual rope in your hand to hold for some lost soul or some member of your family, consider just going ahead and slipping out of bed to pray.

### **You May Be the Only One**

Those men holding the rope for Saul were the only ones in the city who held the rope that night.

You may be thinking, Brother Roberts,

I've held the rope so long. It gets so lonely and the burden is so heavy. I just don't know

if I can hold the rope any longer. But consider this: you may be the only one in the world holding that particular rope.

Think of those men in Damascus. Their lives were in danger. If they had been caught, not only would Saul have been killed—they would have been killed also.

But they knew they were the only ones holding the rope. The only way Saul was going to get out of that city alive and become the great Apostle Paul was for someone to hold that rope.

You may not know right now how great a person is on the end of your rope—that child, that son or daughter, that loved one you're praying for. As you lift them up in prayer, you may not know what that prayer is going to mean. If you're discouraged and feel like you want to quit, I encourage you to hold on a little longer! Don't give up! Hold on to that rope and keep believing God for miracles.

### Don't Give Up!

You may be holding the rope for yourself. Maybe you're sick, or you've gotten some bad news and you're afraid. Maybe you feel like you can't hold on any longer. But don't turn loose because your healing basket may be about to touch the ground!

You may have lost your job, or be worried about inflation and debt and finances. But hold on to the rope. Your prosperity basket may be about to touch the ground. Don't give up. Stay in faith until your answer from the Lord comes.

You are not reading this article by accident today. God is concerned about you. He's interested in your healing. He's interested in supplying your finances. You don't know how close you may be to your answer! Your basket may be just about to touch the ground, so don't let go of the rope! I want to pray for you now:

In the Name of Jesus, be healed and set free in every area of your life. God strengthen you in your inner man, in your soul. God heal your body, your family, and your circumstances beginning this moment. I pray and believe in the Name of Jesus. Amen.  $\oplus$ 



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### We're learning so much

My husband and I bought the Pentateuch package with workbook and CDs, and it is awesome! We are almost finished. It is action-packed! We are learning so much, and we thank God for that.

—Joanne from Florida

### I can breathe without pain now

I was healed of the pain I had in the center of my back. You spoke healing to someone in two of your School of Miracles classes. Then I heard it a third time last evening as I watched you and Lindsay teaching. You said, "Someone is being healed in their back, the middle of the back." I released my faith and said, "That's the third time. That's me. Praise Jesus!" I then went to bed. When I awoke, I was healed. I can breathe without pain and sit up straight now. Thank You, Jesus! And thank you, Richard and Lindsay!

—Valerie via email

### Now I'm alive on the inside

Wow, Richard and Lindsay, I thank you for your free online classes. I was dying on the inside. But now my insides are alive. You bring tears, shivers and goose bumps as you teach. As I listen to you, Jesus is lifting my soul, heart and mind. I am so in love with God. I feel so alive! Bless you all!

—Jeremy via email

### I am so glad for these courses

I am so glad God showed me The School of Miracles! Richard speaks words of knowledge that are confirmed by God. It's amazing to hear and see the healing testimonies. I'm learning a lot from Richard and Lindsay.

-Michelle via Facebook

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