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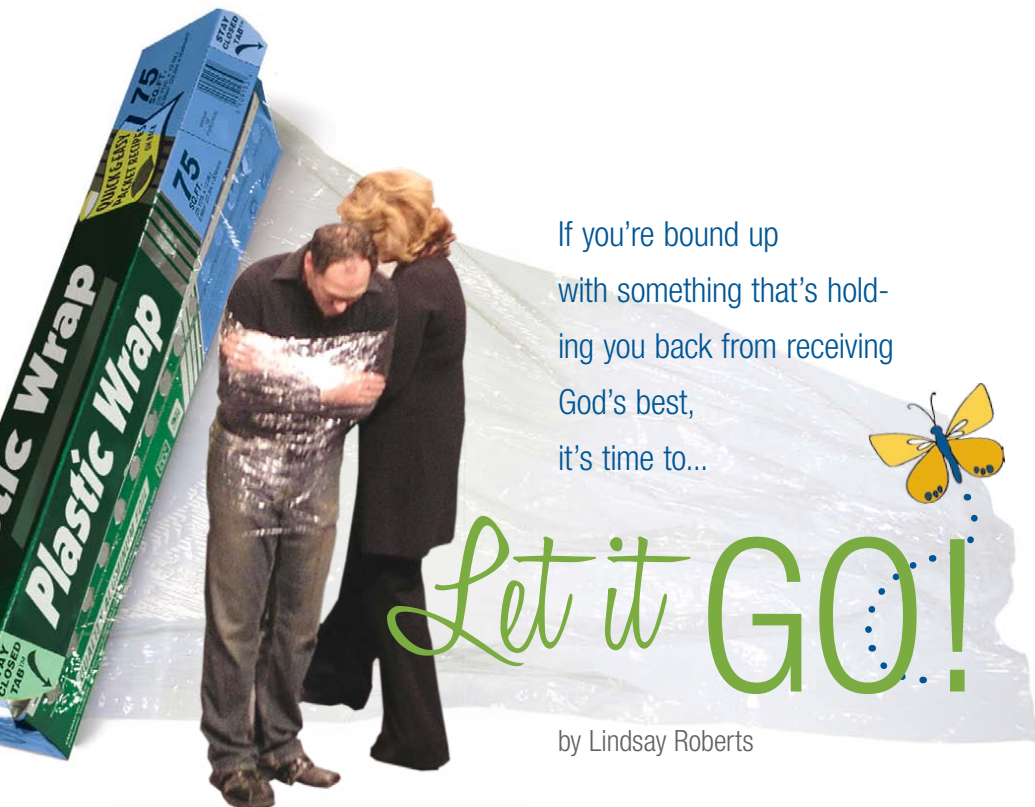
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If you're bound up
with something that's hold-
ing you back from receiving
God's best,
it's time to...

Let it GO!

by Lindsay Roberts

Of all the necessities I have in my kitchen, my roll of plastic wrap probably seems to be the most harmless. It's clear...you can see through it. It's thin and pliable...easy to work with. Pretty harmless stuff, right?

But if you take that clear, thin plastic wrap and wrap it around someone, covering them from head to toe, it doesn't take long to realize that what appeared to be harmless in small amounts can be binding and devastating when it's allowed to take over your life.

Something similar can happen when we begin to rely on the world instead of God's Word. When faced with a crisis, many of us go to the

phone instead of God's throne to get advice from people who can do absolutely nothing about our problem. Or we sit in front of the TV, soaking up bad news, "reality" shows, and all the "my-baby-done-me-wrong" programs that are out there...not to mention video games and Internet sites that are not edifying, to say the least.

What starts out small, simple, and innocent can quickly entrap us. And pretty soon we're bound up in stinking garbage—layer upon seemingly innocent layer—and we didn't even smell it coming!

The sad fact is, too often we give a lot of time and attention to stuff that doesn't even matter. And when

God comes along with a miracle meant for us, we're so bound up with junk that we can't receive it.

Let Go of the Junk

I believe the junk in our lives has got to go. If we're not free to receive God's miracles, they can pass us by. How can we go forward into His blessing when we're filled with bitterness and resentment? I believe God holds us accountable to let go of the garbage that's binding us and holding us back.

I believe that God wants us to have the blessing of Abraham, but it's up to us to receive it. I believe the blessing—which was given to Abraham in Genesis 12:1-3 and passed down through the generations—means absolutely nothing missing, nothing broken, the most blessed and most prosperous. It means increase in every dimension.

Wouldn't you like to live free from sickness, disease, sorrow, grief, problems, and lack?

The Bible says in Deuteronomy 28:2-6 that when we keep all of God's commandments, we can be blessed in all the areas of life that concern us. Abraham lived in abundance in every area of his life—in fact, *the most abundance of anyone*

who had existed up to that time. Abraham knew that the secret to receiving God's blessing was to obey Him (Hebrews 11:8). When Abraham heard God's voice telling him what He wanted him to do, he obeyed. That's a man of faith.

And isn't faith what God wants from us? Without even realizing it, many of us put our faith in our wallet, in our employer, in our friends. We forget that our

faith should be in the

One who hung on the Cross so that we could receive the blessing of Abraham.

Today the blessing of Abraham can be ours. As Galatians 3:9 NLT says, *All*

who put their faith in

Christ share the same blessing

Abraham received because of his faith.

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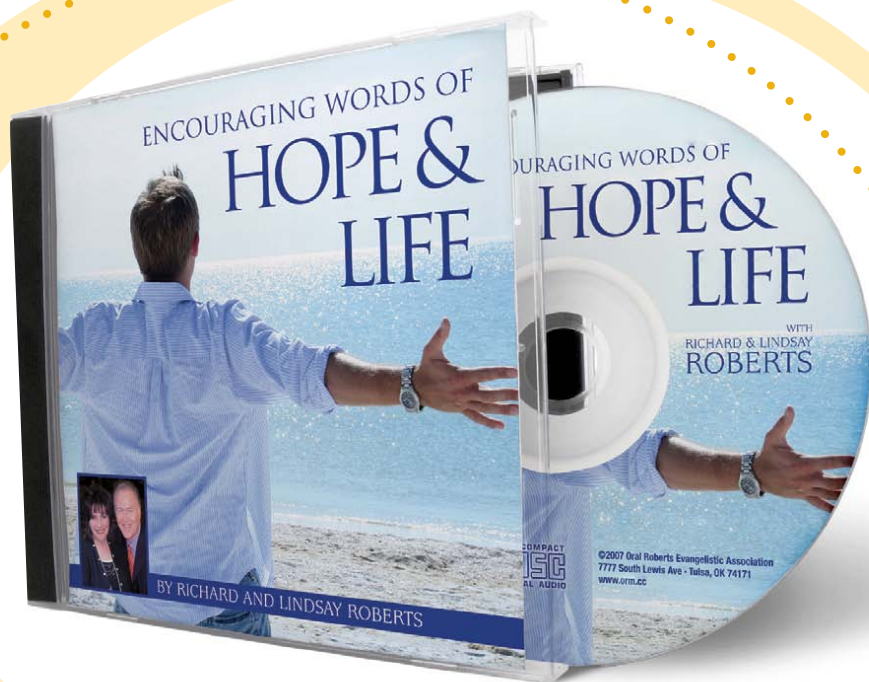
Receive God's Blessing

What is tying you up today? What in your life started out as harmless, and now has become like layers upon layers of plastic wrapped around your soul? Is it time to let it go? Begin to peel off those layers with the Word of God and with prayer. And when you're free, begin getting into position to receive the wonderful blessings that I believe God has waiting for you! ☀

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Bringing Hope and Help to Children in Need:

Hunger Needs a Voice® Feeds the Hungry in Honduras and Guatemala

by Jordan Roberts

The children of the world are precious in the Lord's sight. He cares about them—spirit, soul, and body—and He cares about their daily needs. In Honduras and Guatemala, there are so many families who don't have the means to feed their children full, nutritious meals at mealtime.

I thank God for the privilege we had in January and March of this year to bring food to these two nations through Hunger Needs a Voice®. Hundreds of hungry families received staples such as rice, beans, flour, dried fruit, vitamins, and baby formula because of you, our Partners and friends, who gave to the Oral Roberts Ministries.

Through this gift of food, many people in Honduras and Guatemala

saw in a tangible way that God loves them—and they opened their hearts to the Lord!

On behalf of these precious families, I thank you so much for your prayers and financial support. As Jesus said, "Whatever you do for the least of these, you do for me" (Matthew 25:40). I believe He will bless you richly for your giving! ☀

To plant a seed-faith gift into the Oral Roberts Ministries and be a part of our international crusades, food distribution, television programs, and other ways to reach out with God's miracle-working power, go to www.oralroberts.com/seed. You can support HNAV by ordering the Hunger Needs a Voice bracelet at www.oralroberts.com/bookstore.



Every Dayness

My precious mother-in-law Evelyn Roberts, who has gone home to be with the Lord, was a mighty woman of God. Wife of world-renowned evangelist Oral Roberts, she walked in a quiet strength and in sweet fellowship with her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

In the early years when Oral was beginning to hold huge healing crusades and see great miracles, Evelyn tells the story of how she was struggling to determine *her* purpose, and how God would use *her*. She shared that the Lord told her that He would use her in the “Everydayness of life”—something just as miraculous as the healings that Oral was seeing at his crusades. I believe God wants to bless us and help us and use us in the “Everydayness of life” as well!

I want you to believe today that you are important to God—you matter, you count! And as you read this sweet message from precious Evelyn, I pray that it will be a blessing to you, and that God will speak to you in a new, fresh way through her words.

—Lindsay



The struggles of life may come, but you can

Rise Up & Go Forward!

By Evelyn Roberts

People have asked me many times, “Mrs. Roberts, since you’ve been in the ministry a long time, have you gotten to the place where you don’t have any struggles?” I always answer with a resounding “No!”

The struggles still come, and Oral and I know they always will. Any time you’re doing something for the Lord, you can count on the devil coming after you. But you can also know that as long as you’re obeying God, He is with you, and somehow He can make a way for you to rise above your struggles and go forward.

Attacks Are Not from God

It’s important to realize that the attacks that come against you are not sent from God. In John 10:10 NASB Jesus told us, *The thief [devil] comes only to steal, kill and destroy; I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.*

It might help you to get a piece of paper and draw a line down the middle. On one side, write “abundant life.” Then on the other side, list

everything that comes against you to steal, kill, or destroy something precious to you. These things are from the devil. All the good things that happen to you are from God (James 1:17).

If you get that straight in your mind, then you can tell who sends disasters into your life and who sends blessings. Then you can come against the devil when he attacks you.

Plant a Seed Against Your Need

I can’t tell you how many times we’ve had to rise up and go forward over things the devil has thrown at us. When our son Ronnie died in 1982, I was absolutely devastated. And as if our loss wasn’t enough, the devil would come to me every night and say, “It’s your fault. You should have done this,” or, “You didn’t do that.”

One day Oral came to me and said, “Evelyn, we have to plant a seed of faith to get out of this grief.” So we planted our seed by recording the New Testament on tape with Oral’s commentary. I ran the tape recorder and Oral did the speaking. We were recording it for our Partners, but you can’t sit and hear the Word like we did for 18 months without having it change your life too.

Finally one night I got up, opened the door, and said, “Now devil, you have been pestering me long enough, and I’m tired of it. Get out of this house and don’t come back here anymore. In Jesus’ name, be gone!” And he left.

Use the Name of Jesus

Whatever the devil tries to do to us, we can overcome it in Jesus’ name. That name is full of power, and Jesus has given us the authority to use it (John 14:14).

It’s like having power of attorney. When you give someone power of attorney, they are authorized to act exactly as you would act if you were there. That’s what Jesus wants us to do—act exactly as He would act if He were here.

You may be at a point in your life where you’re experiencing such a struggle that you don’t know what to do. Maybe you’ve thought about giving up.

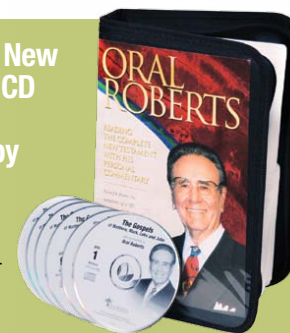
But don’t give up! Learn the devil’s strategies and come against him with the powerful name of Jesus. You can do it! On the authority of God’s Word and through the power of the Holy Spirit working in your life, you can rise up and go forward! ☀

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Learning to hear God's voice isn't a one-time event.

It requires daily communication with Him.

by Taffi L. Dollar

Most of us want to know the purpose of our life and how to find success. But how can we know these things?

I believe we do it by spending time in God's presence and getting to know His voice—to pursue hearing His voice every day as if our very survival depended on it. John 5:25 says, *The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live.*

When Jesus says, “They that hear shall live,” He is not talking about a mere existence, or barely making

it from one day to the next. He's talking about developing intimate communication with God in order to live a life of purpose and fulfillment.

Made to Hear God's Voice

God has created you to accomplish some great things. But it's going to take hearing from God to be able to do them. The good news is that *you were made to hear God's voice!*

Deuteronomy 4:36 says, *Out of heaven he made thee to hear his voice, that he might instruct thee.* In the same way that children recognize and hear

the voice of their mother so she can instruct and encourage them, you were made to hear your Father's voice.

God is speaking all the time. It's just up to us to tune our spiritual ears to hear Him by being in tune with His Word. He wants us to hear Him so that He can divinely direct us in every area of life.

We need to be determined to hear God's voice, and as He speaks to us, to obey. Psalm 85:8 says, *I will hear what God the Lord will speak.* You can say it out loud to yourself: “I will hear what the Lord speaks, and I will obey Him.”

God Wants to Speak to You

For a long time I didn't realize God wanted to speak to me about certain things. I didn't see my life as having any purpose. I was married to a preacher, and I thought that as long as he heard from God, that was enough!

I had to learn that God wants to speak to each one of us, not just to our spouse, our preacher, or some other spiritual person we may know. God has a wonderful plan for every one of us, but can we live it to the fullest until we learn to listen to Him?

Don't Wait for a Crisis

God wants to speak to you so you can succeed. Proverbs 8:32,34 NKJV says, *Now therefore, listen to*

me, my children, for blessed are those who keep my ways...Blessed is the man who listens to me, watching daily at my gates. Notice that verse says we're to listen daily.

God is speaking all the time.

God is a daily God!

But many times we wait until we get into a crisis to listen to what God is saying to us. If we don't spend time hearing Him in the daily things, we may not be able to hear Him in a crisis. That's why we have to practice walking with Him every day, staying full of His Spirit through His Word and prayer.

When we spend time with God every day and learn to hear and obey His voice, then we can live the purposeful, fulfilled life that He wants us to live! ☀

He wants us to hear Him so that He can divinely direct us in every area of life.

Call to Me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things.

—Jeremiah 33:3 NKJV

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Fresh fruits and vegetables, raw nuts and seeds, along with whole grains, can have a positive, healing effect on your body. It helps our immune system too! Here's an easy salad to complement your summertime meals. —Lindsay

Raw Vegetable Salad

Salad:

- 5 cups broccoli florets, chopped
- 5 cups cauliflower florets, chopped
- 2 cups cheddar cheese, shredded
- 2/3 cup onions, chopped
- 1/2 cup raisins
- 1/4 cup sunflower seeds

Dressing:

- 1 cup mayonnaise
- 1/2 cup sugar or natural sugar substitute
- 2 tablespoons apple cider vinegar



Directions

Combine all vegetables in a large bowl. Mix dressing and pour over vegetables; toss well. Serve chilled.

Turkey Pasta

Ingredients

- 1 box penne pasta, cooked according to package directions
- 1 bay leaf
- 1 small onion, chopped
- 5-6 strips pancetta or bacon (to taste)
- Extra-virgin olive oil

- Freshly minced garlic (to taste)
- Turkey, cooked and shredded
- Cream or half-and-half
- Nutmeg (to taste)
- Salt and pepper (to taste)
- 1 to 1 1/2 cups Asiago cheese

Directions

In large skillet, sauté bay leaf, onion, and pancetta (or bacon) in olive oil; add minced garlic. Simmer until onion is clear and pancetta is cooked.* Add shredded turkey; simmer. Stir in enough cream or half-and-half to thicken. Season with nutmeg, salt, and pepper to taste. Add Asiago cheese. Stir in cooked pasta; remove bay leaf.

*If you have questions about storing, serving, or cooking meat or poultry, call the Meat and Poultry Hotline, 1-800-535-4555, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. E.S.T.

Whether feeding hungry children in Africa or serving a meal to friends, my daughter, Jordan, simply loves to feed people. Not only is she the founder of Hunger Needs A Voice®, but what many don't know is that Jordan is a graduate of the famed Le Cordon Bleu Cooking School. Here is one of her recipes for you to enjoy. —Lindsay



Strawberry Coffee Cake

Ingredients

- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/2 cup sugar (can substitute with honey or agave if desired)
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 egg
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1 1/2 tablespoons butter (melted)
- 1 3/4 cups sliced strawberries (fresh is best, frozen doesn't slice well)



Topping:

- 1/2 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/2 cup sugar (I like to use brown, but white is fine)
- 1/4 cup cold butter
- 1/4 cup plus 2 tablespoons chopped pecans
- 1/4 cup oats (optional)

Directions

Combine the flour, sugar, baking powder, and salt in one bowl. In a separate bowl, beat the egg, milk, and butter. Stir into dry ingredients just until moistened. Pour into a greased 8-inch square baking dish. Top with strawberries.

For topping, combine flour, oats (optional), and sugar in a bowl; cut in butter until crumbly. Stir in pecans if desired; sprinkle over strawberries.

Bake at 375 degrees F for 30–35 minutes or until a toothpick inserted near the center comes out clean. Cut into squares; serve warm.



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God healed *our* baby's eyes!

Julie Valerio shares her family's story



My husband and I noticed our 16-month-old daughter Madison looking cross-eyed. We took her to our doctor, who told us Madison needed surgery to realign the muscles in her eyes. He said there was no other option. We made an appointment with an eye surgeon, but we were holding on for a miracle.

During this time, I read and studied Richard Roberts' book, *He's a Healing Jesus*. The night before our scheduled trip to Toledo, I was watching *The Place for Miracles™*, and Lindsay Roberts invited viewers who

were facing surgery to stretch their hands out to hers. Immediately I stretched out my hands in faith and I said out loud, "I claim healing for Madison." Right then, I felt a feeling like electricity go through my entire body, all the way down to my feet, and I heard the Holy Spirit on the inside of me say, "It is done."

The next day we went to see the surgeon. Madison had a Richard Roberts prayer cloth tucked in her little dress, and I had Richard's book in my purse. The surgeon came in and looked at Madison, did a few simple tests and said with a puzzled look, "Is there something wrong with this baby?" I replied, "There was!" He then began two hours of extensive testing. He finally came back to say, "There is nothing wrong with Madison! Her eyes are 100% straight and she does not need surgery!"

My husband Michael and I are praising God for our miracle! We are so excited about what God is going to do through our beautiful daughter. He truly is a healing Jesus! ☀

For prayer anytime day or night, call the Abundant Life Prayer Group at 918-495-7777.

My Declarations

I will trust in God's unfailing love.

I will rejoice because He has rescued me. I will sing to the Lord because He has been so good to me.

—Psalm 13:5–6

The God of hope fills me with all joy and peace in believing, that I may abound in hope through the power of the Holy Ghost.

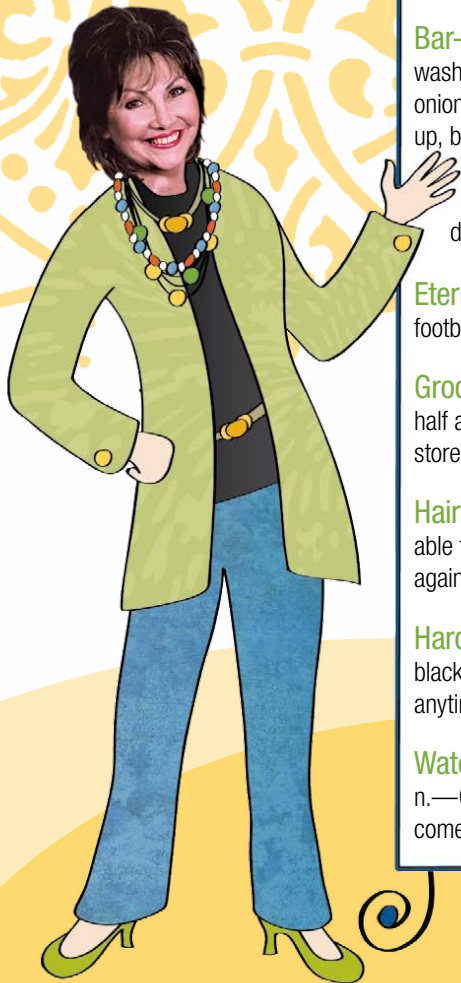
—Romans 15:13

I know You are always with me.

I will not be shaken,
for You are right beside me.
No wonder my heart is filled with joy
and my mouth shouts Your praises!

—Psalm 16:5, 8–9





Women's dictionary

Bar-be-que (bar*bi*q) n.—You bought the groceries, washed the lettuce, chopped the tomatoes, diced the onions, marinated the meat, and cleaned everything up, but he “made the dinner.”

Clothes dryer (kloze dri*yer) n.—An appliance designed to eat socks.

Eternity (e*ter*ni*tee) n.—The last two minutes of a football game.

Grocery list (grow*ser*ee list) n.—What you spend half an hour writing, then forget to take with you to the store.

Hair dresser (hare dres*er) n.—Someone who is able to create a style you will never be able to duplicate again. See “Magician.”

Hardware store (hard*wear stor) n.—Similar to a black hole in space: if he goes in, he isn't coming out anytime soon.

Waterproof mascara (wah*ter*pruf mas*kar*ah) n.—Comes off if you cry, shower, or swim, but will not come off if you try to remove it.

What Was That?

One Sunday after church, Mom asked her very young daughter what the lesson was about. Her daughter answered, “Don't be scared, you'll get your quilts.” Needless to say, Mom was perplexed.

Later in the day, the pastor stopped by for tea. Mom asked him what that morning's Sunday school lesson was about. He said, “Be not afraid, thy Comforter is coming.”