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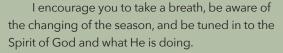
JESUS... A Mighty Savior



A gift that keeps on giving...

any are the plans in a person's heart, but it is the Lord's purpose that prevails (Proverbs 19:21 NIV)

I believe there are times we need to slow down, count our blessings, and smell the roses., find out what God's plan is, and don't get ahead of it.



I hope you'll enjoy this issue of *Make Your Day Count*. You'll find some great new articles, simple recipes, an inspiring testimonies, and much more. You'll also find a special word about the power of our Savior.

I pray you will be blessed, inspired, and refreshed as you read this magazine. You can read it with a pumpkin spice latte from our MYDC Kitchen, share it with your friends, and simply enjoy! And whatever you do today, I encourage you to *make it count* for the Kingdom of God.

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NEWS Views



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Prayers answered!

"In September 2019, while watching *Make Your Day Count*, I requested prayer regarding a court appointment for my daughter. I'm writing today to let you know she was vindicated. The judge ruled in her behalf... What more can I say? Our God is always on time! Thank you for praying for our daughter."

-Margaret from Connecticut

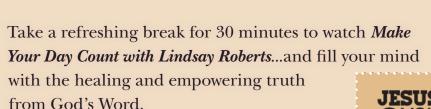
"After years, I am being healed!"

I just finished reading Lindsay's book, A Cry for Miracles and I was greatly struck by two things: 1. When Oral Roberts told her she was "wenting". I said, "That's me!" I have been believing for a divine healing for years of pain in my back and leg from spinal stenosis with no results. Now I realize I am being healed as I "went." 2. Lindsay's take on the story of blind Bartimeaus, especially his dissatisfaction of his condition. I decided that I too, am dissatisfied, so I called out "Jesus, son of David, have mercy on me." I determined last night I would believe God heard me, and I slept through the entire night with no pain cream or pills. I woke up this morning without the usual burning, stabbing pain in my left leg and feet! After years, I am being healed! Praise the Lord!

-Robert from Chesapeake, VA

(Editor's Note: You can request Lindsay's book, *A Cry for Miracles* at our online bookstore at OralRoberts.com.)

Your thoughts can change your life...



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Giving God Thanks in All Things



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 needs 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 challenging. Circumstances may appear desperate, and you may even be wondering how you're going to make it.

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

> 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 humbly seeking God 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).

> This Thanksgiving, set aside a special time to worship the Lord for His goodness. Thank Him for who He is, 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 <u>oral-</u> <u>roberts.com/prayer</u>. 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.

(You can download a free PDF called "The ABC's of Thankfulness" at <u>OralRoberts.com</u>)

JESUS A MIGHTY SAVIOR A CLASSIC MESSAGE BY ORAL ROBERTS



[Jesus is a mighty Savior from sin]

Sin is the destroying power that blasts our characters, attacks our souls, and makes us lower than the animals of the field. Sin is the awful power that brings hate into our hearts, and revenge into our minds. It is the awful thing that fills us with inner conflicts and frustrations, torments and fears.

Sin is the power that turns us against God and against our fellow man. It is the power that destroys other people...that destroys us...that sends us to hell.

Jesus is a mighty Savior from the power of sin. Jesus saves people that nobody else will look at. He picks up people who have fallen. Take the woman in the Bible who was caught in the act of adultery (John 8:1-11). The religious people caught her for one reason only—to cast her out. They didn't catch her to save her. They brought her to Christ and said, "What would You do?"

Jesus said to her accusers, "Which of you is not guilty?" They all slunk away.

Then He said, "Woman, where art thine accusers?"

She said, "I know not, Lord."

He said, "Woman, I don't condemn you either. Go, and sin no more."

She stood up, a woman saved by Jesus, good enough for anyone, as clean as God can make a human. That's what Jesus does for sinners.

That's the kind of Jesus I believe in and have right now. He is a mighty Savior.

[Jesus is a mighty Savior from fear]

Through Jesus, people can live without fear. I beleive the only one who can completely take fear from you, keep you free from it,

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The stripes on Jesus' back **are** for the healing of our diseases.



and enable you to live totally without fear, except for Jesus. He is a mighty Savior from fear.

A woman came into my meeting in a wheelchair. They put her in the invalid room. When I walked up to her, she grabbed my hands and said, "Brother Roberts, look at me." Her face was etched with the lines of suffering and her hands were knotted with arthritis. She said, "Brother Roberts, six months ago I was a well, normal woman, but tonight I cannot walk. This is what my fears did to me."

I was delighted to present Jesus to her, the mighty Savior from fear. That woman was healed. She came out of the wheelchair. But how was she healed? She was healed by believing Jesus to take fear out of her. And you know Jesus can take fear away from you.

[Jesus is a mighty Savior from demons]

Demons are evil spirits that do not have a body. Their leader, Lucifer, was an archangel, but he rebelled against God and sinned. God cast him out of heaven with one-third of the angels. They were cast down to the earth, and Lucifer is now the devil—a fallen archangel. The angels who fell with him lost their celestial bodies, and now they are called demons.

The word *demon* means *tormentor*. In Matthew 12:43, Jesus refers to demons as "walking about in dry places, seeking rest and finding none."

When they enter into a human and possess him, they have a human body, a human mind, a human spirit, so the demons make the person what they are.

They have no power where Christ is, for Christ came in the power of the Spirit of God and had absolute power to cast them out. This power Jesus gave to his disciples — power over and against all unclean spirits and power to cast them out.

This is the power that Christ gave me in 1947. He said, "Son, from this hour, by My power, you will heal the sick and cast out devils."

"The Son of God appeared for this purpose, to destroy the works of the devil" (1 John 3:8). He is a mighty Savior from demon power.

[Jesus is a mighty Savior from disease]

Matthew 8:17 KJV reminds us that Jesus took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses. The stripes on Jesus' back are for the healing of our diseases. Acts 10:38 KJV says, God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing **all** that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.

Jesus gave power to His disciples to heal. Jesus said, *Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give* (Matthew 10:8 KJV). Now Jesus is a mighty Savior from sickness. *The prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up* (James 5:15 KJV). Who shall raise them up? The *Lord* shall raise them up! *Jesus* shall raise them up! *Jesus* can destroy the sickness in your body! *Jesus* is a mighty Savior from sickness and disease!

The little woman in the Bible with the issue of blood said, *If I may but touch His clothes, I shall be whole* (Mark 5:28 KJV). She touched His clothes with her hand, and believed. Immediately healing power went out of Him and He said, "Who touched Me?"

The crowd said, "Everybody is pushing up against you."

Jesus said, "This was a different touch, for I felt healing virtue go out of Me." The woman knew she was not hidden. She ran up and said, "Lord, I touched You."

He said, "Daughter, be of good comfort; thy faith hath made thee whole."

Now I brought you this story for this reason,

to let you know that Jesus is actually full of healing virtue. He is filled with healing power, and when we touch Him, we can be healed. Jesus is a mighty Savior from sickness and disease.

I've been healed by Jesus. I was healed of a stuttering tongue, I was healed of tuberculosis in both lungs, and I'm healed today.

Friends, it is so very wonderful to know that your soul is saved by the blood of Christ, to know that you are not afraid. I don't know anything in the world as wonderful as to be saved by Jesus.

(You can order "If You Need Healing Do These Things" and other books by Oral Roberts at OralRoberts.com/Bookstore.) BY LINDSAY ROBERTS

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hen the angel proclaimed the birth of the Messiah to the shepherds on a night 2,000 years ago, the angel said, "I bring you good tidings of great joy" (Luke 2:10). The birth of the Savior was—and is—cause for celebration!

What are you feeling as Christmas draws near? Great joy? Celebration?

Or is the very thought of the upcoming holidays filling you with dread?

Holiday Frenzy

For many people, the holidays are the busiest and most stressful time of the year. There are gifts to be purchased and wrapped...Christmas cards to mail...school or church activities to attend. There is shopping to be done—too often with the worry of charging credit cards to the max before all the gifts are purchased. Who has the time for good tidings (positive and joyful news)?

Maybe you wish there was no shopping to do, no Christmas music to hear, no Christmas festivities at all. In fact, you'd like it if you could close your eyes, go to sleep, and the next morning Christmas would be over. Who needs the celebration anyway? Perhaps the holidays are just too much. I believe the devil would like nothing better than to take the joy out of the most joyful season of the year. His greatest desire is to drive us further and further away from God, His Son and His Word. Stress, anxiety, and sorrow are weapons he can try to use against us.

Good News for All

In the midst of our frantic holiday preparations, we need to remember that the familiar passage from the second chapter of Luke doesn't stop with the angel's proclamation of great joy. The Scripture goes on to say that *for unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord* (v.11).

The angel brought the news of a Savior...a Redeemer...the Prince of Peace...not just for the shepherds who were abiding in the fields but also for generations to come, including us!

The Greatest Gift

Christmas is much more than food, carols, and gifts. And it's much more than just a story about the birth of a baby. That baby grew up to be Jesus, the One who came to earth to break the ties satan had on mankind by giving His life as a ransom for our sins. He was sent by God to take on our sickness and disease so we might be healed. He came so we might have life and have it more abundantly (John 10:10).

The purpose of the birth of Jesus Christ was to repair, heal, restore, and renew whatever is broken in our lives...and that's worth celebrating!

This Christmas, instead of turning away from the music, the festivities, and the miraculous birth of Jesus Christ, try flipping the switch on the devil. Say, "Satan, you will not steal my Christmas joy from me!" Then begin repeating the declaration of joy from the Word of God until you're full of the joy of the Lord.

Celebrate Christmas with joy because in Jesus, God gave you the greatest gift you will ever receive. Jesus loves you. He wants you to be well in every area of your life. He gave His life so that you could be saved and have eternal life with Him.

It only takes a moment to ask Jesus into your heart, into your family, into any situation you may be facing. As you embrace the miracle God sent to you on that first Christmas more than 2,000 years ago—His Son, Jesus Christ—I believe you'll find that this is the time for great rejoicing...because the Lord, our Savior, has come!

> He came so we might have life and have it *more abundantly*.

FAVORITE HOLIDAY RECIPES

PUMPKIN SPICE LATTE



INGREDIENTS

2 cups milk

1 cup strong brewed coffee

(I use 4 Tbsp coffee to 1 cup water; you can use less if desired.)

2 Tbsp vanilla

- 4 tsp sugar (I use about 25 drops of stevia)
- 1/2 tsp pumpkin pie spice or cinnamon spice mixture
- 2-4 heaping spoonfuls of canned

pumpkin (I use about 6, but I'm a bit pumpkin-obsessed!) -Qordan

DIRECTIONS

Pour all of the ingredients into a pot and heat over medium-high heat until the coffee is steaming hot, whisking with a wire whisk until the ingredients are incorporated and a little frothy. (It takes a little effort to emulsify the pumpkin.) Pour into mugs and top with fresh whipped cream and cinnamon.

Serves two. Enjoy! (Caution: hot beverage)

SUGAR COOKIES

INGREDIENTS

- 1 ½ cups butter, room temperature
- 1 ¾ cups white sugar
- 4 eggs
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 5 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 teaspoon salt

DIRECTIONS

In a large bowl using an electric mixer with paddle tool, cream together butter and sugar until smooth. Add the eggs, one at a time. Add the vanilla. In a separate medium bowl, mix the flour, baking powder, and salt. Slowly add the dry ingredients into the butter and egg mixture until combined. Don't over-mix. Cover, and chill dough for at least one hour (or overnight).

Roll out dough on floured surface to desired thickness. Cut into shapes with cookie cutter. Place cookies 1 inch apart on ungreased cookie sheets or sheets lined with parchment paper for easy clean-up. (If you wanted to sprinkle the cookies with colored sugar or dots, now is the time.) Bake at 350 degrees F for 8-12 minutes, depending on how thick you rolled them out. Makes 2 dozen large cookies or 3-4 dozen small cookies.

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INGREDIENTS

- 1 cup confectioners' sugar
- 1 or 2 teaspoons milk
- 1 ½ teaspoons light corn syrup
- 1⁄4 teaspoon vanilla extract
- liquid food coloring (as desired)

DIRECTIONS

Mix the sugar and milk together until smooth. (Batter will still be thick.) Once completely combined, mix in the corn syrup until it's smooth. (This may take a little elbow grease.) You can use a little more corn syrup to thin out icing. After that, if it's still too thick, thin if necessary with a few drops of milk. Frost with icing when cookies are cool. This icing will dry hard enough to stack cookies on top of one another.



Don't GO Don't GO Don't

BY RICHARD ROBERTS wo thousand years ago, three Wise Men saw a star in the heavens, and they realized that a baby had been born. He was not just an ordinary baby—but a baby born to be the King of kings and Lord of lords. The three Wise Men came from the East to worship the Christ child. On their journey, they stopped in Jerusalem and inquired, "Where is the King, for we've been following His star?"

They were brought to King Herod, who asked his advisors, "Where does the Scripture say the Christ will be born?" They told him it would be in the town of Bethlehem. So Herod told the Wise Men, "When you find this Child, tell me where He is, so I may worship Him too."

Of course, King Herod had no intention of worshipping the Savior. Instead, he was devising a plot to try to kill the baby. Herod was terrified the young King would undermine his power. But this baby didn't come to set up an earthly kingdom. He came to establish a heavenly kingdom—a kingdom in the hearts of men and women.

The Wise Men made their way to Bethlehem, where they found the baby Jesus. They worshipped Him and presented Him with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Afterward, they prepared for their journey home.

Herod had told them, "Come back and tell me where the baby is," but God warned them in a dream, saying, "Don't go home the same way you came." And the scriptures say they went home a different way. Yes, they went home another way physically... And they also went home another way spiritually. Their lives were transformed forever after an encounter with the Savior!

WHY DID THE WISE MEN GO HOME ANOTHER WAY?

1.They looked to God's Word

When the Wise Men asked where the Christ Child would be born, they discovered the answers they were seeking could be found in the Scriptures. God's Word made them wiser than they had been before. And God's wisdom caused them to go home a different

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way. That's a good word to you and me today because God's wisdom can cause us to go the right way in life!

2. They Tuned In to the Lord

What happens when you begin to dive into God's Word? You can hear Him speaking to you more clearly. After the Wise Men searched God's Word, they heard the Lord speaking to them through a dream, warning them not to return through Jerusalem to Herod.

When we tune in to the Word of God, it can help us hear the Lord speaking in our heart, warning us about the tricks of the devil. *It can help keep us safe!*

3. They Brought Gifts to Jesus

The three Wise Men sowed seeds to the Lord out of their love and worship for Him. The first gift they gave Jesus was *gold*, which represented His kingship. No one seemed to recognize He was a king. But the Wise Men recognized it, and they gave Him gifts worthy of a king.

Later, when Herod issued a death threat against Jewish boys two years of age and younger, Jesus and His parents fled to Egypt. But God had already made provision for their journey through the gifts of the Wise Men.

They also gave Jesus *frankincense*

because even though no one else seemed to realize it, they knew He was the Son of God, the Messiah.

And finally, the Wise Men brought Jesus *myrrh*—a spice used to embalm the dead. By the Spirit of the Lord, they must have realized that Jesus was going to die for the sins of the world.

The three Wise Men sowed their seeds to God, and their seed planting caused them to go home a different way from the way they came. *And through your seed planting God can change the course of your life too!*

4. They Followed the REAL Star

What star are you following today? When you follow *the real* star, the Lord Jesus Christ, your life can be transformed. If you want to make Him the Star of your life, I encourage you to pray this prayer from your heart:

Dear Lord Jesus, You are the real Star of Christmas, and I want to know You as You really are. Make Yourself real to me this Christmas. I know that You love me because Your Word says that You do in John 3:16.

I ask You to forgive me, cleanse me, and make me new. Forgive me of every sin in my life, and help me to know You as my Savior and Lord of my life. From this moment I will follow the real Star of Christmas, Jesus Christ, and spiritually speaking, I'll go home another way from the way I came! Amen.



"Favorite" Christmas Carols

No one can mistake the words of a Christmas carol in a more humorous way than a child! Favorite Christmas carols as actually sung by children:

- Deck the halls with Buddy Holly
- We three kings of porridge and tar
- Later on, we'll perspire, as we dream by the fire
- He's makin' a list, chicken and rice
- Noel, Noel, Barney's the king of Israel
- With the jelly toast proclaim
- Olive, the other reindeer
- In the meadow we can build a snowman, then pretend that he is sparse and brown
- Oh, what fun it is to ride with one horse, soap, and hay
- O come, froggy faithful
- You'll tell Carol, "Be a skunk, I require" (Yuletide carols being sung by the fire)



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