



The Healing Stream

Newsletter & Prayer Guide

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The Me He Sees

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Did you ever wonder why God the Father would want anything to do with you? I have, and it would seem to me that knowing the way I am, He would have chosen to associate with someone who is a little less high maintenance. I can be a handful at times! I know the ins and outs of my personal deviousness and perversities. In the midst of knowing His sacrifice for me, I know the depth and the darkness of what my heart is capable of. Why He wants to hang around is sometimes beyond my comprehension.

He must see a different me than the one I see. His vision must take Him beyond the distortion and illusions I've surrounded myself with through the years. He must see the me He created me to be, and the me He has committed Himself to restoring, the one He made to bear His image to a lost and broken world.

When I look into the mirror with my natural eyes, I don't see much promise. I see the broken, bruised areas, and I want to cling to them, because they have become a source of comfort to me. Apart from Him, I wouldn't know how to live any other way, and I certainly don't have a clue as to how to walk beyond these areas. The Scripture is clear, *"Within me dwells no good thing."* On my own, and in my own power I have nothing to offer. I can accomplish great things in my own strength, but before God they are as nothing.

A glimpse at life through my eyes is a glance into the Fun House mirror. The image that comes back is one that is distorted by imperfections in the glass. In one mirror, I am short and stout. In another, I am impossibly thin, and yet, in another, I am shaped like an hourglass.

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Hope For Today

"The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word." Heb. 1:3

"Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted." Heb. 2:18

"For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet was without sin." Heb. 4:15

"Consider it pure joy, my brothers, when you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. Perseverance must finish its work, so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything."

James 1:2-4

We All Need Someone to Talk To!

Need a place to share your heart, rant, rave, and get God's perspective? No subject is off limits and every contact is completely confidential. We're always here, so when you are ready to get real with God, we'll be here waiting for you.

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JESUS IS READY TO MEET YOU WHERE YOU'RE AT!

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Fortunately for me, these are not the mirrors that Jesus looks into. He sees through the distortion and sees the perfect creation, the one He died for and the one filled with heavenly potential. Like the Apostle Peter, I am filled with weakness and instability, as I walk through this life. Yet, Jesus was able to see through to the real Peter and proclaimed Him the rock. He did the same with the woman at the well. He saw past the five husbands, and the man she was currently with, and saw a soul that had the potential to be saved and restored.

Those same eyes look beyond our failures and call forth the image of God in us. When I lived in the gay lifestyle, there was nothing victorious about the way I lived. If I was a victor in anything, I was victorious at being miserable and depressed. Jesus saw through that misery and depression and focused on who He created me to be. He saw the original creation and committed Himself to restoring it to its original glory.

Day after day, week after week, month after month, year after year, He works, washes, cleans, and restores my soul. Some days I make it easy for Him, other days He has to work with a crowbar. If I truly have a guardian angel, I've probably put him close to death a few times, and even made him throw up on a number of occasions. Yet, Jesus never pulls back and or takes His eye off the cleansing of my soul.

In a world filled with instant messages and microwave technology, He still takes the slow road. He is in no hurry to bring about change. Rather than work from the outside in, He still works from the inside out. He desires to build a strong relationship that will serve as the foundation for everything else He wants to do. As much as I want instant message healing, He still desires to write it out long-hand on the tablet of my heart and speak into the long neglected recesses of my soul.

Although my journey began as a willful resistance to sin, it has evolved, over time, into a steady love relationship. I know that in Christ, I have the freedom to do what I want, whether to the good or to the bad. I have the freedom to use my healing as a beacon of hope to others, or I have the freedom to pursue any vice or sin I please. I even have the freedom to go back and pursue the gay lifestyle if I want to. I can do anything I want to, and God the Father will still love me and call me to Himself. Yet, He has loved me to the degree that I don't want to pursue those things. I want to please Him and follow His ways until the day I die. To quote II Corinthians 5:14, *"the love of Christ compels me."* That is the true freedom I have found in Christ. This is the degree of freedom He offers to each of us, if we are willing to dig a little deeper.

The folly of our own thinking is the belief that we can walk away when His methods don't appeal to us or take longer than we think they should. "I know you and I see you," is His word to us.

"Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there. If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast. If I say, 'Surely the darkness will hide me and the light become night around me,' even the darkness will not be dark to you; the night will shine like the day, for darkness is as light to you."

He is with us in everything. He follows us everywhere, and He is not put off by the darkness or the sin that we drag Him into. He'll still work by His Spirit until His light overtakes those things that pull us away from the restoration of God's image in us.

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Will you love me? That is the question that His Spirit within us calls out. It is within the depth of His love that healing pours into us. Healing overflows out of a love relationship with Christ. Healing or the perceived lack thereof, is not a measure by which we determine His love for us. God is Love and he cannot be untrue to Himself. Our lives change to the degree in which we avail ourselves of His love and allow that love to work in us.

If we lack in certain areas of our lives, instead of pursuing the abundance we crave on our own terms, will we love Him enough to seek it on His terms? Are we willing to go deeper in the relationship versus seeking Him for a certain result? This is a life-changing truth that has the potential to destroy bondages to habits and behaviors. *“You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.”* He didn’t say to seek freedom or healing. His directive is to seek Him with everything inside of us, and all of these other desires and needs will be met out of that relationship.

As it relates to sexual bondage and compulsive behaviors, I believe this is the number one reason many people get discouraged and give up. They have set their mind on the delusion that freedom is the absence of certain behaviors and compulsions, rather than a living, active, vibrant relationship with God that should be pursued to the exclusion of everything else. It may start out in a willful resistance of sin, but it won’t stay there. As trust is built and time is spent on seeking to know His mind through His Word, mountains move. Don’t allow yourself or the enemy to place an unrealistic timeframe on what God wants to do in you. The Lord deals in a realm and operates in a space that is outside of time as we know it. All we have to commit to is moving toward Him no matter what happens or what disappointments come our way.

My child, I see who you are and I see who I have made you to be. My plan for you is better than the plan you have for yourself. Don’t settle so you can reach your plan. Strive for me and strive for what I have for you. Let your pain and past failures drive you to my side. I see you and I know you. I am calling you home. There is no path that you have walked on that is too dark for me to receive you back with open arms. I walked in those places with you, and sheltered you, and kept you from destruction. Even when you were lost in darkness, I overcame the darkness and became the light that you walked in.

Now, I want you to bask in the light that has preserved you. Follow my heartbeat and walk with me into new and glorious places. I have much I want to show you, and much I want to place inside of you. Bask in me and allow me to renew your strength for the journey set before us. You may not have answers, but I carry those, and I will reveal myself to you as you open your heart to me. Give me all of yourself with no reservations. Throw yourself headlong onto me and allow me to restore you and lift you up. I am the Lord that heals you. I have chosen the foolish things of the world to shame the wise. I will do in you what no man can explain to another. My incomparably great work will shine, as those who don’t know me, stumble around in the futility and darkness of their thinking. You will be my great example of the impossible that God can accomplish in the lives of those who choose to walk with Me.

May the Lord give us eyes to see ourselves in the way that He sees us. Give us the grace, Lord, to walk in the light of that revelation.

A Word from Bob & Phyllis

Dear Friends,

Happy Spring! We both love this time of year because it speaks to our hearts about renewal. That which was dead, comes back to life.

As we approach Resurrection Sunday, may your heart, mind, and life be filled with renewal. May hope rise, where there has been no hope. May victory be poured out where there has been defeat. May new life permeate that which has been dead and sleeping.

For those waiting for a breakthrough in their lives, may this season speak to you as it never has before. The darkness of winter will pass in your circumstances, and Spring will once again touch your life.

He is God, and He has the power to do all that you are seeking Him for. Keep running the race and trust Him to bring you across the finish line.

Thank you all for your constant and faithful prayers for us and Matthew 19:26 Ministries. You help us continue to run this race! We couldn't do it without you.

May the Lord richly bless you!

Bob & Phyllis

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PRAYER GUIDE

March 2010

Bob begins teaching a new CrossCurrent group this month. The session will last for 8 weeks and we seek your prayer support in the following areas;

- *Pray that the Holy Spirit would open hearts to God's Word during this session.*
- *Pray that each participant receive a dynamic revelation from God regarding His intention for their lives.*
- *Pray that the Holy Spirit would grant courage to the men and women involved to share openly about their struggles.*
- *Pray that "new hope" would be poured out on each one that attends the sessions.*
- *Since the group is open to all who are interested, pray that the Holy Spirit would draw the lost and that they would receive Christ.*
- *Pray strength and protection for all of the teachers and group leaders that are participating in this session.*

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