



# The Healing Stream

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## Power From the Word



*We give thanks to you oh Lord for your mercy, which is new every morning. Great is your faithfulness.*

## A WORD FROM BOB...

*I will extol the LORD at all times; his praise will always be on my lips. I will glory in the LORD; let the afflicted hear and rejoice. Glorify the LORD with me; let us exalt his name together. I sought the LORD, and he answered me; he delivered me from all my fears. Those who look to him are radiant; their faces are never covered with shame. This poor man called, and the LORD heard him; he saved him out of all his troubles. The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him, and he delivers them. Taste and see that the LORD is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in him.*  
(Psalm 34:1-8/NIV)

Dear Friends,

From the way the month of October started, no one could have imagined that it would end the way it did. We had great conversations with pastors about the ministry. We spoke to the youth group at our home church, and we spent the last weekend of the month speaking at Passion Christian Church in Hollywood, FL. With such a high degree of forward momentum, it was hard to believe that the month ended with Phyllis fighting for her life after a potentially debilitating stroke.

In the event you weren't aware, on Tuesday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, as Phyllis was starting her day, she suffered a massive ischemic stroke which caused her to lose vision, speech, and all left side function. The paramedics were called and the prayer vigil began. I started praying before the paramedics arrived, and I haven't stopped praying since.

***This poor man called, and the LORD heard him; he saved him out of all his troubles. The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him, and he delivers them.*** God heard my cry and the cry of all those praying for her. He began an hour by hour recovery where I witnessed my wife come back from near disability. Thanks to a clot busting drug (more or less an industrial strength blood thinner) called tPA, the first hour her vision cleared and speech capability slowly returned. During the second hour, her left side paralysis was healed. The third hour the feeling returned to her left side. By the end of the fourth hour, she was sitting up asking about the details of what happened to her.

***Glorify the LORD with me; let us exalt his name together. I sought the LORD, and he answered me; he delivered me from all my fears.*** Phyllis was out of the hospital and back home within four days of having the stroke. There is no permanent damage, and no extended rehabilitation needed. Just some mild physical therapy (walking and swimming) that she has already begun. Her brain will heal as she rests, and lets the Lord restore her.

WE WILL NOT BE MOVED NOR DETOURED FROM CONTINUING THIS WORK!

We have kept all of our speaking and ministry engagements intact. Our next event is on November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2015, in Gainesville, FL with New Hearts Outreach. We don't know why things happen the way they do sometimes, but we trust that the Lord is in control of EVERYTHING.

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Phyllis and I both know this was a direct attack on her life. The forward strides we've made have clearly shaken up the spirit realm enough to try and extinguish her life and bring everything we've worked for to an end. However, JESUS HAD ANOTHER PLAN, and spared Phyllis so she can complete the work He has for both of us to do.

From the bottom of our hearts, we want to thank you for your prayers, texts, phone calls and Facebook posts. They have meant the world to us. It is the power of prayer that brought about Phyllis' quick recovery. Please continue to pray for 100% restoration to her mind, heart, and soul. The Lord is building a MIGHTY testimony through this circumstance. We give Him the glory now, and give Him the glory ahead of time for all that He will do.

For those that have asked about our needs, our primary need right now is for financial provision for the next few months as Phyllis is not expected to return to work until January 2016. As I mentioned last month, we are still at 25% (actually 30% thanks to a couple of new monthly supporters) of our budget. The Lord miraculously provided everything we need for the month of November. We are trusting in His faithfulness to see us through the months ahead.

If you have an issue or circumstance that is bigger than you, WE RELATE! Let us remind you that we serve a God that is bigger than anything the devil or this world can throw at us. Call upon the name of the Lord today. Our lives are in His hands, and He is faithful to lead us. I'll leave the rest of the newsletter for Phyllis to finish.



*Home Again!*

## ...AND PHYLLIS

***“The righteous cry out and the Lord hears them, he delivers them from all of their troubles.”  
Psalm 34:17***

On October 27<sup>th</sup>, the Lord demonstrated that His ears are attentive to the cries of His children. For all of you who offered up prayer for my life, I am forever grateful! My family, my dear friends, and all of my brothers and sisters in Christ joined together in one united voice asking the Lord to save, heal, and

To those who read this letter, please remember it is acting swiftly that can save a life! My dear husband recognized the danger I was in, dialed 911, and then called out to the Lord. He prayed *“Lord Jesus, take the effects of this stroke, and send them back to the pit of hell! The enemy has no authority here!”* Although I could not utter any intelligible words, a cry rose up from deep within my heart. *“NO! I will not die!”* I believe that was the power of the resurrected Christ working deep within me. Bob then reached out to as many as he could with a prayer chain.

As I recount the details of what actually transpired, I see all the paramedics, doctors, and nurses feverishly working to save my life. Yet, no matter what might have happened, I AM SAVED! Even if I had died that day, I know I would have been in the presence of my Savior. I have the full assurance of my salvation. But what of them? If they were to die, I wondered how many of them would know where they'd be going. Now, my heart is burdened to share Jesus with every doctor and nurse. My goal in all of my medical follow-up visits is to share the power of Jesus with all of my health care professionals. Jesus is not willing for any of them to perish, but all, have eternal life.

My prayer is that the Lord will use this near-death experience to speak to others that life is precious. Don't take it for granted! Seize the day! We are all near-death everyday whether we know it or not. The Gospel of Jesus is the only hope we have. Act swiftly with those you love.

What is it in your life that makes you feel broken, powerless, weak or limited? In my weakness, my Heavenly Father did for me what I could not do for myself. When words literally escaped me, He heard the cry of my heart, and He responded with a miracle. He can do it for you!

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
Hallowed by thy name  
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done  
On earth as it is in heaven,  
Give us this day our daily bread

And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors,  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil

FOR THINE IS THE KINGDOM, AND THE POWER, AND THE GLORY, FOREVER!