

El Shaddai

The All-Sufficient One

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CHAPTER 1

The natural human nature and mind does not want to love and forgive, it does not want to return good for evil. It does not want to absolve another's sins and unkindness to them. Too often we sadly want them to pay for their deed. You can overcome this selfish desire by forcing yourself to say the words of love and forgiveness until with God's help it actually becomes a reality in your life. Only God can help you do this but you must put forth the effort to initiate the 1st action toward forgiveness. Just keep repeating the words, "I love you", "I love you." "I forgive you." Love is the great cure for all disease. Let us not neglect to initiate any and every good method to overcome our human nature that it may be replaced with Gods divine nature.

Sadly indeed, the brutal truth comes back to haunt my memories, how I desired vengeance. I would say, "Lord, you said vengeance was yours and you can do it better than I". This will actually happen if you leave it like that. Just remember one of the important universal laws is that everything

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you send out will come back to you multiplied. Jesus called this truth (sowing and reaping). If you forgive the bad deed and send it back with love, blessing, and healing, you breakup the bad cycle of events, which turns it into the law of immortal love. Think of the bountiful return you will receive. Now, we can contemplate on the great wisdom of our Lord as He urged us to forgive 70 X 7. To bless those that curse you and do good things to those who despitefully use you.

Remember Jesus said "Agree with thine adversary quickly" (Matthew 5:25-KJV) (Moffat's) "Do quickly and make terms with your opponent so long as you and he are on your way to the court, in case he hands you over to the judge and the judge to the jailer, and you are thrown into prison. Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you pay the last half penny of your debt."

The final result of your forgiveness will be so much better for every one concerned than if the bad deed had never happened at all. "All things work together for good" (Romans 8:28) It will all abound to you for good. These preceding words sums up the great and awesome vengeance, justice, and judgment of our God. "God is love" and "God is a consuming fire".

His consuming fire of love burns away at our evil deeds reducing them to ashes on the brazen alter of His love for us. Then we the captive shall be set free.

Don't allow anyone to steal your crown. They can't really have it for themselves, but they can steal it from you so that you can't have it either. "I am coming quickly: hold fast what you have so

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that no one may rob you of your crown". (Rev. 3:11-Amplified Bible)

For your own good, start to cut away that sin nature that so wants to take over your thinking and pull you down to an early grave. You can do it and you will be so happy you did. Everybody wants to be happy and you are the only one who can achieve that state of being, no one else can make you happy or unhappy unless you allow it. Your happiness comes to you from within. You can be in complete control of all your emotions at all times. It takes a lot of time and attention at first but after a while it sort of settles down around you and it becomes a settled peace and contentment that stays. It just doesn't leave you regardless of the bad vibrations of others round about, this peace and quietness of emotion is yours to keep once you go through the experience of the circumcision of the heart. Stay in touch with your creator every step and every heart beat as you go about your daily duties. Do all for Him. Plant beautiful flowers of Love, Thanksgiving, Mercy and Truth in the fertile soil of your mind and water them with constant vigilance of praise and thanksgiving. Thank Him for everything. Do it enough and you will find out how easy it will become.

At the time I first met David and Betty, my life was in shambles. I was 45 years old and felt I had nothing to live for. I had 2 teenage girls and I was pretty sure at that time that they hated me very badly. I know now that they loved me. They just had many problems of their own to deal with, mostly me! My husband had other commitments in his life that did not include me. My brothers

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and sisters I thought, hated me, and I had not seen or been in touch with any of them for about 10 years. I was down in a hole so deep until I couldn't even see the light of day. I was not going to any church at the time and had no one to even talk to except my friend Mary Amons in Marion, S. C. my hometown. She would pray for me and beg me to go live with her. But I had no way to support myself, so I stayed here in the home that God had showed me in a vision while I was still in New York. My God had given me a home and I was not going to leave it unless He told me to leave and where to go. Even though I couldn't see God's hand at work in my life at that time, I would pray the Psalms and thank Him for working all of this bad stuff out for my good, and the good of all concerned. I remembered the life of Joseph and told the Lord if He could do it for Joseph, He could do it for me! And He really did. My oldest brother Maxcey Anderson and my friend Mary Amons were the only 2 friends that I had in the world. They had no money to share with me but they stood by me with moral support.

This was my life when I first heard David. I was growing old to die and I was desperate, and felt all-alone. David Ebaugh's message literally saved my life and got me started on the stairway to heaven and I'm so happy in Jesus today. I love my husband better than I did when I married him, I love my kids better. I also made peace with my brothers and sisters. The main message that stayed with me was, " you must change from what you are to what you ought to be." Change was inevitable, but I didn't know that I could change so I prayed "Lord help me to change this dreadful human nature like unto the nature of

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my Lord who could look down from His cross of shame and pain with compassion to forgive those who had put Him there.

Now I can see the beauty of all this grief. I sat with Job in his ashes and sackcloth, I visited with Daniel in the lion's den and I walked around with the 3 Hebrew children in the fiery furnace. I saw the lion's teeth and the flames licking around me at different times in my life. But my God is a God of love and He just held open His big arms for me in David's message. He told me to come climb the staircase with Him, that He would help me and show me the way. I was my own worst enemy.

I delved into this step climbing like my very life depended on it, and it did! I literally drove myself every waking hour to get up there where I could walk with God. I have stumbled and fallen many times but I always managed to get up, eat crow, apologize and try again.

In order for me to be able to climb the lower steps I had to get down on my knees reach with my hands and arms up to the top step of God's love begging for help. I'm able to pull myself up, slowly one inch at the time. I don't know just exactly where I am, but I know I'm climbing ever higher. The agape love was my goal.

Not what I am but what I shall be

When God's patient grace is finished in me

This is the hope that carries me on

Knowing some day the work will be done.

God's patient grace working in me

Has changed me from what I used to be

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God's patient grace working in me

Will make me some day In His image complete.

Closer each day and brighter it seems

As God's patient grace keeps working in me

Continuing on until I shall find My Lord's will in me

Is totally mine.

Song: Author Unknown

I have love, peace and joy today in the Holy Ghost. I refuse to bad mouth people by thought, word or deed. I have such a wonderful conscious knowledge of God's presence all the time. I don't get angry any more. I don't speak rashly or harshly to anyone. I don't feel any malice or jealousy toward anyone. I'm truly happy when I see others getting blessed and happy. God has been working a wonderful change in me. I'm a different person today. I am not that same person who sat in front of David that night drinking in every word he said, words of LIGHT and LIFE and IMMORTALITY. I'm changed; I'm becoming God's message of love to the world. For while throwing my messages of love out to those around me, sometimes I extend this love and blessing out to the neighborhood - city - county - state - country and the world. I am becoming the bread of life to all those around me. My flesh is beginning to take on the word of God. Ail of these years of trouble and sorrow have only pushed me more closely into the arms of Jesus and praying God's word has engraved its message upon my heart and

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mind.

I know for a fact that all power is given to the name of Jesus and the blood of Jesus. For I have seen a big black demon take a very quick departure away from me at the mention of Jesus' name. All I had to do was just start to say Jesus. I had not even finished saying His name before that black demon just pooffed away. It was so fast how it came through the ceiling of my room and took hold of my right arm. I said, "I love you Jesus" and with the mention of His name he disappeared. I got out of bed and checked all the doors, which were all locked, but this was a spirit and not limited to locked doors. My right arm was also a little numb after, but soon cleared up.

Another time I was coming home from school at night going south toward Las Olas Blvd. and felt impressed to cover myself with the blood of Jesus. At the corner of Las Olas I turned right and the car in front of me turned right at the same time. I looked up and saw a woman in the back seat of the car. She was pointing a gun at my head. Yes, God intervenes for, and saves His people. The whole world may turn against me, but my God's love and help is always strong and sure, and only a prayer away.

He has taken the ashes of mourning and sadness and has turned them into an oil of gladness and joy. And yes others may have meant all of the bad things to me for evil but God meant them to me for good and He worked them into good for me. Read the story of Joseph and his brothers. I was impressed to go to our family reunion at Myrtle Beach, South Carolina; there I made peace with

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each one. I loved each one of them and had a beautiful loving message for each one that the Lord inspired me to write.

One of my nieces said, "Hazel, you have changed. You are not the same person that you were." Then I thanked her and said, "Yes, I have changed. I change a little bit every day in every way, if you don't like me today come back tomorrow for I will be a little different in every way." I can't go into all of the mess with each situation, for it is all under the blood and completely forgiven by me and I'm so grateful for everything that has happened. They forgave me also. I must have been pretty bad, because almost everyone was having a problem with me.

I had more trouble forgiving my husband; however, than anyone else. God had to teach me a new and different way for just saying the words "I forgive you" did not work with him. It had gone on far too long and the bad roots of bitterness seemed to run down from my heart to my toes. I would keep running away to work on the weekends when he would be home and at night I would run away to the dance. This way I could live with him in peace for I would be so exhausted from work and dancing I would fall in the bed and sleep the night away and in the morning get up and run away to work again.

Then I broke my foot and had to stay in bed for 2 weeks. I had to face up to it and deal with it once and for all, and I didn't know how. I cried out to God to help me, "Lord, I just can't live like this any more. I've tried for 4 years to forgive him and I can't. What has worked for all other cases

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will not work this time. I've worked at this too long already and without any success." Then the Lord spoke to me, "HAZEL, WHAT DID YOU DO ALL LAST SUMMER?" "I went to the Unity Church," God said, "WHAT DID YOU LEARN THERE?" I answered, "I learned how to bring forth the Christ in people." He then said "WHY DON'T YOU DO THAT?" I said, "all right!"

The Holy Spirit was bringing back to my remembrance something that I had heard. Please take very special note of this, GOD, HIMSELF WAS GIVING ME A NEW WAY IN WHICH TO PRAY.

I began bringing forth the Christ in him every waking minute of the day and night, non-stop. I had to first say, "In Jesus name" before I could even give voice to the other words. "I see only the Christ in him, I bring forth the Christ in him, therefore only the Christ can manifest in him, " I prayed this over and over again, like my very life depended upon it!

It took about 3 or 4 days, I lost count, but every conscious minute I was bringing forth the Christ in him. About the 3rd or 4th day, I noticed my prayers had changed. Big tears were pouring down my face and I was praying, "Oh Lord, bless my husband. Make him happy. Give him his hearts desire and help me to do everything within my power to bring him happiness if I never realize anything for myself." I hope you understand that this was an agape love that God was giving me for my husband. It is stronger today than it was then. If I had been able to leave him and go live somewhere else, I would never have been able to

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go through this experience. Thank God for holding me captive in an impossible situation until my God and I could find a way for me to overcome, and forgive it.

After the circumcision of the heart I went back to school and became an L.P.N. I studied hard made good grades with a high score on my state boards, and went to work at North Shore Hospital in Miami, and I was transferred to the Newborn Nursery. This was about 8 years after I had 1st heard David. I had already experienced my circumcision of the heart after several years of constantly working on my attitude changes. After this experience there were many things in my personal life that were straightened out and fixed.

I seemed to take on a new quiet and peaceful poise that I had never experienced before I never spoke out rashly at any one. I didn't have any more angry episodes occur suddenly. I could control my actions and reactions. The presence of the Lord seemed to always be right there just underneath the surface ready to appear at any moment. I was beginning to get use to a new me that had not existed before, and I marveled at the wonder of our Lord for bringing me into such a peaceful existence with Him and all of my family. When you serve the Lord and really live for Jesus even your enemies will be at peace with you. (Proverbs 16:7)

I had a special gift for taking care of the babies. When they would float me to the nursery. I was able to keep the babies quiet and I worked so diligently with the babies and the other nurses that one of them asked me to transfer to the nursery

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permanently. After 2 weeks of praying about it I realized that the nursery was the only place in the hospital where I was happy. I just adored those little darlings, every one of them, and could keep them quieter than anyone else. Cynthia told me after I transferred that when they would call the supervisor for help all the girls would stand around the phone and yell, "we want Hazel Bumstead." I was so thrilled to hear this.

For several years everything was so wonderful and we got along so well. Three years before I resigned all hell seemed to break loose. We had one girl who started treating floats and new personnel badly, and the new supervisor and assistant head nurse thought it was I. So they started writing bad reports about me.

I surprised myself I never lost my cool or my temper and my emotions didn't run haywire. I never lost my temper with any of them regardless of how badly they treated me. I cried and prayed a lot when I got home and I called for David to pray for me. I would get so frustrated and would hurt so badly, but I couldn't defend myself, tell on the girl responsible for the bad actions, nor could I leave my job. Then it was all over with when they realized that they either had to bring specific charges against me or stop drawing conclusions that were unsubstantiated by my actions and work. I made a gift of flowers to one girl and the other I gave Bernie Seagal's book, (Love, Medicine and Miracles) I asked her to read it first and then send it to her mother, who was to have a mastectomy. Her mother was very impressed with my compassion and wrote a lovely letter of thanks. I had to let them know that I loved them and had no

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hard feelings toward anyone.

The girls that worked with me in the nursery knew I was never guilty of any of those accusations and they made a big joke out of it and we would all laugh. Each night brought in a new joke about the bad reports.

The worse thing I ever did in the nursery was to drop a blanket on the floor from time to time. They would tease me to help me feel better, but when I got home I wasn't laughing and it was difficult for me to sleep. I was true to my job and my commitment and always did more than my share of the work. I was never late and never used the phone except for business. Two babies had stopped breathing & I saved their lives at different times on my shift. They were asleep and just stopped breathing. One white baby turned black and a black baby turned white. I was always on guard and watched over my babies carefully to give them help in time of need.

There are many ways in which a heart can be broken and I think I have experienced most all of them.

One fact remained, throughout all of this turmoil and trouble, there was a deep abiding love in my heart for these people. I didn't understand it and I wondered about it all of those years. The one way I know how to explain this, is this little jungle. I don't know who wrote it. "They drew a circle that left me out. A heretic rebel with things a flout but love and I had wit to win we drew a circle that brought them back in."

Since the circumcision of the heart experience,

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it has been so easy to bring forth the Christ in anyone and everyone. I make a habit of seeing only the Christ in people. In everyone I meet, everyone I pass, it's such an easy way to pray for people and I've found it accomplishes more in me and the other person than any other prayer.

God had utterly brought me to the end of my self. I was barely standing in the hole I had found myself in when David appeared on the scene. God used family members, pressures from my place of work and the people I had to work with. He literally pushed me down on my knees in a dark hole so that I could run to Him and with everything that was within me, cry out for His help, and to run into His outstretched arms for a haven of rest and comfort.

Gal. 1:15 - 16 "But when it pleased God who separated me from my mother's womb and called me by grace." God started on me as a young child. I was sick most of the time with either a cold or stomach problems and by the time I was 2 years old I was so sick with double pneumonia, my mother had me swaddled in a big quilt and sitting by the fire in a chair. My sister just 2 years older than I said that I was grunting so loud that she kept telling me to hush. I don't remember all of this I only remember being bundled up in front of the fire and feeling very sick. You can always tell how sick a baby is by how loud he grunts and how far out his nostrils flair while trying to pull the life saving oxygen into his lungs. My mother said she dreamed she saw my grave one night and in her dream she and others of my brothers and sisters had shovels and she told them in her dream to "lets hurry and fill up this hole before Hazel has to go

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in it." She said all Of those who had helped her fill the hole in her dream helped her work out in the cotton field to pay for the Doctor who came to see me. She also prayed for me and asked "God to save me if He could use me." I think she sealed my destiny in my walk with God that night, because He has been after me ever since. The hound dogs of heaven have been nipping at my heals for a long time.

At the age of 12 I started seeking God and had a real spiritual experience. It was late one night and I .couldn't sleep so I got up knelt down by my bed and gave him my heart and life. He drew me to Himself with all of the beautiful stories of his wonderful miracles that He did for His people and I wanted to be one of His people. John 5:30 Jesus said, "I can of myself do nothing." John 6:44 "no man can come to me, except the Father—draw him. Vs 45 "and they shall all be taught of God." This word draw in Greek I hear is more like drag. Peter (drew) his sword and cut the ear off on one of the soldiers. He pulled it out with great strength. James 2:6 "Do not rich men oppress you & draw you before the judgment seat? The rich man did not invite them to appear before the judge, he gave them no other alternative, he forced the issue. As He draws (drags) me, I run after Him with all of my mind & strength. He dragged me all right, and I came running the rest of the way. The going wasn't easy, but the outcome was glorious. Then when I went to Eldon's to hear David, there I met 2 other people who sort of took me under their wing and became my friends. They were Harriet Dee and Carol Ford. They loved and treated me as though I were a dear and precious member of their

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family. About one year after 1st hearing David I saw an add in the paper of an Inner Light Church and the Lord said "lets go!" There I learned how to forgive people and how to pray for my enemies and do good things for them. While I was praying for good things to happen to them I was also to send back all bad vibrations to the sender with love and healing.

I mean, I had a whole mission field laid out for me with these teachings, and with David's message, the timing was perfect. Everywhere I went, I prayed. I prayed on the way to work, I prayed at work, and going home. I prayed in the car. I would pray while walking down the street and in the store shopping, I was still praying. I went on record for double duty praying. Wow! Did I learn how to bless people and forgive then and then I prayed for God to grant them the same wonderful things that I would like for myself. I was throwing love and blessing out to everybody I would pass, meet, or talk to and all those that came into my mind. I started feeling so happy and wonderful I was just ecstatic. My peace and joy just over flowed. Like a river all this love would gush through me. Then I started noticing that the things that use to bother me and drag me down didn't bother me any more. I used to feel so bad when people on the road would yell bad things at me while I was driving. So I started sending back so many prayers of love and forgiveness that even they couldn't cast a shadow on all of my peace and happiness.

Once I was stopped at a red light and a young passenger in the car beside me stuck her tongue out at me and gave me a dirty look. It just didn't

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bother me at all. I just looked at her and smiled. I didn't say a word I just smiled at her with a love in my heart for her and all the others in the car. Her mouth dropped open in shock and in her attempt to correct her bad attitude she took the baby's hand she was holding and said "wave to the nice lady" I kept on smiling and drove away feeling like I had just reached a cloud higher than cloud "9". What a change was coming over me. It was so wonderful I couldn't believe it myself, yet there I was, it was all happening, and it felt so good!

One night while in a church service I was introduced to a retired Doctor and his retired nurse wife. They had a ministry of healing. They would clasp hands over head and everyone would just walk through the archway they had made with their out stretched arms. The Doctor said, "You may not experience anything tonight but, sometime this week you are going to realize a healing of some kind. I didn't think much about it at this time but 3 days later I woke up in the middle of the night to a scraping noise. The sound of it had awakened me and then I felt a scraping sensation going on in my chest. I thought the Holy Spirit must be scraping on the inside of my lungs; however I didn't know of anything that was wrong with my lungs - and it was only in one spot inside my chest that I felt it. Not both sides of my chest. It sounded like a knife scraping across a piece of leather. I turned over on my stomach and it continued to scrape away. I said, "well Lord it must be good because you are doing it, for no one else can get in there without hurting me," so I thanked Him for it and went back to sleep.

I didn't know anything about the circumcision

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of the heart at that time so I really didn't understand it at all. I had only been listening to David Ebaugh for about 3 or 4 years when this happened. David had not taught on the circumcision of the heart at that time. I guess it was about the year 1976 because in 1977 I went to work in Flamingo Groves gift shop.

Even when I heard the message on circumcision of the heart I didn't associate this experience with it until I started to relay this experience to Rosie and her husband. I thought they are such a lovely couple. I'm going to tell them about it, maybe the Lord will lead them into something like this. I was trying to impress on them the power of a husband and wife working together to heal and bless others. Then Rosie asked me, "You said it was in your chest?" I said "yes," and put my hand on my chest in the heart area; however I had told her the scraping took place in my lungs. Then she said, "I think you had better think about that." I said, "Think about it?" Then all of a sudden it dawned on me what she was saying. A big light came on in me and I exclaimed, "You mean it could be the circumcision of the heart?" She said, "Yes, I do." Then she told me to talk to Clint and Gene about it.

Clint didn't think it was because I wasn't asking for it. I didn't even know there was such a thing. Now that I think about it, I had been seeking God constantly for something even greater that only God and Jesus has. It's that agape love that gives and gives and gives, and had spent the biggest portion of my days and nights for the past few years trying to make it happen by working on my attitude changes.

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When I talked to Gene he said, "Yes, I think so." He also observed in the spirit my secret of praying and interceding for others. I mean everybody I saw, passed on the street, talked to, thought about, or heard about. He said, "This is a secret thing, nobody knows about it." I said, "yes that's right, it's a secret between me and God." Then he looked at me intently and said something, which sort of startled me. He said, "You are so much farther ahead than any of these people here."

Now everybody can look at me and tell at a glance that I am not perfect, but I know in my heart that I am on my way up that magical staircase that is going to one day soon, I believe very soon, elevate me right up to the throne room itself, and I'm anxious to get there.

I know for a fact there has been a definite change in my attitude, my emotions, my actions, my thoughts, my will, my reactions. I walked around for months so full of joy, and peace and love and the glory of God was so present within me, I just felt like I was going to be raptured any minute. Carol Ford reminds me every now and then over the phone how the glory of the Lord would shine in my face and eyes. She said, "you fairly glowed."

I only know I was changed and the love I was experiencing for other people even surprised me. I loved them just as they were. I could see their faults but it didn't interfere with my love for them. This love was and is a different kind of love. It was not an emotional love it was just a quiet peaceful like love that was just there. It existed in me, but I didn't understand it, for I kept

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remembering what I used to be like.

To help explain this love, it was while I was working at Flamingo Groves about the year 1979 one of the girls I was working with asked me a question. I answered her question and turned to go to the back of the store and suddenly I turned my head around real quick like and caught both of them making faces at me behind my back. Well, I caught them red handed. They were both in the act of making fun of me, but it didn't matter. It was all right, I didn't care. I had no emotion whatsoever. There was however a quite beautiful fact that I was aware of. I loved those two girls and there wasn't any thing that they could say or do to me that could change the way I felt about them. I didn't get my feelings hurt and neither did I say any thing. I didn't even have to forgive. The fact that I loved them removed the necessity for a forgiveness prayer that I used to have to go into. I thought wow! This must be the way God feels about us.

One of these girls told me about her niece who had him taken to a mental institution after giving birth to her first baby. All four extremities had to be tied down, because she had become so violent. I thought, oh Lord I'll try out my new way of praying for people on her. I don't know how much good it's going to do, but here I go anyway. I started visualizing her at home taking care of her baby, at the same time I started bringing forth the Christ in her, I see only the Christ in her, so only the Christ can manifest in her. Every time I thought of this hopeless situation I prayed and visualized. It was about two weeks later that this

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girl's mother came into the shop. I didn't even know that this girl was her daughter, but I felt led to speak to her. "Good morning, how are you?" I had never spoken to this lady before, she was a millionaire and I had nothing, but this particular morning she was bubbling over with joy, to tell me about her daughter who had been in the hospital restrained to the bed, but she was now well, at home taking care of her baby, house, and husband. A mountain that their vast amount of wealth could never touch. God in His mercy removed it! I happily turned to Ollie and exclaimed, "Why didn't you tell me your niece was out of the hospital?" Neither Ollie nor the mother had any way of knowing what I had been doing. It was a secret between God and me. No I didn't tell them about it; however I did thank God for the healing. I'm only sharing this with you in order to help build up your faith. God had removed a mountain for them, praise be to God.

I also have other little stories of answered prayer and lives healed due to this new way of praying that God had reminded me of with instructions on how to do it. Many, many little stories, in fact, I have never known of one incidence where it failed to do the healing that was needed.

A mother who had been an alcoholic for fifteen years signed herself into the hospital for rehabilitation. Today fifteen years later she is still sober and running the family business. God takes our hopeless situations and turns them into great victories.

This is how we co-create with God. Let us

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"dwell (Strongs 3427 marry) in the secret place of the most High that we might abide in the shadow of the Almighty" (El Shaddai, a feminine name), the shadowy feminine part (the soul). Let Gods word live and grow in your subconscious mind.

We can't throw people away just because they have a problem that we don't approve of. We must bring forth the Christ in them, that they might experience that necessary healing they need, and live. In doing this we enter into a partnership with the Most High God to co-create the birth of Christ in what seems to be a bad person. Let it be a secret thing between you and God, as you "GIRD UP THE LOINS (REPRODUCTIVE PARTS) OF YOUR MIND."

YOUR SUBCONSCIOUS MIND CREATES INTO EXISTENCE THAT WHICH YOU FEED IT, OR THAT WHICH YOU ALLOW YOUR CONSCIOUS MIND TO DWELL UPON. WE NEED TO PRAY THE WORD, READ THE WORD, SING THE WORD AND YOUR SUBCONSCIOUS MIND WILL BECOME PREGNANT WITH THE SEED (SPERMA, WORD). In this way "we receive with meekness the engrafted word that is able to save your souls (thinking mind, your will and your emotions)" (James 1:21), to be led by the Holy Spirit to do the will of the Father. The secret place of the Most High is under the shadowy feminine part = the subconscious mind. Ps. 91:1

I ask, I sought, and I knocked that I might receive from God; the place in Him, which I thought, was impossible to reach. TO CHANGE FROM WHAT I WAS TO WHAT I OUGHT TO

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BE. God then rewarded me with the circumcision of the heart when I didn't know there was such a thing. God honored my efforts, prayers and perseverance.

I knew that I was different and everyone else, who knew me, also realized this transformation, and in the appointed time of our Father this transformation will overshadow and envelop our physical bodies.

"Ask and ye shall receive, seek and ye shall find, knock and it shall be opened to you." (Matt. 7:7 & 8) Jesus repeated this twice for emphasis. He even gave us two parables about it. (Luke 11:5-13 & Luke 18:1-6).

Don't fill the loins (womb) of your mind with trash, remember garbage in garbage out. A computer puts out only what is put in it. "A corrupt tree cannot bring forth good fruit" (Luke 6:43). Plant the truth of the word of God in your subconscious mind, and the fruits of the spirit will be produced in you. **LOVE, MERCY, AND FORGIVENESS IS THE TRUTH THAT JESUS TAUGHT AND LIVED,**

In disciplining myself to reach out and help others that I meet and pass along the way, I have found that I was the lucky recipient of an even greater reward than that which I had blessed my brother or my sister with, in lifting them up before God in prayer. Oh, the great and marvelous wisdom in possessing the ability to love, forgive, and show mercy.

I'm so much further ahead now than I was then, 15 years ago, yet, I still haven't made it, but God is

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still doing a work in me and He has my full cooperation. I don't always have loving thoughts, but when I notice them being not exactly what they should be, I correct them.

I know I'm beginning to understand the stair steps better, "ADD TO YOUR FAITH VIRTUE, AND TO YOUR VIRTUE KNOWLEDGE, AND UNTO YOUR KNOWLEDGE, TEMPERANCE AND UNTO YOUR TEMPERANCE, PATIENCE AND UNTO YOUR PATIENCE, GODLINESS AND UNTO YOUR GODLINESS BROTHERLY LOVE, AND UNTO YOUR BROTHERLY LOVE, AGAPE LOVE." II Peters 1:6 Vs 10 "If you do these things you shall never fall."

After hearing David, I was still down in a slippery pit trying to climb out and with every fast hold I slid further down. It was just a bad time. That little phrase seems to sum up my whole life up to that time with one exception the pit kept getting deeper and darker. There were times when I just left the dark shadows and pulled the light of Christ down into my hole and thanked God for all the glory and the wonderful things that He was going to do for me. "Thank you Lord, because it's going to get better." Christine Mercie gave us a beautiful poem that will best describe this:

*I shall take all the thorns on which I tread
and weave a crown of glory for my head
The way of deepest darkness! Oh black night!
I shall dispel your gloom, disperse it by my light
The heart breaks, tragedies,*

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*the sorrows and tears
Shall be the shining glory of the coming years
The troubles and despairs I meet along the road
Shall be the leverage to lift the load.
Of utter desolation -which I am called to bear.
And so I glorify all troubles with a prayer
of deepest gratitude, exalted by my praise
and thus God walks with me in all my ways
Only power can enfold me as I move along
with winged feet in rhythm to the Angel's song
All darkness has been conquered!
And gone is the night
I walk in glory and am clothed in light.*

The fruits of the Spirit are love, peace, and joy, long suffering, patience, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance, against such there is no law. Galatians 5:13-14, 22, 23, 24. I believe I'm developing these.

I will not allow my self to dwell on any bad thoughts toward anyone. You can only think of one thing at the time. I just push out the bad thoughts and make myself think of good things even if I have to pray them. I just make myself voice the words. "I see only the Christ" I bring forth the Christ." I keep repeating this prayer over and over until my mind wanders to something or someone else to pray for.

God has scraped away all of the anger, self

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will, self pity, bitterness, envy, strife, jealousy and has put a seal on my heart. He has sealed me up in His love and His mercy. His grace has truly been sufficient. Our God has hid His treasure in human flesh and blood earthen vessels. Dear ones, we truly are His treasure. We sold ourselves into slavery to sin and a horrible existence (the whole book of Hosea tells about it) and then our Lord came down and with His own life's blood He purchased us from the evil one. He went down into hell and overpowered the evil one and captured back for us the keys of death, hell, and the grave. He led captivity captive and gave gifts unto men.

Song of Solomon 8:6-7 Moffats "Wear me as a seal close to your heart wear me like a ring upon your hand for love is strong as death itself, and passion masters like the grave. Its flashes burn like flame. No flood can ever quench this love. No river drown." Roman Catholic V "Set me as a seal on your heart as a seal on your arm. For strong as death is love, relentless as the neither world is devotion its flames are a blazing fire. Deep waters cannot quench love nor floods sweep it away."

(Set me like a seal on your heart, like a seal on your arm, how right it is to love you. For love is stronger than death, stronger even than hell. The flash of it is a flash of Fire, a flame of Yahweh Himself. Come then my love come my beloved no flood can quench our love. For love it really has no end, set me like a seal on your heart.) *Portion of words from a song, author unknown.*

A true believer loves not only Jesus but also

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His creation. Jesus asks us to treat our fellow human beings as we would treat Him. (Matthew 25:40) "In as much as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren you have done it unto me." Our love for our Lord makes us dead to all other things, especially things that are not conducive to our Christian walk. Love is stronger than death and hell, and jealousy is as cruel as the grave. Jealousy is when you want something that belongs to another, whether it is a house, car, or the attentions of another. This jealousy will swallow up and devour all who are caught up in its fury. Jealousy devours the innocent as well as the guilty.

When you see the 1st signs of this evil passion churning in your mind get rid of it immediately! These emotions will send you to an early grave. Ask God to send a coal from His altar of love and consume away this chaff that will smother you if not dealt with and cut away forever.

Though waters can quench fire, water cannot quench love nor drown it. The fire of God's love for us sent Jesus to the cross and with every step with the cross on His shoulder He visualized His own creation drawn to Him and sharing His glory with Him and our heavenly Father, may we therefore with fervor rebel against and over all temptations that would draw us away from our Lord.

Sometimes it takes the hound dogs of heaven to travel close behind you nipping at your heels until you start to run into the arms of Jesus. "Present your bodies a living sacrifice, wholly and acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service and even after we have done all we are still

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unprofitable servants." (Romans 12:1) and verse 8. But God wants to share His glory with us any way. (Luke 12:32) "It is the Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." Isa.49:16 "I have carved you upon the palms of my hands."

Pray for eyes to see and ears to hear that you may also become a part of this everlasting gospel of love. For love fulfills all the law and the prophets. Romans 11:36 The Lord opened up the Song of Solomon to me (with the help of a commentary) as I was working on this paper and I would like to share with you what God has given to me.

[SKM note: Chapter 2 will be uploaded later.]