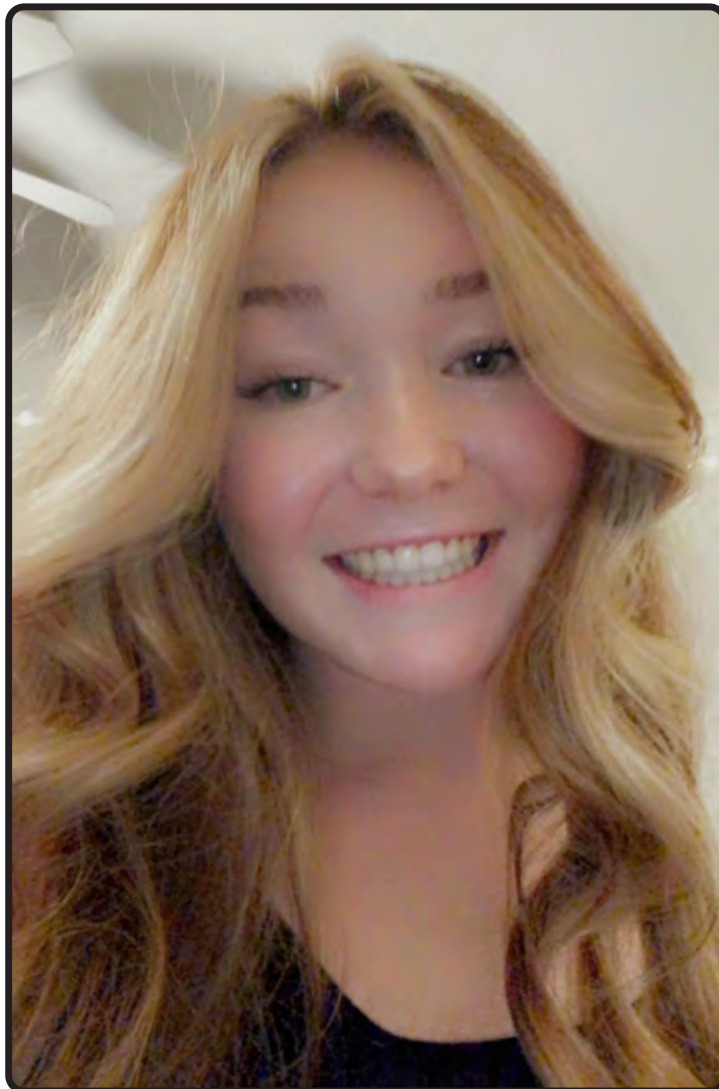


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Magnolia Grace Pribble
"Maggie"

The Henrys' First Great-Granddaughter

**READ HER STORY ON PAGE TWENTY
WHEN SHE CLAIMED HER STUDY BIBLE
WHEN SHE WAS THIRTEEN MONTHS OLD!**

Signs of Nearing Home: Reflecting pondering—waiting

THE PAST, THE PRESENT, THE FUTURE

For the love of Christ compels us

In the early years of the prayer seminar ministry, a friend wrote to welcome us back home from an extended ministry in SE Asia. A comment that he made has remained fresh in my thoughts: *We are eagerly awaiting your report. What joy and what a great sense of satisfaction it must give you to know that you have touched thousands of souls and directed them to our Lord Jesus Christ, and which is very important, you have taught them how to keep in fellowship with Him by means of prayer. God must greatly approve your ministry the way He has blessed it and I am sure that He will continue to do so.*

Not only were the comments encouraging, the Holy Spirit used them at that point to cause me to do self evaluation as to my own motivation in conducting the prayer seminars. In discussing the public forms of worship—almsgiving, praying, fasting (see **Matthew 6**), Jesus dealt with the desire for the notice and commendation of men as a form of hypocrisy. The scribes and Pharisees did not really want to be holy before God, they only wanted to appear holy before men. They wanted the reputation of righteousness, but did not have the reality of righteousness. A good act can become a cause for condemnation if it is wrongly motivated.

Paul explained to the Corinthian church that the love of Christ was what motivated him. For we do not commend ourselves again to you, but give you opportunity to boast on our behalf, that you may have an answer for those who boast in appearance and not in heart. For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; or if we are of sound mind, it is for you. **For the love of Christ compels us**, because we judge this: that if One died for all, then all died; and He died for all, that those who live should live

Consider

One man was talking to a friend concerning Dwight L. Moody. He said, *I wonder why it is that Dwight L. Moody has so much power and is able to win so many people to Christ. The other man said, I believe it is because Moody has the Holy Spirit.* His friend replied, No. I beg to disagree with you. I don't believe it is because Moody has the Holy Spirit, but I do believe it is because the Holy Spirit has Moody. There is a great deal of difference here. Does the Holy Spirit have you? At your conversion you received all the Holy Spirit you will ever get but have you completely yielded yourself to the work of the Holy Spirit?

Be filled with the Holy Spirit (**Ephesians 5:18**) is a command, the will of God for every Christian. To be filled with the Holy Spirit is to be controlled by the Holy Spirit. The analogy Paul uses is a drunk. When a person becomes intoxicated his speech, his walk, and his behavior is controlled by the drink that is in him.

The will of God? I know the will of God for every believer--the starting point and the goal--**BE CONTROLLED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT. (Ephesians 5:18 is a COMMAND!**

no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again (2 **Corinthians 5:12-15**).

To operate with love as the motive is a high calling, indeed. But it is God's call. All eloquence, including eloquence in prayer, all faith, all knowledge, even self-sacrifice carried to an extreme of martyrdom, are useless and profit nothing apart from the motivation of love (1 **Corinthians 13:1-4**). Even good activities, lacking the motivation of love, will be but wood, hay, stubble when God's day of testing arrives, and will be burned up (1 **Corinthians 3:9-15**). Other religions include almsgiving, praying, and fasting, but the teaching of Jesus is unique in its insistence upon purity of motive. Just doing does not insure approval of God because He asks the probing, and sometimes embarrassing question, *Why are you doing this?*

Interestingly enough, a person who performs for the benefit of man's approval will receive a paid in full receipt, which is the word picture that Jesus uses in **Matthew 6:2** when He said, *they have their reward*.

The psalmist proclaimed: *As for God, His way is perfect* (**Psalms**

18:30). This is a truth with universal application and there can be no improvement on it. Thus, divine work must be done according to divine pattern and most strictly following the divine way. Love was the Father's way in giving His Son for the world's sins. Love was the Son's way in surrendering in complete obedience to the will of the Father. Love must be our way as we minister. Anything short of love is unacceptable.

What is the source of the love that is required for acceptable ministry? There is no doubt about it. Love is the fruit of the Spirit (**Galatians 5:22**). **By yielding to the Holy Spirit, it is possible to be Spirit-controlled.** When this happens, the needed love will be there and manifested abundantly

My desire is to walk in obedience to the Spirit in finishing the ministry entrusted to me by God. More than ever, **I need the prayers of God's people**. My commitment, in a keenly felt way, is to minister in love. May God get glory out of the efforts that we make to teach His children to pray more effectively and to encourage believers to be Spirit-filled, to read their Bibles, and to witness.

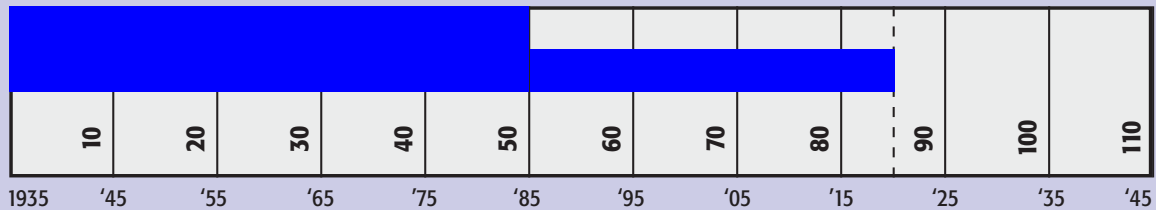
In my fifties, I thought about the

Urgent! Urgent! Urgent! Urgent! Urgent! Urgent! Urgent! Urgent!

Of all the sixty nations hosting prayer seminars, **the greatest impact has been in Nigeria**. Our work has been firmly established since 1988 when **Sudan Interior Mission (SIM)** and **Evangelical Church of West Africa (ECWA)** arranged for seminars in all their seminaries and Bible colleges nationwide. A spiritual awakening swept Nigeria. **Onesimus Sule** and **Sunday Bwanhot** resigned their positions and established a prayer ministry using our materials. It was reported that **ECWA** had 2.2 million members in 1988. Now there are 5.6 million. Their goal was that every church would become a praying church. There have been hundreds of prayer seminars and the work continues to thrive under the leadership of Othnel Wakili. The impact has been far-reaching in Nigeria.

A team of five went from Kaduna State to Kogi State to lead evangelistic services. Ninety-three accepted Christ and were baptized. On early Sunday morning, February 14, evil men stormed the house where they were lodged and kidnapped them. They are being held for \$180,000 ransom. Many students and teachers were abducted in Niger State Tuesday night, one student killed. **CRISIS! "Only God can save us!" PRAY! PRAY!**

future. My thoughts were, How Much Time Do I have? How should I use the time? That was a sombering moment. I sketched out a Life-Line for 100 years depicting decades since my birth On January 28, 1984 (eight months shy of my 50th birthday), I thought about the future.



My thoughts were, How Much Time Do I have? How shall I use the time? The idea of establishing **JGHM** was not even formed in my mind! That was a sombering moment. I sketched out a Life-Line for 100 years depicting ten decades. Now eight and one-half decades are completed. I don't know what my future holds, but I know Who holds my future and I know He holds my hand. Waiting in expectation—now that is exciting for any believer. **WHAT A MIGHTY GOD WE SERVE!**

Yours in Calvary love,

J. Gordon Henry

God's Name

Exodus 3 is a very important chapter to master. It is in this chapter that God reveals Himself, His name, to Moses. In biblical times, names had meaning. They were intended to convey something of the identify, the essences, of the thing or person named. God told Moses the name by which He was to be known "forever"—the name "by which I am to be remembered from generation to generation" (**verse 15**).

The name the Lord revealed was "I AM." We know it as **Jehovah** or **Yahweh**. Wherever most English versions have LORD, the Hebrew reads "I AM." That name is constructed on the Hebrew verb "to be," and is best taken to mean "**The God Who Is Always Present.**"

God who was with Abraham centuries ago, was present with Moses and the Exodus generation, is our God today in the twenty-first century. God, who delivered the Israelites from the Egyptians, would be present with Moses and the people as they traveled to the Promised Land. He is there for every generation as well. **GOD IS!** He who was with Moses is with you and me today.

Exodus chapters help us see why this name is so important. God heard the cries of His people in Egyptian bondage and saw the oppression. He would use Moses, who was taking care of his father-in-law's flock on the backside of the desert when God spoke to him out of the burning bush. When Moses hesitated to respond to the Lord, God gave him a series of promises.

**Pandemic under Control. "I want my church to be a praying church."
SO, why not schedule a prayer seminar for your people?
Guaranteed to make a life-changing difference.**

Bridge Building

Normally, in the United States, sixty-five has been the retirement age. Both Sue and I agreed that we would continue in the prayer seminar ministry as long as God provided health and opened doors. As we have grown older, and perhaps our steps have gotten slower, the passion to teach believers the purpose and power of prayer has never diminished.

Many years ago I decided to include a few "notes from my Bible" in each issue of our publications. A lady asked if the notes were available in written form. She wanted to share with her son, a student at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. We prepared a small booklet featuring 300 notes. Now there are 1,000 notes in a book entitled **Notes from My Bible.**

As I talk about the book table during a prayer seminar, a brief comment introduces each book I have written. When I come to **Notes from My Bible**, I usually mention three notes to whet the appetites of my students: (1) Worry is Like a Rocking Chair; it gives you something to do but does not get you anywhere. (2) Patience is the ability to idle your motor when you feel like stripping your gears. (3) There are no exit signs in hell. I comment, Every home should have this book available on a table in the sitting room. Invariably those who are waiting for the Southern fried chicken, some who have yet to trust Christ as Savior, will pick it up and read some of the notes."

There are tributes to my Dad and Mother-in-Law in the book and favorite poems I have used in sermons. across the years. When I take the time to highlight that book, usually

every copy on the book table is taken.

If you want to know what Sue and I are doing continuing the prayer seminar ministry, the answer is found in a poem in **Notes from My Bible.** The poem is **The Bridge Builder.**

Maggie Pribble, whose photo is on the cover, is one of our eight Great-grandchildren for whom we are building bridges for the future.

**"No one builds bridges for himself. Bridges are for those who follow after."
Jamie Buckingham**

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The Bridge Builder

"I have showed you all things, how that so laboring you ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how He said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" (Acts 20:35)

An old man, going a lone highway,
Came at the evening, cold and gray,
To a chasm, vast and deep and wide,
Through which was flowing a sullen tide.
The old man crossed in the twilight dim;
The sullen stream had no fears for him;
But he turned when safe on the other side,
And built a bridge to span the tide.

"Old man," said a fellow pilgrim, near,
"You're wasting your strength building here;
Your journey will end with the closing day,
You will never again pass this way.
You have crossed this chasm deep and wide,
Why build you a bridge at even-tide?"

The builder lifted his old gray head:
"Good friend, in the path I 've come," he said,
"There follows after me today
A youth, whose feet must pass this way.
This chasm, that has been naught to me,
To that fair-haired youth may a pitfall be.
He, too, must come in the twilight dim.
Good friend, I am building a bridge for him."

Our Great-Grandchildren

Caleb Roach (15), Maggie Pribble (14),
Willow Ware (11), Lillian Goodner (9), Stone
Ware (8), Emma Fulcher (4), Elizabeth "Ellie"
Henry (3) and Livingston "Vivie" Henry (1).
Framed photos are prominently displayed
within eye-shot in my office to remind me to
love them in my heart and pray for them.

Legacy

If your life could be summed up in a sentence, what would you want people to say? When Job's friends came to see him after he lost all his possessions, one of them said: "Your words have supported those who stumbled; you have strengthened faltering knees" (Job 4:4). What a legacy!

Today you and I have many opportunities with our words and our actions to strengthen and encourage those around us, including family members, at the point of their needs. Remember

Only one life,
'Twill soon be past;
Only what's done for
Christ will last.

"Is your life a channel of blessing? Is the love of God flowing through you? Are you telling the lost of the Savior? Are you ready His service to do? Is your life a channel of blessing? Is it daily telling for Him? Have you spoken the word of salvation to those who are dying in sin?

We cannot be channels of blessing if our lives are not free from known sin. We will barriers be and a hinderance to those we are trying to win.

Make me a channel of
blessing today, Make me a
channel of blessing I pray.
My life possessing, my service
blessing, Make me a channel
of blessing today.

Harper G. Smith
1873-1945

THANKS, DOORKEEPERS!

FAITHFUL PARTNERS

VITALLY IMPORTANT PROVIDING
PRAYER AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR
THE PRAYER SEMINAR MINISTRY!

A man broke his left arm. One night when he couldn't sleep, he imagined a dialogue between his right and left hands. The right hand said, Left hand, you are not missed. Everybody's glad that it was you that was broken and not me. You are not very important!

The left hand inquired, How are you superior? Said the right hand, Why, my owner cannot write a letter without me. The left answered, But who holds the paper on which he writes?

Said the right, Who wields the hammer? Replied the left, Who holds the nail that the hammer hits? The right responded, Who guides the plane when the carpenter smooths a board? Retorted the left, Who steadies the board?

Said the right, When our owner walks down the street and lifts his hat to greet someone, which of us does it? Replied the left, Who holds his briefcase while he does it?

Then the left continued, Let me ask you a question. When our owner shaved yesterday he used you, but his face is cut because I wasn't there to help. Also our owner's watch has stopped. Know why? You may do the winding, but if I'm not there to hold it, the watch won't be wound. You cannot take money out of the wallet because I'm not there to hold it. The master can do very few things without me.

There is no doubt but that every partner whose heart the Lord has touched has an important part to play in our ministry. One couple shared, when they became **Doorkeepers**, that they were convinced that their spiritual gift was giving. Nothing, they said, pleased them more than giving to ministries they discerned were touching lives in a significant way. They were thrilled to be a vital part of our ministry.

The first attempt to develop a **Doorkeeper Prayer Calendar** was **March 1, 1986**. There were ninety-three Doorkeepers (82 pledged and 11 honorary). Twelve are still active:

- ✦ Robert & Susanne Adams (TN)
- ✦ Emily Baskin (TN)
- ✦ Ron & Teri Bernardi (IL)
- ✦ Barbara Custalow (VA)
- ✦ J. Gordon & Sue Henry (TN) (VA)
- ✦ John & Glenda Holland (VA)
- ✦ Wilbert & Almaretta Hupp (PA)
- ✦ Paul & Suzanne Jennings (TN)
- ✦ Kenneth & Amy Kollar (NY) (ID)
- ✦ F. Murray Mathis (TN)
- ✦ Jayne Troutman Johnson (KY)
- ✦ Robert Rose (MI)



Ron & Teri Bernardi contributed displays of Bible marking highlighters for our book table for many years. Contributions provided income. This couple has blessed our ministry and enabled us to go forth establishing **Lighthouses of Prayer** both at home and abroad!

African Wisdom

In Africa they say, "**When an old man dies a library is burned.**" That is one way of saying that we are all storehouses of that which has been passed along to us in the School of Experience. Since I am now 85 (living in my 86th year as John Wesley would say), perhaps our readers will indulge me as I reminisce about some of highlights in my professional life before my "library burns."

There is a paper trail for both my work in the public and private sectors. Much of my personal archives are now deposited in the archives of the different entities in which I worked. It is true that there is much that has never been reduced to writing and few left with first-hand involvement. Unfortunately, some of my associates tend to re-write history to embellish their roles completely opposite of what transpired. God does have a record!

In a sense, I have lived two lives as far as my life work is concerned. One is **an educator**; the other is as **a pastor** (twenty-seven years) in Kentucky, Ohio, Virginia and an **itinerant teacher** (forty years) around the world. Looking back, the hand of God is clearly defined. Each assignment prepared me for the next one. I am one of those who look back with no regrets but am grateful for the rich opportunities to make a difference in both areas. To say that I have loved my work would be a gross understatement. So, join me as we set off on this journey.

As an educator, my work included both public and private sectors: **BEREA CITY SCHOOLS** in Kentucky as a teacher/principal; **AVERETT COLLEGE** in Virginia as a psychology teacher; **EASTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY** (teaching human development at undergraduate and graduate level and department head/administrator at Model Laboratory School; **LYNCHBURG/LIBERTY BAPTIST COLLEGE**—now Liberty University, teaching human development; chairman of Division of Education/Psychology; Academic Dean/Vice President for Academic Affairs (now called Provost); Vice President, Lynchburg Christian Academy). What I learned from this experience merited another doctorate!

Accepting the presidency of Northeastern Bible College in New Jersey brought about a dramatic change of direction. From the early days of my freshman year at **Berea College**, I was "bi-vocational"--pastor and student. The next twenty-seven years, one of my hats was pastor; the other role was educator. There was no conflict in the dual roles. At Liberty, I served as the chief academic officer while serving as pastor (first year founding pastor of Shenandoah Valley Baptist Church, Winchester VA and then Pleasant View Baptist Church in Lynchburg). God blessed both roles beyond measure.

Moving into a college presidency, I was no longer able to serve a local church as pastor. Instead, I spoke in many churches and other venues. In 1980, the prayer seminars began. Many of the lessons I had learned about a deeper Christian walk began to come together and the response to my

messages among the churches was striking. Almost every week, Sue and I were scheduled for prayer seminars throughout the Northeast.

When I was invited to become the first full-time Executive Director for **Transnational Association of Christian Colleges and Schools** (which I served for eleven years until the agency was recognized by the U. S. Department of Education as a national accrediting agency), my acceptance was with the understanding that the prayer seminar ministry would continue.

With the help of many professionals, we were able to develop an accreditation process that equaled any recognized accrediting agency in the United States. As the years passed and our recognition was in sight, I informed the TRACS' Board of Directors that my plan was to give full-time to the prayer seminar ministry where my heart was. The transition occurred in 1995.

For several years I devoted one week a month serving as an **Educational Consultant** for institutions in California, Florida, Georgia, and South Carolina while developing the prayer seminar ministry. Underlying this forty-year span, the umbrella under which I worked was **J. Gordon Henry Ministries**, a Tennessee non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation that conducted prayer seminars on six continents and sixty nations. My role was Founder-President-Teacher. Among the ministries of **JGHM** was a tour ministry to Israel that included at least one other nation. Sue and I led fourteen tours with pilgrims from across the nation joining us.

Sue and I want to pause to give God all the praise and glory for any accomplishments we have achieved. Sue has been involved in her nursing career and ministry that has taken her to a number of nations as well.

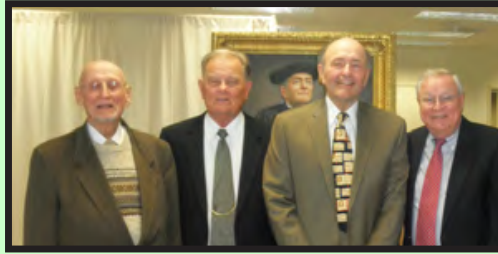
The Liberty Years (1972-1980)

My work in secular education prepared me to move to a newly formed institution with the mandate to develop a college that would rival recognized institutions both private and public. My first desk was a cardboard box in a small room in the Donald Duck Bottling Building on Thomas Road in Lynchburg, Virginia. Many artifacts from my era are available in the Liberty Archives including several hours of oral history as well as hard copy documentation. Many of my personal papers/publications are available. I am available as well.

Currently, there are few around who know the story of those foundational years of Liberty. As long as the founder, **Dr. Jerry Falwell, Sr.**, was alive I kept up with what was happening as the institution moved into an accredited stage.

When I left Liberty, Dr. Falwell shared a hand-written statement of appreciation that is now in the Liberty Archives. It reads: **"To Dr. and Mrs. Jim Henry. Your contribution has helped, probably more than any other family, to make LBC a college. I shall be forever grateful. And Sue your care for Mom will never be forgotten. Jerry Falwell."** Sue was the Head Nurse in Intensive Care at the Virginia Baptist Hospital. Dr. Falwell frequently urged me to return to Liberty anytime the Lord so led,

"You name your position" was his open invitation. However the call to conduct the prayer seminars superseded any thought of returning.



Forty Years of LBC/LU Academic Leadership

L-R Dr. Earl Mills, Dr. Russell Fitzgerald, Dr. Boyd Rist, Dr. Henry

The Northeastern Years (1980-1983)

There is no doubt in my mind that God led us to Northeastern to get the world on my heart in preparation for a worldwide ministry. As He prepared Peter to expand his horizon to include Gentiles, I began to understand that God had other children besides Southern Baptists. First I became acquainted with other Baptists. Then I learned that God had children who were not even called Baptists. This led me to the point that I no longer should expect to find a denominational subdivision in Heaven. God has one body and He was calling me to minister to that body in many nations. I gladly answered His call.

Interestingly enough, God opened doors for my future work with **TRACS**. For example, Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools as well as the American Association of Bible Colleges invited me to serve on evaluation teams. I was appointed to the New Jersey Licensure Board for Higher Education as well as the New Jersey Association of Universities & Colleges.

The TRACS Years (1984-1995)

During my years at TRACS, I often visited the Liberty campus. Dr. Jerry Falwell kept me updated on confidential matters. He offered great encouragement related to our efforts to develop an accreditation process that would equal any other nationally recognized accrediting agency. Dr. Henry Morris was chairman of the TRACS board and Dr. James Hengoe was the chairman of the Accreditation Commission. Although Liberty pursued and was granted accreditation by the Southern Association of College and Schools, Dr. Falwell felt there may come a time when that accreditation could conflict with core beliefs at Liberty and there needed to be a recognized accrediting agency available. TRACS' institutions believe in the historicity of the first eleven chapters of Genesis including creation, not evolution.



TRACS BOARD MEETING, Sept 22-23, 1988

Dallas Holiday Inn Airport

L-R Dr. James Hengoe (Chairman, Accreditation Commission; Dr. Carl Person (US Dept of Education); Dr. Russell Fitzgerald; Dr. Henry (Executive Director); Dr. Henry Morris (Chairman, Board of Directors); Dr. Woodrow Kroll; Dr. Earl Mills



LIBERTY

Thousands of immigrants have looked eagerly for the lighted torch of the Statue of Liberty as their ship has streamed into New York harbor.

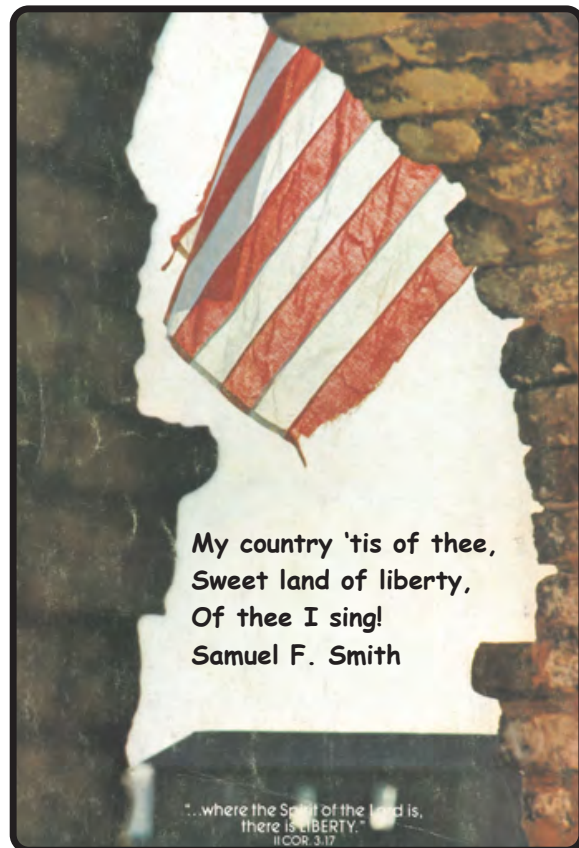
We sing, Our Fathers' God, to Thee, Author of Liberty, To Thee we sing.

In what sense is God the Author of Liberty? Through a plan by which everybody can be truly free; free from the burden of sin and despair. One of the hardest things in the world is for a man to admit that he ever misses the standard that God has set. Yet the Scriptures inform us that All have sinned and come short of the glory of God (**Romans 3:23**). God sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to bear the burden of the world's sin. When He is allowed to come into your heart and life, the fetters of sin are broken and for the first time you realize what liberty really means.

Everyone desires to have freedom from the power of the dictator's hand, but even more important is the necessity of knowing we are free

from the power of sin and counted righteous in God's sight. Jesus said, The Spirit of the Lord is upon me . . . He hath sent me to heal the broken-hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives . . . to set at liberty them that are bruised (**Luke 4:18**). THAT is real liberty, and it can be yours despite any circumstances that surround you.

-Richard Woike



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FREEDOM IS NOT FREE!



Thanks for making Sue's 83rd Birthday on February 9 memorable. She enjoyed the beautiful floral arrangements, each card reading each greeting multiple times, and each call, one coming right after another! This message from the family greeted her:



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**SAY AMONG THE NATIONS,
"OUR GOD REIGNS"**

Revelation 4:11

NOTES from MY BIBLE

Note 5056. A Christian is never in a state of completing, but is always in the state of becoming. **Martin Luther**

Note 5057. When your day is hemmed with prayer, it is less likely to unravel.

Note 5058. The Christian was built to run on prayer; if you don't pray, you will not run well.

Note 5059. James 4:2b: PRAY.

The bottomline motive in prayer is that God will get glory; so check your motive remembering **James 4:3**. Wrong motive, no answer to prayer!

Note 5060. Genuine confession (a requirement to move to praying ground) involves two elements: (1) an acknowledgement of specific sin; and (2) forsaking sin;

**"My prayer, my aim,
IS HIGHER GROUND."**

ROPEHOLDER/DOORKEEPER REPORT

"We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers."

1 Thessalonians 1:2

1/21/2021-2/18/2021

Regular	54	\$6,636.00
Ropeholder-Kenya	1	150.00
Total	55	\$6,786.00



PRAYER CALENDAR**MARCH 2021****"I will give myself to prayer..."****Psalm 109:4b****MONDAY, MARCH 1****Joshua 1-3 (Argentina 44.3M)**

Mae Adams (NC)
 Robert & Susanne Adams (TN)
 H. L. & Janie Allen (SC)
 David & Eunjoo Andersen (VA)
 Marvin/Donna Anderson (VA)
 Tommy & Pat Apple (NC)
 Eldon & Gayle Armstrong (SC)
 Leonor Avila (MD)
 Mike & Joyce Baker (VA)

TUESDAY, MARCH 2**Joshua 4-7 (Australia 23.2M)**

Marcia Barna (PA)
 Linda Beattie (PA)
 Tim Bash-GCCC (NJ)
 Emily Baskin (TN)
 Jean Beasley (TN)
 Tommy Bell (TN)
 Wayne & Barbara Belt (TN)
 Ron & Teri Bernardi (IL)
 Beulah Baptist Church (VA)
 Dr. Dennis & Doreen Hollandsworth

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3**Joshua 8-10 (Bahamas 329,988)**

John & Jean Billingslea (VA)
 Beverly Blankenship (TN)
 Loretta Bolen (VA)
 William/Debbie Bowden (NC)
 Kathleen Boyce (PA)
 David & Marna Boyd (OR)
 Curtis & Carol Bradbury (NJ)
 Jean Bradshaw (VA)
 Kim Bradshaw (VA)
 Lurlene Braud (VA)
 Michal Breed (WI)

THURSDAY, MARCH 4**Joshua 11-15 (Botswana 2.2M)**

Nancy Bretz (PA)
 Dorothy Brooks (VA)
 Henry & Ruby Brown (AZ)
 Freddie/Yvonne Brunson (DE)
 Don & Gayle Buchanan (KY)
 Sunday & Grace Bwanhot (IL)
 Anne Campbell (VA)
 Don & Lucy Campbell (VA)

FRIDAY, MARCH 5**Joshua 16-20 (Brazil 207.4M)**

Robin & Teresa Carlson (NJ)
 Robert & Anita Carroll (VA)
 Vernia Coleman (MD)

Mary Columbus (VA)
 Kathie Connolly (VA)
 Philip & Jennifer Cooke (VA)
 Larry & Sue Cooper (DE)
 Foster/Ravenna Covington (VA)
 Barry & Melanie Cox (VA)
 Terry & Sonja Craig (TN)

SATURDAY, MARCH 6**Joshua 21-24 (Burundi 11.5M)**

Robert & Charlotte Crout (SC)
 Dufrene/Peggy Cummings (NC)
 Barbara Custalow (VA)
 Tina Darden (MD)
 Bobby & Deborah Davis (VA)
 John Davis (VA)
 Harold & Tama Decker (NY)
 Robert & Janice DeLong (VA)
 Carolyn Dodd (VA)
 Jo Ann Dudley (VA)
 Micheal & Diane Eagle (VA)
 Kathryn Eaton (ME)

SUNDAY, MARCH 7

Lynn Elkins (TN)
 Jeff & Leeann Englert (KY)
 Don & Mary Enoch (FL)
 Duane Eriean (WI)
 Larry & Cara Fields (VA)
 John & Susan Finnessy (MD)
 James & Ruth Flanagan (GA)
 Nancy Fowser (NJ)
 Claire/MaryAnn Fredstrom (NE)
 Ronald & Brenda Fristoe (VA)

MONDAY, MARCH 8**Judges 1-4 Canada 35.6M)**

Emilee & Emma Fulcher (VA)
 John & Kim Gaines (DE)
 Ron & Kay Gavette (VA)
 Gloucester Co. Community Ch (NJ)
 Bruce Sofia, Pastor
 Ron & Carol Godwin (VA)
 Ronald & Maryann Gold (ND)
 Chad & Wendy Goodner (OK)
 Steve & Sue Gordon (VA)

TUESDAY, MARCH 9**Judges 5-8 (Chile 17.8M)**

Sam/Michele Graisbury (NJ)
 Dale & Mary Gray (IL)
 Odether Gray (LA)
 Linda Gregory (UT)
 Mike Hall (IN)
 Bruce & Vivian Harris (TN)
 Sadie Harris (VA)
 Hazel Hartless (VA)
 Mary Pat Hendrick (VA)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10**Judges 9-12 (China 1.4B)**

Jim Hengoe (CT)

Gina Henry (VA)
 J. Gordon & Sue Henry (VA)
 Jack Henry (TN)
 James & Kathryn Henry (MS)
 Mark Henry (TN)
 Melody Henry (VA)
 Roger & Sara Henry (OH)
 Sean & Bethany Henry (VA)

THURSDAY, MARCH 11**Judges 13-16 (Colombia 47.7M)**

Steve & Donna Hensel (MN)
 Frank & Pat Hitchings (ME)
 Jeff Hodge (VA)
 Jerry & Sandra Hodge (VA)
 Jackie Hoffman (KY)
 Bill Hogan (VA)
 Joanna Holland (VA)
 John & Glenda Holland (VA)
 Anita Horton (VA)
 Mike & Sonya Hosick (TN)
 Coy Hunsucker (NC)

FRIDAY, MARCH 12**Judges 17-21 (Congo DR 83.3M)**

Joyce Hunt (TN)
 Wilbert/Almaretta Hupp (PA)
 Jide & Bunmi Iware (MD)
 Gene Jeffries (AR)
 Debbie Jenifer (MD)
 Vernelle Jenkins (MD)
 Paul & Suzanne Jennings (TN)
 Jonathan & Julie Jobe (SC)
 Millicent John (NY)

SATURDAY, MARCH 13**Ruth 1-4 Costa Rica 4.9M)**

Dan & Jayne Johnson (KY)
 Ben & Gwen Jones (MD)
 Gwen Johnson (AZ)
 Aaron & Iris Johnson (MD)
 Jim & Penny Johnson (KY)
 Rick & Betsy Johnson (TN)
 Vicky Johnson (MD)
 James Jones (FL)
 Paul Jones (KY)

SUNDAY, MARCH 14

Theo/Sherry Jones (MD)
 W I & Eloise Jones (SC)
 Mohan Katta (IL)
 Suzie Kauffmann (NC)
 Harper/Shelia Keebaugh (PA)
 Kerby Knob Baptist Church (KY)
 Darren Hisel, Pastor

MONDAY, MARCH 15**1 Samuel 1-3 (Cuba 11.2M)**

Harriet Kennedy (VA)
 Louis & Jane Kiger (VA)
 Larry & Janet King (NC)
 Ken & Bonnie Kirby (PA)

Robert & Andrea Klepper (TN)
Kenneth & Amy Kollar (ID)
Irwin & Joyce Koopman (MI)

TUESDAY, MARCH 16

1 Samuel 4-8 (Dominican Republic 11M)
Korean Branch:

Dr. Shin Kwang Suk
Joel & Jackie Kramar (VA)
Woodrow & Linda Kroll (NE)
Sylvia LaFond (ME)
Craig & Molly Lampe (AZ)
Phil & Edra Landers (OK)
Del & Mary Leach (VA)
Aaron & Wanda Lewis (MD)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17

1 Samuel 9-12 (Ecuador 16.3M)

Liberty University (VA)
Jerry Prevo, President
Delores Liely (MD)
Mike & Earlene Lips (MS)
Vincent/Mary Lobisco (MI)
Ray & Bobbie Long (WV)
Don & Betty Lowry (SC)
Manship Chapel (DE)
Bruce & Vickie Tribbett

THURSDAY, MARCH 18

1 Samuel 13-15 (England 66.6M)

Wilma Marcum (KY)
Nick & Pat Markham (VA)
Reg & Gloria Martin (OH)
Larry & Sue Mason (VA)
Beau Ware Masonry (V)
Deborah Mathias (NY)
Murray Mathis TN)
Dan & Fay McConville (VA)

FRIDAY, MARCH 19

1 Samuel 16-19 (Fiji 920.938)
R. O. & June McHaney (VA)
Nancy McPherson (ME)
Don & Barbara Meduna (CO)
Terry & Sandra Metzgar (TN)
Betsy Miedema (MI)
Roger & Nancy Minney (VA))
Bill & Sharon Moody (VA)
Wilma Moore (NC)

SATURDAY, MARCH 20

1 Samuel 20-23 (France 67.M)
Doris Moos (NJ)
Elaine Moser (MN)
Drever/Roberta Morton (VA)
Bob & Diane Nichols (VA)
Betty Nichols (WA)
NE Baptist College (VT)
Mark Ballard, President
Oconto Gospel Chapel (WI)
Peter Dorn, Pastor

SUNDAY, MARCH 21

Zach & Jackie Olcott (VA)
Ann Palumbo (PA)
Cliff & Mary Pavalonis (VA)
Pecks Baptist Church (VA)
Bryan/Ada Sheehan, Pastor
Sandy Pederson (MN)
Jack & Carolyn Peerman (VA)
Jim & Barb Peterson (MI)
Willis & Joyce Pillow (VA)

MONDAY, MARCH 22

1 Samuel 24-26 (Germany 80.6M)
Greg & Christene Powell (VA)
Marshall & Lois Powell (KY)
Jeanne & Maggie Pribble (VA)
Marjorie Randall (TX)
Walt & Daphne Reamer (FL)
Dave Ricker (ME)
Joyce Riley (KY)
Calvin & Valerie Ritchey (VA)
Cynthia Roach (VA)
John & Sandra Roberts (NC)
Dorlos & Betty Robinson (MS)
Isabel Robotham (NY)

TUESDAY, MARCH 23

1 Samuel 27-31 (Greece 10.8M)
James & Shelly Rode (FL)
Clark & Marie Rogers (VA)
Wanda Rolater (TN)
Bob & Marlene Rose (MI)
John Saint (PA)
Don/Marie Satterwhite (MO)
Gary & Sandy Schnittjer (PA)
Frank & Alta Schollaert (PA)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24

2 Samuel 1-4 (India 1.3B)
Phil/Wendy/Steve Schrank (WI)
John & Peggy Seibert (AL)
Dennis/Monica Shannon (OH)
ShenandoahValleyBapt Ch (VA)
Nellie F. Shepard (CT)
Lola Simpson (NY)

THURSDAY, MARCH 25

2 Samuel 5-7 (Indonesia 260.6M)
Ron & Bonnie Smith (VA)
Walt & Betty Sommers (VA)
John & Helen Sourlis (MD)
Tim & Pam Steger (ID)
Reba Stinnett (VA)
Charles Stinson (VA)
Johnny & Rose M. Street (TX)

FRIDAY, MARCH 26

2 Samuel 8-10 (Ireland 8.3M)
William Suttles (NC)
Bob & Sandy Swain (VA)
Brian/Janice Tarraferro (TX)

Billy & Sharon Taylor (PA)
RonTaylor (VA)
Stephanie Taylor (GA)
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Mona Henry Thomas (VA)
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Cathy Tilton (VA)

SATURDAY, MARCH 27

2 Samuel 11-14 (Italy 62.2M)
Paula Tipton (TN)
William & Katie Toney (NC)
Virginia Trask (VA)
Carrol/Ouida Troutman (KY)
Clay & Lisa Troutman (KY)
Diane Troutman (KY)
Kelly & Janice Troutman (KY)
Joe & Benita Troutman (KY)
Marshall Troutman (KY)
Frances Turpin (VA)

SUNDAY, MARCH 28

Sara Underwood (TN)
Patrick/Patricia Vaden (TN)
Jane Verkaik (MI/FL)
George/Jeanette Vernarchik (NJ)
Sam & Rita Verghese (NJ)
Mary Ann Voss (DE)
Michael/Sandra Ward (IN)
Beau/Ashley/Willow/Will Ware (VA)

MONDAY, MARCH 29

2 Samuel 15-18 (Jamaica 3M)
Joyce Warpoole (TN)
Holland & Mary Warren (VA)
Rodger Watts (WI)
Frank & Nell Weer (KY)
Nancy Wetzel (KY)
Paul & Diane Wieland (PA)

TUESDAY, MARCH 30

2 Samuel 19-20 (Japan 126.5M)
Reg/Mary Ann Wilburn (VA)
Jeff Williamson (FL)
Ken & Carol Willis (VA)
Julie L. Wilson (PA)
Neil & Melinda Wilson (VA)
Eva Winebarger (VA)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31

2 Samuel 21-24 (S Korea 51.2M)
Amos & Celia Wipf (GA)
Jon & Selena Wood (PA)
Layden Wood (VA)
Greg & Lori Worley (GA)
Lili Wykle (VA)
Yeshua Ministries (TN)
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EACH NATION THIS MONTH HAS HOSTED PRAYER SEMINARS

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"Call upon Me and I will answer you and show you great
and mighty things that you do not know" Jeremiah 33:3

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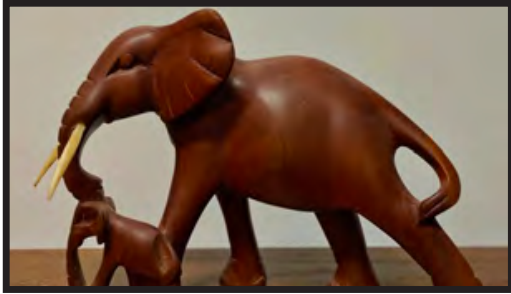
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TELL A FRIEND!

The Story of the Elephants



Look closely at this beautiful carving. There is a story behind the carving. We climaxed a series of prayer seminars in West Kenya in 2007 with one at Glory Baptist Church in Eldoret, Rift Valley. At the close of that seminar, **Pastor Martin Shikuku** asked me to come forward forward for a presentation. There was a gift for me, a beautiful Kenyan shirt, and a gift for Sue. Then there was the carving of the elephants.

Martin explained the analogy of the elephants. The big elephant represents me, their teacher/mentor, and the little elephant represented him and all the others who would be teaching the prayer seminar throughout Kenya and in the surrounding nations. This carving is prominently displayed in our office. I shared this story in the January 2008 **Reflector** concluding with these words, "I believe Martin's analogy with the elephants is correct and expect great things ahead in the African nations during 2008 and beyond."

"The Little Elephants are in trouble!" On Monday, January 7, 2008, I wrote to the **Doorkeepers** and other friends about the post-election violence in Kenya and the devastation in **Eldoret**. I began "My heart is broken. The little elephants are in trouble." A political conflict followed the

December 27, 2007, election since it appeared the election had been stolen by the incumbent president's party. Post-election violence exploded on December 30. The beautiful Rift Valley, one of the most beautiful sections of Africa, was the epicenter of much of the violence. **Eldoret** was one of the hardest hit cities. Houses and churches were burned indiscriminately. Martin fled with his family to a police station in Eldoret. For days we did not know if they were alive! Finally, the e-mail came on January 7: "Praise God I am still alive and my family. Ran to the police station on 31st. Whole village burnt. We have been sleeping on the ground. No food, clothing, house. Everything looted." 600,000 were uprooted with 300,000 ending up in refugee camps near **Eldoret**. Over 1,000 were killed. The **Doorkeepers** responded by giving \$15,000 to reestablish Martin and his ministry.

Fast forward to February-March 2021. **Cuba is in crisis. Venezuela is in crisis. Nigeria is in crisis (see page three). On and on we could go.** **Digmar Garcia**, reported Cuba is total lock-down. Food is scarce. Flights have been discontinued. When we first went to **Venezuela** in 1992 with the prayer seminars, the country was beginning to thrive. Over the years, **Adam Nathanson** and I literally blanketed the nation with prayer seminars with amazing results. Now the thriving nation is devastated. Millions have fled to other nations. Those remaining are suffering. Out of the ashes, greater works have been established. But pressure has returned!

Prayer Must Be Specific

ANDREW MURRAY

The blind man had been crying out loudly; and that a great deal, Son of David, have mercy on me! (**Mark 10:47**). The cry had reached the ear of the Lord, and He knew what the man wanted and was ready to grant it to him. But before He does it, He asks Him, What do you want Me to do for you? He wants to hear from the man's own lips, not only the general request for mercy, but the distinct expression of what his desire was. Until he speaks it out, he is not healed.

There is now still many a petitioner to whom the Lord puts the same question, and who cannot, until it is answered, get the aid he asks. Our prayers must not be a vague appeal to His mercy or an indefinite cry for blessing, but a distinct expression of definite need. Not that His loving heart does not understand our cries or is not ready to hear. But He desires it for our own sake, Such definite prayer teaches us to know our own needs better. It demands time, thought and self-examination to find out what our greatest need really is.

It searches us and puts us to the test as to whether our desires are honest and real, such as we are ready to persevere in. It leads us to judge whether our desires are according to God's Word, and whether we really believe we shall receive the things we ask for. It helps us to wait for the specific answer and to recognize it when it comes.

And yet how much of our prayer is vague and pointless. Some cry for mercy, but don't take the trouble to know what mercy must do for

them. Others ask, perhaps to be delivered from sin, but do not begin by bringing any sin by name from which the deliverance can be claimed. Still others pray for God's blessings on those around them, for the outpouring of God's Spirit on their land or on the world, and yet they have no special field where they wait and expect to see the answer. To every one of these the Lord says, What do you want Me to do for you?

Every Christian has only limited powers, and just as he must have his own specific field of labor in which he works, so it is with his prayers, too. Each believer must have his own circle: family, friends, and neighbors. If he were to take one or more of these by name, he would find this really brings him into the training school of faith, which leads to personal and pointed dealing with his God. It is when in such distinct matters we have in faith claimed and received answers that our more general prayers will be believing and effective.

We all know with what surprise the whole civilized world heard of the way in which trained troops were repulsed by the Transvaal Boers at Majuba. And to what did they owe their success? In the armies of Europe, the soldier fires on the enemy standing in large masses, and never thinks of seeking an aim for every bullet.

In hunting game, the Boer had learned a different lesson: his practiced eye knew to send every bullet on its special mission, to seek and find its man. Such aiming must gain the day in the spiritual world, too.

As long as in prayer we just

pour out our hearts in a multitude of petitions without taking time to see whether every petition is sent with the purpose and expectation of getting an answer, not many will reach the mark. But if, as in silence of the soul we bow before the Lord, we were ready to answer questions such as these: What is now really my desire? Do I desire it in faith, expecting to receive? Am I now ready to place and leave it there in the Father's bosom? Is it settled between God and me that I am to have the answer?—we should learn to pray in such a way that God will see and we would know what we really expect.

It is for this reason, among others, that the Lord warns us against the vain repetitions of the Gentiles, who expect to be heard because they pray so much (**Matthew 6:7-8**). We often hear prayers of great earnestness and fervor, in which a multitude of petitions are poured forth, but to which the Savior would undoubtedly answer, What do you want Me to do for you?

If I am in a strange land, in the interests of the business my father owns, I would certainly write two different sorts of letters home. There will be family letters giving expression to the interaction to which affection prompts, and there will be business letters containing orders for what I need. There may also be letters in which both are found. The answers will correspond to the letters. To each sentence of the letters containing the family news, I do not expect a special answer. But for each order I send, I am confident of an answer as to whether the desired article has been sent. In our dealings with God, the business

element must not be lacking.

With our expressions of need and sin, of love and faith and consecration, there must be the specific statement of what we ask and expect to receive. It is in the answer that the Father loves to give us a proof of His approval and acceptance.

But the word of the Master teaches us more. He does not say, What do you wish? but What do you want? One often wishes for a thing without willing it.

I wish to have a certain item, but I find the price is too high, so I decide not to take it. I wish but do not will to have it. The lazy man wishes to be rich, but does not will it. Many a man wishes to be saved, but perishes because he does not will it. The will rules the whole heart and life. If I really will to have something that is within my reach, I do not rest until I have it. When Jesus asks, What do you want? He asks whether it is indeed our purpose to have what we ask for at any price, however great the sacrifice. Do you really will to have it enough that, though He waits to answer, you will not hold your peace until He hears you? Sadly, many prayers are wishes sent up for a short time and then forgotten, or sent up year after year as a matter of duty, while we remain content with the prayer without the answer.

But it may be asked, is it not best to make our wishes known to God and then leave it to Him to decide what is best, without our seeking to assert our will? By no means! This is the very essence of the prayer of faith to which Jesus sought to train His disciples, that it does not only make known its desire and then leave the

decision to God. That would be the prayer of submission for cases in which we cannot know God's will. But the prayer of faith, finding God's will in some promise of the Word, pleads for that until it comes.

In **Matthew 9:28**, we read that Jesus said to the blind man, Do you believe that I am able to do this? In **Mark 10:51** He said, What do you want Me to do for you? In both cases, He said that faith had saved them. And He said to the Syrophoenician woman, too, Great is your faith! Let it be to you as you desire (**Matthew 15:28**). Faith is nothing but the purpose of the will resting on God's Word and saying, I must have it. To believe truly is to will firmly.

But is not such a will at odds with our dependence on God and our submission to Him? By no means! Rather, it is the true submission that God honors. It is only when the child has yielded his own will in entire surrender to the Father that he receives from the Father the liberty and power to will what he desires. But when once the believer has accepted

the will of God, as revealed through the Word and the Spirit, as his will, too, then it is the will of God that his child should use this renewed will in His service. The will is the highest power of the soul. Grace wants above everything to sanctify and restore this will, one of the chief traits of God's image, to full and free exercise. As a son who lives only for his father's interests, who seeks not his own but his father's will, is trusted by the Father with his business, so God speaks to His child in a truth, What do you want?"

It is often spiritual complacency that, under the appearance of humility, professes to have no will because it fears the trouble of searching for the will of God, or when that will is found, the struggle of claiming it in faith. True humility is always accompanied by strong faith, which only seeks to know what is according to the will of God and then boldly claims the fulfillment of the promise: You will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you" (**John 15:7**).

Lord Jesus! Teach me to pray with all my heart and strength so that there may be no doubt with You or with me about what I have asked. May I know so well what I desire that, even as my requests are recorded in heaven, I can also record them on earth and note each answer as it comes. And may my faith in what Your Word has promised be so clear that the Spirit may indeed work within me the liberty to will that it will come. Lord! Renew, strengthen, and sanctify wholly my will for the work of effectual prayer.

Blessed Savior! I pray that You will reveal to me the wonderful grace You show us, thus asking us to say what we desire that You should do, and promising to do whatever we desire. Son of God! I cannot fully understand it. I can only believe that You have, indeed, redeemed us wholly for Yourself, and that You seek to make the will, as our noblest part, Your most effective servant. Lord! I most unreservedly yield my will to You as the power through which Your Spirit is to rule my whole being. Let Him take possession of it, lead it into the truth of Your promises, and make it so strong in prayer that I may always hear Your voice saying, Great is your faith! Let it be to you as you desire. [I pray in Jesus' name.] Amen.

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Maggie's Study Bible

My spiritual metamorphous came in 1977, the year that I began reading the Bible for my food rather than to find a message to preach. My plan was simple—to read the Bible through systematically in a devotional sense. To keep me focused, I found it was helpful to read with a pen or pencil in hand. When the Holy Spirit touched my heart with a word, phrase, verse, or passage, I marked it and made notes of my impression. My decision was to follow this practice year by year, which I have done faithfully for the past thirty years. Since I began with a new study Bible on January 1 of each year, I am now working in my thirty-first Bible.

Not only did my life and ministry change, I have a legacy for the three M's (our children, Mona, Mark, and Melody), our seven grandchildren, and our great-grandchildren. Each Bible is full of my notes. I am glad to leave a legacy for our off-spring, a Bible that their "Dad," Granddad, or Great-Granddad marked.



Maggie chooses her study Bible

A few weeks ago, I had a visitor in my office, our great-granddaughter Maggie, who was thirteen months old. At one point, I noticed she had walked over to the bookcase where

the study Bibles are shelved. She reached up, chose a Bible, sat down on the floor, opened the Bible, and began to turn pages. I realized at once that this would be my legacy to Maggie.



Maggie opens her study Bible



Maggie turns pages in her study Bible

I love the Word of God. The title of my book on the Bible is a comment from Job. The Word of God "is my necessary food." The time I spend daily in the Word of God provides the strength that I need for my journey. You are making a wise decision when you spend time in the Word.

It is certain that I will never develop a meaningful, sustained prayer life apart from the Word of God. As you read, examine your prayer life. Is it in neutral just now? Could it be that it is because you are not in the Word of God?

"I have treasured His words more than my necessary food"

Job 23:12