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DEBRA-LOUISE PRAYING FOR YOU.

REMEMBER AND PROCLAIM THE DEATH OF THE LORD

Life from the dead

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I will be forever grateful for your sacrifice of prayer and time that you gave to me now 10 days ago on a Saturday at IHOP. To remind you, my name is Grace and I am experiencing the Lord and His presence in a way I have never known Him to be to me. I am changing and being made new. I feel so loved and care for by the Lord it makes me cry writing this.

When I walked into the Bethany room, I was bound in death. I was bound in self hatred and shame. I was unable to see goodness in anything and wanted to give up living. Susan's death was not only brutal in itself, but the loss that I felt echoed years of abandonment, death and loss in my life. It was the last straw for the enemy to convince me to just give up. I can't explain how desperate I felt and that's why I came. I wanted the Lord to be everything that everyone was telling me He was going to be to me. I just didn't know how to "get" Him to be real to me, when darkness and death felt like the only reality. Now, I see as you prayed, that it was only a shadow of death, nothing more.

My father at age 10, kidnapped my 2 brothers and 1 sister and left me behind. My mother never got her kids back and I grew up in her depression, bitterness and anger. She projected years of that unto me, that gave a foothold to self hatred in me. I've never known unconditional love, except through one person in my family named Joy, my mom's sister. Joy was also Susan's mother. I lived to see Grace and drank in her love like a

sponge. I usually only saw her once a year and would try to get my love tank full in the days I was with her. She was a Christian and shared God's love with me and spoke about God consistently. When I was 17, she committed suicide and I was devastated. I had just become a Christian 6 months prior. She left her husband Paul and her daughter Susan, who at the time was 3 yrs old.

I have also had my close friend from college Mary and another friend of mine commit suicide in the last 10yrs. I had an emergent hysterectomy by age 33 and have suffered 10 surgeries over the past 15 yrs.

Susan, came back into my life at age 18 (7 yrs ago) and she was the absolute joy of my life. She looked just like her mother Joy and had her spirit and life in her. Susan gave her life to the Lord after struggling with drugs during her teenage years. After an overdose, she radically committed her life to Jesus and I got the best years of her life before she was murdered. The loss I experienced was the most unbearable pain. I have been depressed for 2 yrs since her death, until now. I felt like I was going to live through the rest of my life with not only a heartache that would consume me, but also with a limp.

I could only see myself as damaged, abandoned, depressed, full of self hatred with nothing to offer. I was damaged goods.

I wrote all of this so you can appreciate what I am about to tell you that Jesus is doing in me. I have read all of your book and am on my second reading currently. One of the things you talk about is when the love of the Lord comes into you it's like having your heart transplanted. That is the best description I can begin with to how I feel. I am new. I have never felt this level of love, consuming love in my life. It's a real, deep, everlasting love. He loves me so much. He sees me as beautiful, precious and is filling me with life. I have so much to offer and want to share

this love with everyone. How could I have never known Him like this before? I feel like I have so much more space within. I am seeing Him care for me and is filling me with so much joy. I want to be with Him all the time. My fears are gone, my anxiety has been eliminated by peace, a deep, deep, soothing peace. He is real. My experience is real. He is with me and is filling me with comfort and so much love. I am entering a new level of knowing Him, a new threshold of the Incarnation.

I am plugged into the Prayer Room online and have worship going in my home all the time. I live alone and thought I might be anxious coming back to my home where I was so depressed and lonely, but the opposite has happened. I am filled; the house is filled with His Presence at all times. I have a prayer room in my house and am actually spending time in there with Him. I absolutely love Him. I love what He has done in me and will never be abandoned again. I have come to know the Love that I searched for in others on this earth my whole life until now. I truly have more joy than I've ever known. The Great Exchange has come to me. I will be cared for, forever! I will never be the same!

I am so free Debra! I was thinking that maybe I won't feel Him as strong as time moves on, but the opposite is true...I feel Him more each day, not less.

I look forward to all the updates that I will have for you in the future. You were a sacrament of His love reaching me and I thank-you again from the deep places in my heart. You truly helped save a life...me!

May the Lord continue to bless you and use you mightily to further His Kingdom in others,

SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS

MY CHILDREN'S SALVATION DAVID, DANIEL, ELIZABETH

- INCREASING HEALING ANOINTING
- PROVISION FOR THE DOWN PAYMENT OF THE HOUSE GOD HAS FOR ME
- FOR THE SALES OF MY BOOK TO INCREASE AND INVITATIONS FOR THE DAYS OF ENCOUNTER RETREATS AND COMPLETION OF MY SECOND BOOK, *FIRST THINGS FIRST!*
- CONTINUING EXPERIENCE AND EDUCATION FOR MY ROLE AS CHAPLAIN AND SERVING IN GRIEF RECOVERY AND COUNSELING

CURRENT SCRIPTURES I HAVE BEEN PRAYING FOR YOU...

TO KNOW THE WILL OF GOD
COLOSSIANS 1:9-14

TO BE PERFECTED IN LOVE
1JOHN4:15-19

TO BE STRENGTHENED
EPHESIANS 3:16-17

FULFILLED DESIRE
JOHN 15:7

HEALING
1 PETER 2:24

HEARING THE INVITATION
REVELATION 4:1

NO FEAR
ISAIAH 43:1

Longing for You, the Journey from Intercession to Intimacy

ORDER COPIES OF MY BOOK TO GIVE AS GIFTS TO YOUR FRIENDS AND LOVE ONES

It is Jesus who invited you personally to begin the journey into His heart, when you gave Him yours. As each page is turned, it is like the ground of your heart will be tilled because you will hear His Voice of Love. This adventure of learning how to pray will bring you face to face with the One who is the answer to every prayer ever prayed, even when tears were the only words. There are many books now written on intercession, which is simply a fancy word for prayer. Jesus has invited you to partner with Him on the earth to see His Kingdom come. This book only contains 3 chapters. Praying is as easy as one, two, three, and yet part of a mystery words can never explain. What you will find contained in these pages is not describing a plan or program, it's all about a Person. His Name is Jesus, and He is **LONGING FOR YOU.**

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God bless you for partnering with me on the mission field of prayer!

This class was begun as a means of teaching the contemplative lifestyle, and helping to equip those who come to be rooted and grounded in the love of Christ. In 1 John 4:19 we are told that we love because He first loved us, and He longs to express that love. It continues for the same reason!

ENCOUNTERING CHRIST WITHIN CLASS

Encountering Christ Within, the Hope of Glory

Intimacy with Jesus is a private experience. His way of coming to us is defined by Him alone. He meets us according to who we are in relationship to Him already, and where we desire to be with Him after our encounter. Every experience with Him will be unique. Do not compare what happens in your heart to what anyone else has told you about. **Contemplative prayer cannot be taught.** It is not defined accurately by using any method, although there is more than one way to begin your journey inside, and into, His Presence.

Through the ages this devotional approach of fellowshiping with God has been called by various names. Madame Guyon called it, "The Inner Way." Brother Lawrence named this practice of contemplation and fellowship with God, "Practicing His Presence." Others have referred to this experience by such names as: "Waiting on God," "Basking in His Presence," "Centering Prayer," "Beholding the Christ Within," "Way of the Heart," and the "Prayer of Silence". These names and many others are as diverse and unique as the individuals who pursued communion with the Indwelling Christ through various ways and means.

In Contemplative Prayer, a silent waiting in faith on the Indwelling Christ is our beginning point. The intention is to focus our reality upon the Indwelling Christ, who really has taken up His abode at the very center of our being. **This devotional life begins with an opening up of our hearts to receive from Him.** Our first priority is not to give something to Him or even to love Him. We are simply responding to the hunger that He has put in our hearts, because He desires to fellowship with us. We are responding to this hunger by quieting ourselves in His Presence, and simply letting Him love us.

After receiving His love, we are able to return love back to Him like never before. Contemplative Prayer is not really about searching to "go" someplace to find Him. He is waiting for us to come apart in silence and really experience that He is already with us, dwelling on the inside. He works in behalf of those who are willing to wait for Him, and we are changed in the process!

This is an inner journey we all are invited to go on. Holy Spirit will escort us where we cannot get to on our own. There are depths of the Presence of God inside each of us, reserved for those who will stop and be still and know...Him. **This place of silence is our entrance into the glorious inner life that Christ died to give us. As we stop and be still, eternity has begun.** This journey of stillness will take us into the very depths of union with Christ, and perfect love will refresh and renew our hearts! In the days ahead, our history in the secret place is what will sustain us.



GLOBAL PRAYER ROOM 24/7

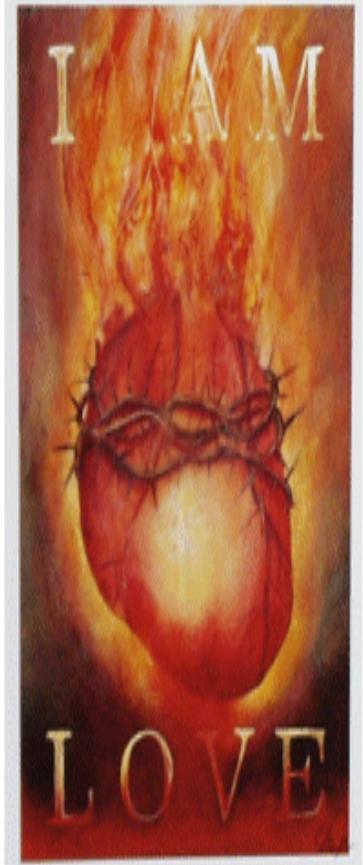
Seven physical healings while Encountering Christ

I had the honor of hosting five times of encountering Christ within during my stay back home. It was wonderful to feel the hunger and longing of those who gathered...most of whom I did not know. Soaking prayer seems to be in the hearts of the Bride all over the earth...and of heaven as well. There were 2 necks, one knee, one pair of shoulders, and one ankle with gout that were all relieved of pain! There was one lady who stated she could tell a clarity of her physical hearing, and another one who had been experiencing chronic fatigue who was also physically touched.

My heart is that everyone who responds to the invitation to be still and know God, to hear what is on His heart, will be transformed in love. During one session the lady whose knee was touched came to me with tears in her eyes stating she wanted to give me something. She used to have her own jewelry business, and made a one of a kind necklace for herself. It reads, "FAVORED BY THE FATHER." It had been her hearts desire to believe this for herself, and during the time of silence and waiting, she came to experience that daughter was His favorite name for her! I was so blessed to receive this gift, and believe more than ever I too am daughter.

I was invited to share during a chapel for a home schooling gathering I did not know about until I arrived in Virginia. The Lord gave me three verses of warning of the great and terrible day just around the corner, and how some in the room were not ready! I love to speak the tender-mercy message of love...but this call to repentance was bathed in the tears of the adults in the room. Afterwards every parent in the room came up to thank me...to thank God for confirming His call of love and mercy on several seniors in the room.

The physical healings will have impact on those who were touched for the rest of their lives, but the salvations of those whose hearts were healed of sin and the ploy of destruction will be impacted for all of eternity..and so will those whose lives they touch. God is so kind! His timing is perfect and His love never fails.



LOVE NEVER FAILS

[Two of the many reports from the Amazon where my book has been translated into Spanish...](#)

Hello! I have 8 years in the Christian life but did not comprehend very clearly the teachings that I learned in the church. I didn't have a clear answer and needed more help, but now at the end of reading the book, "Anhelandote", it opened very clearly my understanding where it says that God is the lover of my life, that God is my first love, and that nothing will prevail against that love. Now I give you thanks for helping me with this great book and that now I feel very renewed and loved with your words. God bless you as you continue helping others like me. Thank you very much. R. M.

At the end of reading the book "Anhelandote", I wanted to write about what God did in my life en these days that is really wonderful. I cannot explain it, but I feel in my heart more love toward me, much love toward my parents, and this is something very profound in my heart, that God's work in my life of a magnificent manner more than all. I don't feel alone but always is in my mind that God is with me and I am much more secure and each step that I take has given more security. In one morning of devotions there was a phrase that made me feel secure. "There is firmness in your footsteps as if they were his...even when you cannot feel his presence". It says even when you cannot feel that God is with you, He is always with you. I am very secure that He has much love for me for all my life. K. T.

COME UP HERE...YOUR PERSONAL INVITATION

There is a door standing open in heaven! This is the invitation in Revelation chapter 4. Jesus stands at the door of our hearts knocking unrelentingly. He is faithful in His love and any moment we open to Him, there will be deep fellowship. He is longing to share His heart with all who care to listen, We discover what will be taking place after all is said and done...it will be WORSHIP! This is what Paul was shown in this chapter...continual worship and glory and honor begin given around the throne...but we do not have to wait. Today is the day he longs to hear your voice distinct from the 4 living creatures, the elders and all the myriads for heaven that never stop...your voice is what he bends down to listen to .



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SILENCE

Seminars and Retreats

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These weekend retreats or a one day seminar will implement worship, teaching, and ministry times of personal prayer for all who desire. There will be true heart encounters for everyone as we Practice His Presence together.

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The Lord desires to heal in every area of our brokenness. People have experienced physical healings as well as relief from deep inner wounds during these sessions. Jesus proclaimed His mission statement in Luke 4:18 - "The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, preach deliverance to the captives, recovering sight to the blind, to set at liberty those that are bruised, and to preach the acceptable year of the Lord". I believe this is my mission statement in life, and it can be yours as well.

PLACE

These seminars and retreats are for anyone who longs for a deeper, more intimate relationship with Him. Jesus said "Come to me all who are burdened and heavy laden, and I will give you rest". Attend a seminar, and experience true love, joy, and peace in His unfailing love.

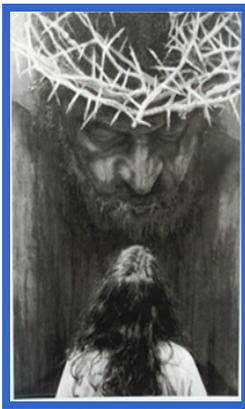
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God longs for encounter with each of us. When we are willing to be still and know Him...we will come to know who we are with new clarity. We love because He first loved us, and as we get to the place of putting first things first, everything else around us is put into proper perspective as well. These times of ministry will provide not just healing for your hearts, but cause you to go forth and bring healing to others as well!

HOLY

FOR HE SATISFIES THE LONGING SOUL, AND THE HUNGRY SOUL HE FILLS WITH GOOD THINGS.
PSALM 107:9

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WILL SEE**

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She has spoken at churches, pastor's conferences, women's retreats and Aglow meetings. She is available for seminars and retreats where you can experience a personal heart encounter, and learn to Practice the Presence of the Indwelling Christ as a lifestyle.

She is currently teaching **Encountering Christ Within** on the Missions Base in Kansas City. This class is an onramp to beholding Christ in the secret place.

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