

Praise Reports

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prayed for me. But I was really struggling and really felt like I needed additional prayer. So I asked for prayer again for the same thing, and they didn't pray for me but just said "well, if you want to get healed, then start praying for other people who are sick". I felt so crushed, and judged. I never asked for prayer again from them. I know they are just well meaning Christians, but it still hurts when you are in the heat of battle. I remember one pastor a long time ago had said that John G. Lake never minded praying over and over again for the sick. He called it getting "installments of healing", or something like that. Sometimes you are standing in faith and believe you are healed, but it never hurts to have another believer come along side you again and again and minister the divine power of God into your body. It's just like getting more great medicine! I really wanted to share my heart with you and say thanks again for your wonderful ministry to the body of Christ! Love, E.M.

I called for my cousin Christy's son, Tommy who was going in for eyelid and foot surgery. Both surgeries were successful and no cancer was found. Thank you Jesus!! Thank you so much prayer partners for praying! S.D.

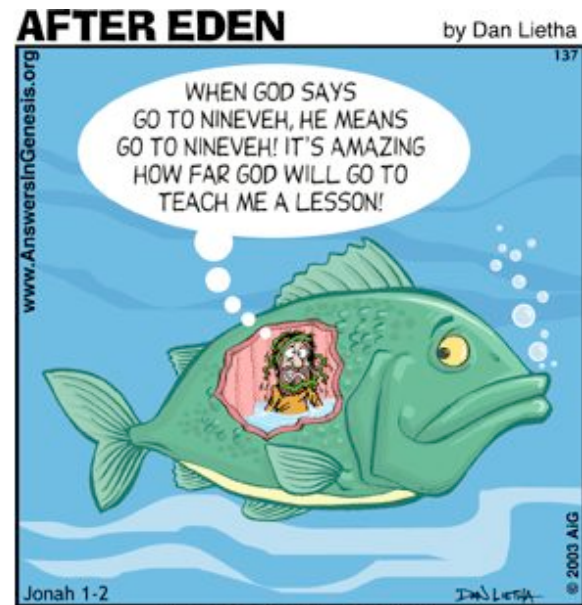
I called RDM for prayer because I was upset over how my Christian raised adult children could think of exposing my grandchild to Halloween. I was horrified. I got into agreement with Rev. Pattie, who felt led by the Holy Spirit to pray concerning three things. One, that they would have no fun at a party they planned to attend; two, that my grandchild would not end up going house to house; and three, that my daughter and son-in-law would agree to have some sort of harvest celebration at their home. God answered each prayer almost verbatim. God is awesome. L.D.

In August I called RDM for prayer because I had taken a terrible fall down some steps at my place of employment. I could hardly move. But, because I had my cell phone I knew I could call RDM for prayer. They immediately prayed with me over the phone. I went from not being able to stand on my ankles to having absolutely no pain and being able to walk the very next day. The only reminder that something had happened was a few black and blue marks. To me this was a miracle. K.H.

I attended the Glory Watch in October and requested prayer for my jaw which was experiencing TMJ symptoms. After receiving prayer, I immediately felt an improvement and over the next week almost all of the pain left. I would say it was 90% better, and I have actually been able to eat without having to take medication. Thank you, and praise God. S.Y.

I want to say thank you to RDM and the prayer partners, who stood behind my husband and I with diligent prayer during our many months of marriage trials. We are now doing well and God is using us in Celebrate Recovery to help other troubled marriages. You have all been instrumental in bringing about this miracle in our lives. Giving God the glory. J.P.

Sometimes you don't actually know all the things that have been learned until you have to use it. I realized the other day how much Rivers in the Desert has taught me, and how much the Holy Spirit worked through them in all the workshops and teachings that I attended. In serving on an evangelistic outreach team, I came across a very difficult person, a spiritual battle ensued that went on for several days. In my prayer time, I was reminded of what was taught by RDM - that if someone is coming at you in an attack mode, just come in an opposite spirit. I applied that principle, and it disarmed the enemy. There are so many other things that were taught through this ministry, I just wanted to thank you and let people know that this ministry is good ground and definitely used mightily by God. K.R.



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Under Siege

By Pauletta Smith

2 Chronicles 7:14 says, "If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land."

In this time of great crisis in our beloved Nation, there is only one hope. It is Jesus. He is our ever-present help in time of need, but as the above verse indicates, we must call out to Him. His ear is open to the heartfelt cry of His people. He is our peace of mind, our restorer, our soon coming King. He is our joy in the midst of grave disappointment. We must enter into the prayer closet on behalf of what we see happening, daily, in our nation.

First, you must use the principles you know over this country, such as speaking the Word instead of the Second, you must live the Word, and follow the heart of God in obedience in your own individual life if you are to expect answers to your prayers.

Psalm 28:7 says, "The LORD is my strength and trusted in Him, and I am helped; therefore my heart greatly rejoices, and with my song I will praise Him." Webster's dictionary defines the word shield as "something that protects or hides." We can run to Him. We can stand behind our great shield. Jesus will guard and protect us in our safe hiding place in Him.

Praying for this nation is every believer's responsibility, not just those called in particular to a ministry of prayer. If you don't like what is happening with the United States of America, you should ask yourself, am I praying? Am I doing my part? Allow yourself and your interests to die and pray for the nation instead. Every Christian should be on their faces weeping for this great nation, then and only then will we see true and good and lasting CHANGE. Selah

**"Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
Look full in His wonderful face,
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim,
In the light of His glory and grace."**

[Helen Lemmed, 1864-1961]

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Thanks for having me at your home for the Glory Watch. As I was sitting there, I had a revelation, or a mini-vision, so to speak. I could see the body of Christ as an army, all over the place, and then you and Ray and your team members as a mobilized unit, going to the army, ministering to their needs, patching them up, helping them heal.

I decided to go to the Glory Watch because I really needed prayer. It dawned on me once I got there and saw your banner of "ministering edification, exhortation and comfort to the body of Christ" that that is what your ministry does, and that you enjoy ministering healing to Christians! I always feel so welcome and at home in your home and among all your team members. This kind of help is not always available to the body of Christ, but a person can come to your ministry and have life breathed back into them! I can't tell you how challenging the past 5 years have been, being in Pentecostal circles, and being around "strange fire" and condemnation (people telling you all that's wrong with you) and words ministered by familiar spirits that oppress your spirit. However, your team members are fully trained and I trust you and Ray and them to always minister what is from the Lord. I have many things going on currently in my life, but the Lord chose to address one of the main huge heart issues I am having with the word that I received. The Lord said that I was sweet and precious and that He loved hanging out with me and that He loved the way I think, and He wants to take me into the Bridal Chamber and for me to know Him more intimately.

I have struggled with shyness, always feeling like I don't want to get to know people because if they really got to know me, they probably wouldn't like me. I don't know where this root of rejection came from, but it's been a thorn in my flesh since I can remember. I felt like the Lord addressed this personally by saying, "Elaine, I love you and you are sweet and precious. If I love to hang out with you, then chill out, everyone else will love you and want to know you too!" Now, I look forward to meeting new people and developing friendships because I feel that the pressure has been lifted off of me. I also was ministered to by Ray's article in the *Oasis* newsletter, "When Once is Not Enough." How many times have I heard and felt like older Christians shouldn't bother people for continued prayer? They should "walk in faith" and that is that. If they ask again for prayer, well then they are just not believing God for something. I had that happen to me last year. I was at a church group and I had asked for prayer from them at the previous week's meeting. So they

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