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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR



JAMIE FERGER
Editor, *Sharing Magazine*

You will find this issue of *Sharing* dramatically different from any we have published in the past. During this time of sheltering-in-place, social distancing, isolation and non-essential/essential business definitions, the leadership team of the Order of St. Luke (OSL) decided to forgo printing the May/June issue of *Sharing* and distribute it electronically. This issue will be able to reach a much wider audience who may want and need positive, spiritual messages.

It is with great excitement we share with all of you this magazine filled with articles of hope and healing. Some of you are not familiar with OSL or are not members. We hope you will be encouraged to join our ministry of Christian healing by subscribing to become part of this ministry or giving a gift of *Sharing* magazine. We view our OSL members like family; we have seen incredible acts of healing and know the Holy Spirit is with us. As the saying goes, "When you have more than you need, build a longer table, not a higher fence." We pray this gift will be a blessing to you.

If you normally receive a printed version of *Sharing* magazine, we apologize that you will not be receiving one for this issue. Instead, we trust that this special, expanded version of the May/June issue will give you comfort, guidance and courage.

We pray you and yours are all well, safe and finding peace during this time of trial. We will get through this together. Our thoughts, prayers and love are with you all.

Much love,

Jamie Ferger
Editor, *Sharing Magazine*

WHAT I BELIEVE GOD IS SAYING TO US IN THE MIDST OF THIS PANDEMIC



REV. JOSH ACTON
OSL North American Director

OUR MISSION:

OSL empowers God's people throughout the world with Jesus' healing ministry, by:

- Training in the healing ministry of Jesus.
- Learning to pray for others.
- Providing opportunities to experience the healing power of Jesus.
- Empowering you to confidently pray for anyone, anywhere, anytime in the name of Jesus.

OUR VISION:

Individuals, communities and nations made whole, free of sickness, through Jesus Christ.

Lord What Are You Saying To Us in this Pandemic?

I'm not a "thus saith the Lord" kind of guy when it comes to prophesy. Prophetic words are a mix of Spirit and flesh, and we have to discern the Spirit parts. But I do believe God gave me the following. I hope it blesses you.

"I love you so much that I'm allowing the devils work to purge you of self-seeking thoughts. I am taking what satan means for evil and bringing about an unimaginable good" (Revelation 3:19; Ephesians 3:20).

"I am revealing your weaknesses to display the power of my Son within you" (2 Corinthians 12:9). "I'm showing you how precious each day is" (Psalm 118:24). "I'm moving you to cherish loved ones and to seek the good of strangers" (Philippians 12:4; Ephesians 4:22; Hebrews 13:2). "You are not at the mercy of this plague that has come upon you. I AM your God and Father" (Psalm 91:10).

"I am Lord and King of all things" (Psalm 97). "I am the Lord of every cell, molecule and atom as well as every star and galaxy—all time and space" (Psalm 31:15; Psalm 8:3-4). "I am for you, not against you" (Romans 8:31).

"I'm allowing you to be tested so deeply that you are compelled to go within me to find your life" (Col 3:3). "Abandon your own understanding and lean upon me with the full weight of every burden" (Proverbs 3:5).

"I'm revealing the powerlessness of your flesh, your intelligence and your worldly securities" (2 Corinthians 12:9). "I'm revealing my strength in you. I'm putting you on what appears to be a thin branch, but it is a branch that will not break."

"All this leads to a great season of preparation and formation for the people of God" (Exodus 23:20; Ephesians 6:15).

Preachers—Now is the time to preach! Healers—Now is the time to heal! Intercessors—Now is the time to pray! Prophets—prophesy!

Through this scourge you are being transformed into the people I've created you to be!

"I love you and will never abandon or forsake you" (Deuteronomy 31:8).



STONE SOUP:

Together We Can Create Something Delicious!

BY ELIZABETH ALLEN, MD

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over the hearts of villagers who are initially reluctant to share their meager rations with strangers. The soldiers build excitement about the mouth-watering “stone soup” they are going to prepare. Curious villagers provide a huge pot, buckets of water and three large stones. Little by little, carrots, onions, salt and pepper, and some meat, milk and barley appear. Anticipation builds. The aroma of the soup simmering over the fire is so irresistible that people appear with all the trappings of a celebration. Everyone shares in the best feast the village has ever known—all because some hungry soldiers suggested what might be possible if they each contributed what they had.

In the current pandemic, as in the story, everyone is experiencing a scarcity of some kind: loss of hugs, in-person visits, emotional support, financial resources, convenience, personal protective equipment, or just ordinary toilet paper. We have a choice. We can hoard what we have—or we can share it. In *Stone Soup* the arrival of strangers in need was the perfect catalyst for the most delicious feast the village had ever tasted! So, too, the needs of others in this time of crisis can lead to our finest hour if we all choose to give what we have.

The church in Macedonia chose the way of **sharing**. *For even during a season of severe difficulty and tremendous suffering, they became ever more filled with joy. From the depths of their*

you remember the children’s book, *Stone Soup*? It’s an intriguing story of three hungry soldiers who win

extreme poverty, super-abundant joy overflowed into an act of extravagant generosity (2 Corinthians 8:2 TPT). As Paul told the Corinthians: “Let giving flow from your heart... Let it spring up freely from the joy of giving—all because God loves hilarious generosity! Yes, God is more than ready to overwhelm you with every form of grace, so that you will have more than enough of everything... He will make you **overflow with abundance** in every good thing you do” (2 Corinthians 9:7-8 TPT) Amid the Macedonians’ suffering, it was giving that brought them joy. Giving can be so much fun!

By now, you have probably found a favorite list of groups of people for whom to pray in the pandemic: the sick, the isolated, the grieving, caregivers, health care workers, first responders, leaders, researchers and those who produce and distribute the resources that are key to our moving forward. Keep praying for them!

What are you praying FOR? Ask the Lord what good things He wants you to pray for these people. Make a list of specific blessings. Post it. Add to it. Watch it grow! Here’s part of my “**menu**” of **good things to pray for**: *Glimpses of joy. Sun-washed hope. Words of encouragement. A good listener. The beauty of a sunset. Practical help. A fresh perspective. Creative solutions. Meaningful service.* Your list may be very different. The important thing is **to pray earnestly for those good things** for the people you carry in your heart.

God often answers our prayers indirectly—through people. **What is it that you are uniquely qualified to give or impart to others?** Share that. *It might be the way God shows love to you or a character trait or spiritual gift with which you have been blessed.*





Is there an area in which the Lord seems to answer your prayers consistently? If so, then **pray for that**. *It might be a condition, a life circumstance, or a specific blessing that you have experienced. (I love to pray for joy and for deep, restful sleep for others.)*

What ingredient do you have in abundance that would add flavor to the soup? This might be *time, wisdom, kindness, creativity, helpfulness, organization, persistence, gratitude, etc.* Please bring it, and toss it into the pot. Our community will thrive on our collective generosity!

What skill might you contribute? Making stone soup requires someone with a vision, as well as cooks, organizers, builders, decorators, musicians, dancers and a whole host of hungry villagers to join in the celebration. The secret to a bountiful feast is openness and sharing. We are better together! Identify the ways that **your interests, experience, resources and connections** intersect with the needs of those around you. Share them with those who need them. *Send a favorite recipe to a young cook. Leave flowers on a neighbor's porch. Help a senior with their computer. Send a handwritten Scripture or prayer to someone who is lonely or grieving. Write a thank you note to your local ER or ICU staff. Bake bread or send photos to someone you love. Get a group of friends to join you in praying for someone with a pressing need.*

Healing prayer is a much-needed resource during this pandemic. We in OSL have an unprecedented opportunity to **PRAY for healing and hope!** We can gather on phone, email, the on Zoom, by or in virtual meetings to pray for OSL, our churches, our leaders and those in need. We can ask the Holy Spirit to show us how best to offer healing

prayer while church services are online. The sky is the limit! Who knows what amazing growth can happen as prayer lists and intercessory prayer practices are strengthened during this time? When a need arises, we can **pray together at a distance** for that specific person or group, then generalize our prayers to those who may have similar needs. *(Our group has been powerfully touched as we prayed for a nursing home hard hit by COVID-19 and for local physicians and medical practices, each time with one person on-site and the rest praying from home with Zoom.)*

Our OSL healing communities can grow even closer as we **embrace new electronic ways to CONNECT and COMMUNICATE** (Zoom, Skype, FaceTime and free conference calls). If my 92-year-old mother can meet her newborn great-grandchild via a Zoom family gathering on her iPad, many of you can learn to enjoy it, too! *(Our local healing community enjoyed having an OSL friend from Maine participate in our first Zoom meeting.)* Our ability to adapt to new methods of communicating will help OSL not only to thrive but also to **bring Jesus' healing love into the lives of many who desperately need it** in the context of COVID-19.

If we truly want Jesus' healing ministry to flourish and grow in OSL, we will need to **explore new ways to GIVE**. Ministries that receive most of their financial support from sustaining, monthly, electronic gifts are the most likely to be thriving a year from now.

Pause for a moment. Bring to mind three to five **ministries that matter most to you**. Name them. Now consider how to contribute to them financially. If you already support them,

make the decision—right now—to **become a sustainer**. Add value to your contribution (regardless of amount) by making it **planned, regular and electronic**. Bless the ministries close to your heart with the gift of regular income they can count on, even in times of crisis. We understand that many will not be able to give financially now. If you are able to do so, however, consider contributing some of your **COVID-19 government check** to a ministry in honor of those who are suffering financial hardship.

Simple ways to become a sustainer:

- Go to OSLtoday.org, click on “GIVE NOW,” choose an amount and select “monthly” or “yearly.”
- Call the Corporate Office at OSL (877) 992-5222 and authorize a recurring contribution.
- Direct your bank to send OSL a recurring monthly bank draft.
- Take the same action for the other ministries or non-profits on your list!

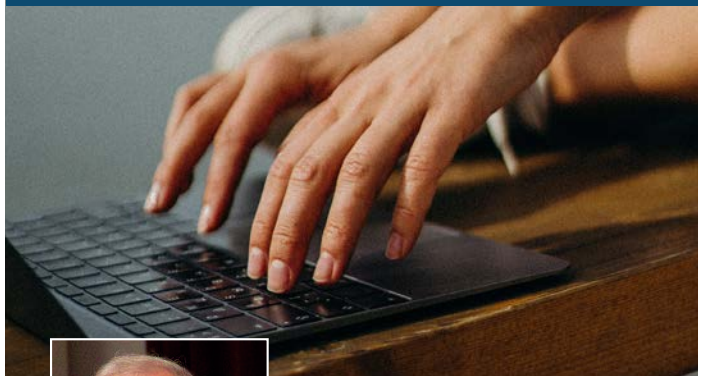
Jesus knew a little something about making stone soup. That is what he asked his disciples to do for a huge crowd. Like the soldiers in the story, Andrew suspended his disbelief and envisioned Jesus’ delicious meal. He soon found a boy willing to toss his five barley loaves and two fish into the pot. Jesus used the boy’s meager provisions to feed the entire village!

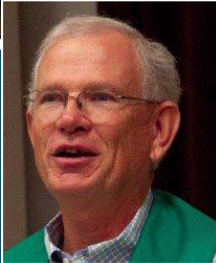
It is our willingness to contribute what we have—even if it is just a pinch of salt—that Jesus uses to make something that feeds us all. So **bring what you’ve got**: time, wisdom, experience, money, prayer, practical skills, etc. Drop it into the pot. If all you’ve got is a ravenous appetite, then bring that. If you have neither time nor money (because you are a working mother, a caregiver, someone on the front lines, etc.), but are surrounded by people like yourself who are very hungry, then **bring your friends** and step to the front of the line. You will be the guests of honor at Jesus’ table. You can lead us in a rousing “**Thanks be to God!**” as the whole village feasts on the tasty stone soup that Jesus has prepared with our help. Bon appetit!



Dr. Elizabeth Allen loves writing prayers for the OSL Cycle of Prayer, building a vibrant prayer covering for OSL. How wonderful it was to see the fruit of all that prayer in the joy-filled OSL International Conference in July, which she attended with her son John (pictured) and friends. It has been an honor for her to be part of such an energetic and committed OSL North American Board. She is focusing on the ministry of blessing, asking God to bless her and her loved ones with the freedom to flourish as the persons God created each one to be.

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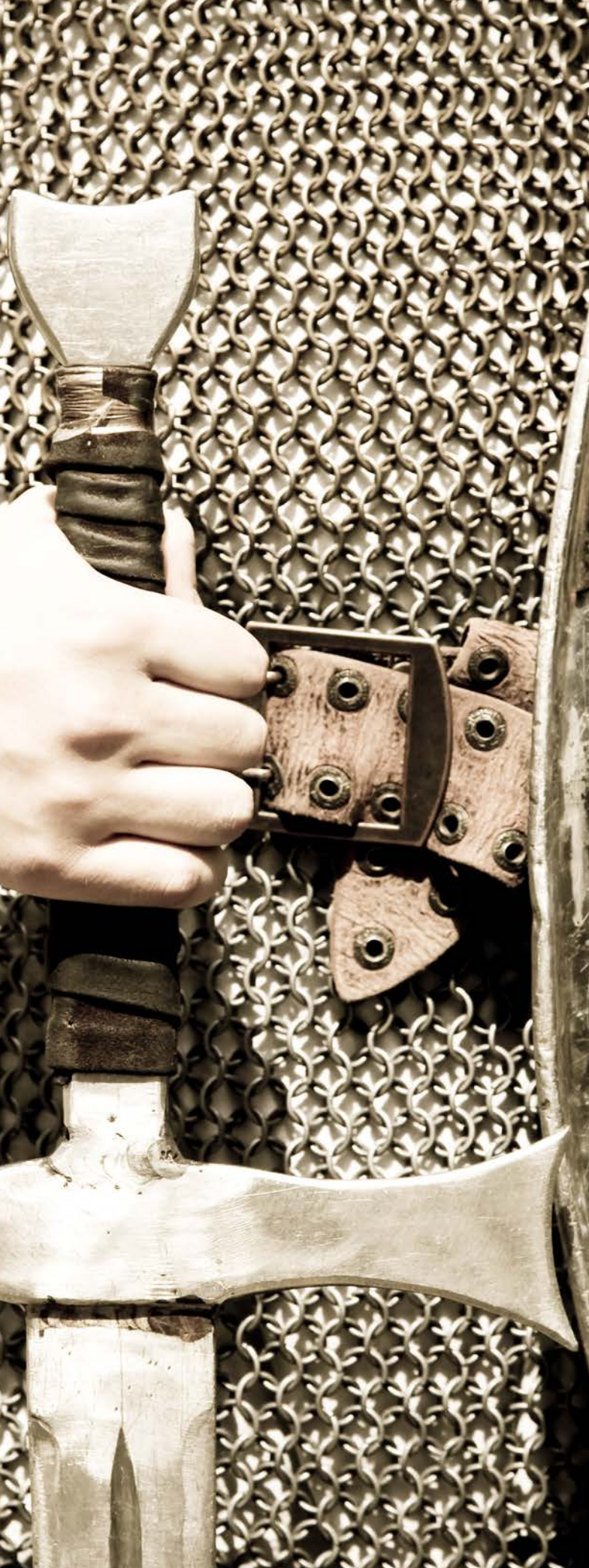
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WHAT COLOR KNIGHT ARE YOU TODAY?

BY SARAN WARNE

As Christians, we are called into “battle” on behalf of Jesus! The good news is that He has given us all we need to “*fight the good fight*” as Paul says (1 Timothy 6:12). My husband, better known as “Father Tom,” is an Episcopal priest for a large church in the Diocese of Washington state. When Tom leaves to go into the church office each morning, he knows I ask him before he heads in, “What color knight are you today?” Sometimes he replies, “Today I am a blue knight,” or “Today I am a gold knight!” This is our “super fast” way to visualize the armor of Christ on our bodies to protect us against the unseen forces that “*prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour*” (1 Peter 5:8). This “armor of God” is MORE important than ever as we battle against the unseen enemy of the Coronavirus that is a worldwide pandemic. ALL of us are called to follow the instructions that the Word of God gives us to protect ourselves, our loved ones and those on the front lines of this battle, especially doctors and nurses who care for the sick.

The first step is to honor our Lord and Savior by giving Him the Glory of the day. “*THIS IS THE DAY THAT THE LORD HAS MADE; LET US REJOICE AND BE GLAD IN IT*” (Psalm 118:24 NIV).

The second step is to KNOW and SAY the promises of God and PUT THE ARMOR ON BEFORE YOU EVEN GET OUT OF BED! Ephesians 6:10-18 NIV gives clear instructions:

“*BE STRONG IN THE LORD AND IN HIS MIGHTY*

POWER! Put on the full armor of God, that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Therefore, put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to STAND. Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests (especially now as we join in unity of voice and prayer to come against the Coronavirus, bind it in Jesus' Holy Name and send it to the pit where it belongs). With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints."

ALL of us called to follow the instructions that the Word of God gives us to protect ourselves, our loved ones and those on the front lines of this battle, especially doctors and nurses who care for the sick.

This scripture "jumps off the page" now more than ever! Another helpful method to "suiting up" is to use the God-given gift of imagination and SEE the armor of God placed ON you, it takes ten seconds to "armor up"! This practice of being 'fully dressed' as you prepare for your day can be fun, as sometimes I will see a "sparkly" armor suit or even a "rainbow-colored" set of armor on my body! Take a few moments and "see" your family members and friends all "suited up" as well!

The third step is the following "Armor Prayer" you can pray daily:

"I am thankful for the armor you have provided. I put on the girdle of truth, the breastplate of righteousness, the sandals of peace and the helmet of salvation. I lift up the shield of faith against all the fiery darts of the enemy; and I take in my hand the sword of the Spirit, the Word of God. I choose to use Your Word against all the forces of evil in my life. I put on this armor and live and pray in complete dependence upon YOU, blessed Holy Spirit. You can also insert your loved ones names after the "I put on _____" and insert their name as you repeat the prayer of protection.) May the Word of God from the book of Ephesians bless you and empower you to be bold in prayer so that when you go for a walk in your community or neighborhood, or even when you are driving around, you will feel protected. May you also be strengthened then to pray for others and ask for an additional release of an army of angels to fight on our behalf.

The fourth step is Action Prayer! When I go for a walk in my neighborhood, I simply ask God, "Wherever I walk or whatever home I pass, may there be an army of angels following me and being released and loosened on every home I pass to protect and guard against the virus and any other harm, in Jesus' name." Amen.

I would like to close this *Sharing* article with a blessing prayer that Russ Parker taught us recently at a healing weekend that was entitled, "The Power of Blessing."

"I bless you in the name of Jesus to know God, his purpose for your life, and his blessings on you and your family and the situations of your life." Amen

Let us ALL join together with the power of Jesus to fight this battle "armored up." Then go out to spread the power of God to bless others, with his army of angels following and fighting on our behalf! Thank you, Jesus, for your incredible love for every one of us and for being God WITH US, EMMANUEL, as we lean on you for strength, hope, courage and peace at this time of crisis in our nation and world. We know that you are more powerful than any disease or virus, and we ask in Jesus' holy name that you come against Covid-19 to destroy it once and for all.

LET IT BE SO!



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What a Strange Time This Is!

BY DITSIE SCOBIE

Father, what a strange time this is!

Stores are closed, people are isolated, products are in short supply, and the virus rages around the globe claiming thousands of lives. Yet, You are still on the throne; You are still sovereign; You are still Almighty God.

We watch for you and see your hand in the midst of the chaos.

We wait for you, knowing that you are on the move. What the enemy intended for evil, You will bring to great good.

And so, we come humbly before You, O LORD, our God. Seeking You, reaching for You, loving You and trusting You more.

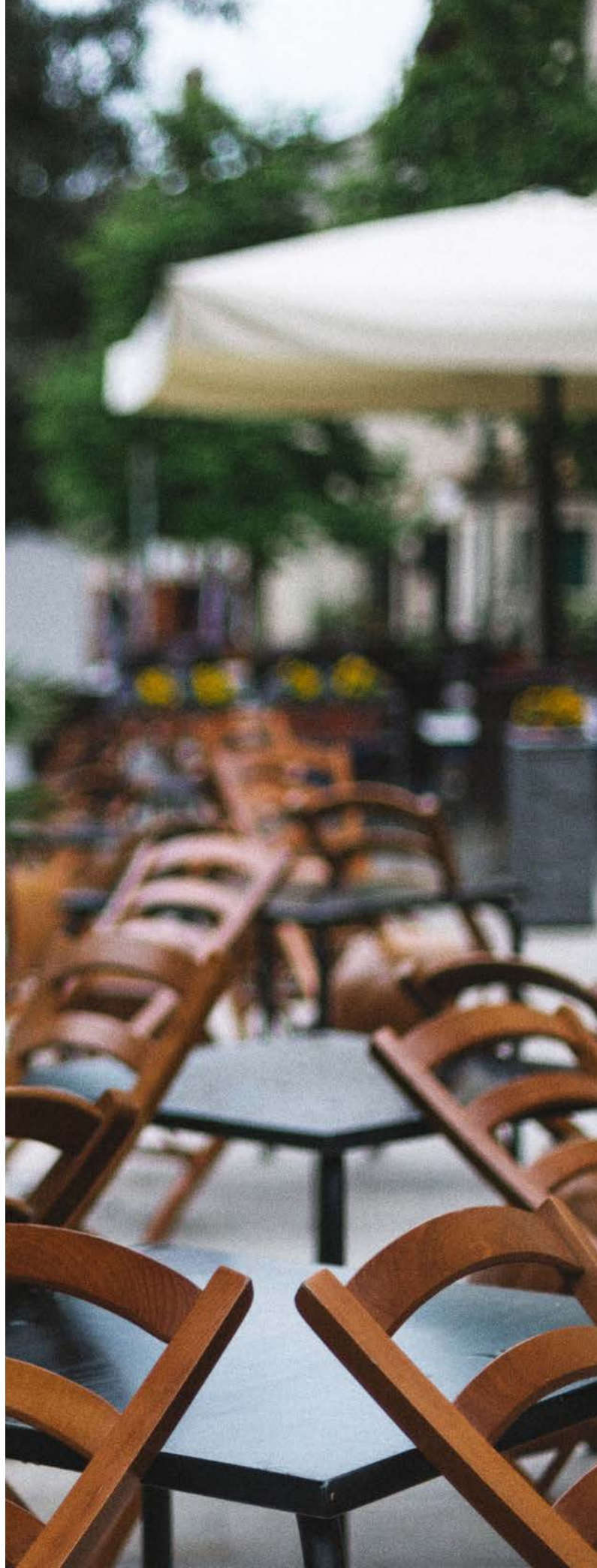
Is that part of this, LORD? In the midst of the uncertainty, we turn to You and find that You are steadfast. In the midst of the fear, we turn to You and find peace. In the midst of the emptiness, we turn to you and find all we need.

Things have gotten simpler, so many distractions are gone and we find that You are here among us with open arms of love—just where you've always been—waiting for us to come home.

We open our hearts, our minds and ourselves to You. Come fill us today.

Thank You, Father.

Amen



Share in Our Consolation

BY REV. JOHN E. CLARK

Early in the morning, while sipping my first cup of coffee, I sit in my favorite chair and study God's Holy Word. Many of you know that this is my habit, and my normal day starts before most of the world even thinks of about getting out of bed.

For the past several weeks, my thoughts have turned to the current COVID-19 pandemic. Questions start popping into my head: How did this happen? Why is this happening? How many must suffer and die before it is over? Why is God letting this happen?

Today, as I opened my Bible (Basic Instructions Before Leaving Earth), the pages fell to the answer. The answer I read was in those opened pages from Paul's second letter to the church in Corinth: *"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, who consoles us in all our afflictions, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction, with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God"* (2 Corinthians 1:3-4 NRSV).

This was a mind and heart opening epiphany. While most of us shelter-in-place in our homes, self-isolated from our families, friends, churches and most of humanity, what are we to do? Well, as always, God's Word gives us answers to all questions in life.

That is why I am responding to God's nudge as revealed in Paul's letter to the Corinthians. It's in obedience to God's message for me, and for everyone, to share the consolation received from Jesus Christ with others who are struggling

from their own afflictions. These are trying times in the world. Most of us have never experienced such trying times.

The COVID-19 virus is a great equalizer of all. It has no regard for age, race, religion, economic status, or where you live. But there is one other common thread that connects all of us. It is the mercy and consolation from God which we are commanded to share with others.

The answer I found for the questions most of us ask, "What can I do? I feel so helpless in all of this," is in the words of Paul in verses 6 and 7. *"If we are being afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation, if we are being consoled, it is for your consolation, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we are also suffering. Our hope for you is unshaken; for we know that as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our consolation."*

We are all suffering as one body, but we are also to be consoled as one body through the mercies and the consolations of God so that we may console others. Pray for others. Share God's mercies by consoling others with your phone calls. Text or message someone who is struggling as we all are struggling. Share in your consolation with a simple message of *Hope* written by your own hand and mailed to someone who needs encouragement to believe and know that God is in control.



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Prayer AND PANDEMICS

BY COLIN C M CAMPBELL, PhD

It is said that at the time of the Black Death, the churches of Europe were full. The urge to turn to God, especially in time of trouble, is universal; and Jesus knows that it is not only Christians who will be praying for deliverance from the current pandemic. However, just before he gave his followers the Lord's Prayer, he warned them not to pray as the pagans do.

Since the goal of both pagan prayer and the Lord's Prayer is help from God, we must ask in what way is the Lord's Prayer superior?

In the first place, in the Lord's Prayer, we learn who God is (a Father) and what his will is for us (to build the Kingdom of God). We learn of his Providence (for daily bread) and all the petitions that he has promised to answer (for forgiveness as we forgive, salvation in trials, such as now, and deliverance from evil). Lacking the clarity of this revelation, our non-Christian brothers and sisters flounder in the "vain repetitions" that Christ warned against.

Secondly, as well as the Lord's Prayer, we have been given the Holy Spirit. The overwhelming majority of our prayers, including our liturgies, consist of petitions for God to answer our requests. Yet, as Christians, because we have the Holy Spirit, logic dictates that, as well as us speaking to him, he wishes to speak to us and that we listen to him.

Understanding how this operates requires that we take a long step back and consider the origin of our thoughts and feelings—there are three.

The first lies within our nature. As our stored experiences interpret events, thoughts enter our minds. The second lies with the Holy Spirit, who speaks to us in charisms—ideas to enlighten the mind and emotions to empower the heart. The third, of course, is the enemy's anti-charisms, designed to spread confusion in our minds and perversion in our hearts.

Equipped with this understanding, we can begin to interpret the distinction between speaking and listening to God. To

be able to pray effectively, however, we must first draw into the Presence of the Risen Christ.

It is significant that in the Holy Liturgy and the Prayers of the People are preceded by a long time of praise and Scripture reading. Praying in the Presence of Christ is necessary if we are to pray with words whose origin lies not merely with ourselves.

"Speaking to God in prayer occurs when the words spoken are inspired by God's Spirit himself to be spoken back to him" (Romans 8: 26-27).

A practical example may help to clarify the issue. In healing prayer, I begin by asking what the supplicant wants prayers for. As I pray, sometimes my words change direction, and I end up praying for something quite different. The Lord has a more important problem to solve!

However, as well as inspired speaking prayer, there is also inspired listening prayer. Once we are in the Presence of Christ, rather than asking him to do what we want him to do for us, we can listen and let him tell us what he would like us to do for him and how he desires to help us.

This may be unfamiliar to some and regarded with suspicion by many. Yet in times of stress, such as we are living in at the moment, I have found it to be deeply reassuring.

Reading in Scripture of God's providential care helps. Asking for that care, and trusting that he is listening, helps even more. Hearing personally how he intends to do it and what he requires me to do is most helpful of all.

This is a wonderful opportunity for us to draw into God's Presence and find the One who not only wishes to listen but also to speak.



Colin is a high school physics teacher and has been an active member of OSL after discovering the reality of healing prayer 35 years ago! He founded the OSL chapter in Hamilton, Ontario, and has served on the OSL NA Board of Directors, serving three terms as President.

As I grow in the knowledge of the healing ministry, sometimes I still find myself caught in the grip of fear and unable to respond as I feel a healing minister should. Over the last several years, I have become more acutely aware of someone needing prayer from just the smallest hint that they drop. Most of the time, I can take advantage of these hints and offer prayers. However, there are times I do not step out, and I criticize myself later for my lack of action. As I read the healing message of Jesus and the demoniac in the Gospels, I realize I am in good company. To understand the mindset of the disciples fully before Jesus interacts with the demoniac, let's examine the prior Scripture passages when they all leave for the region of the Decapolis (Matthew 8:23-27; Mark 4:35-41; Luke 8:22-25).

FEAR NOT

BY MALCOLM SELF

When Jesus finished teaching to a large crowd, he and the twelve disciples depart on a boat to cross the Sea of Galilee. It is usually a two-hour trip, and the disciples that are fishermen make no mention that there might be bad weather. Jesus falls into a deep sleep. Suddenly, a "furious squall" comes up, and waves break over their small boat. The disciples are filled with fear, and as a last resort, awaken Jesus and say, "*Teacher, don't you care if we drown?*" Jesus immediately awakes, calms the storm, and then scolds the twelve: "*Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?*" It is evident that Jesus fully expected them to have the faith to calm the storm. It is noted that the disciples were terrified!

In the next part of this gospel account (Matthew 8:28-34; Mark 5:1-20; Luke 8:26-39), Mark and Luke agree that Jesus and the twelve sailed to the eastern shore of the Sea of Galilee but mention that only Jesus departed the boat. As Jesus stepped ashore, a naked, crazy, demon-possessed man, who was yelling and screaming, ran toward Jesus. There is no mention of the disciples being with Jesus during his time of healing the demoniac. If I had been in a terrifying storm and saw a demoniac charging the boat, I would not have gone ashore either. I guess they were once again trembling with fear while in the safe confines of the boat. As if this wasn't frightening enough, the disciples watched as over 2,000 pigs ran off a steep incline to drown in the sea. I cannot imagine what was going through the disciples' minds at this point. After a short while, the townspeople showed up and convinced Jesus to leave. At this point, I certainly would have been ready to make sail and leave that wild Samaritan region. Mark and Luke are in agreement again as they both mention only Jesus got into the boat, not Jesus AND the disciples.

Fear gripped the disciples to prevent them from being all they could be. My prayer, as a healing minister, is to renounce all fear and be the person that the Lord calls me to be. In this time of strife and fear that grips the world, let us not be like the disciples in the boat. FEAR NOT, as our Lord stands with us to defeat this pestilence.

"Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand" (Isaiah 41:10 NKJV).



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Clean Hands, Pure Hearts

BY JAN DE CHAMBRIER

I thought I'd learned all I needed to know about hand-washing in kindergarten. But a global pandemic leaves little margin for error. Who knows but that one second short of the magic 30 might cause a crafty Covid-19 escapee to take up illegal residence? So I am doing my part to help prevent the spread, honoring guidelines set up by medical authorities.

Yet this hyper-focus on hand hygiene has transcended a purely physical orientation in me, evoking loftier thoughts of Scripture passages dealing with clean hands. Psalm 24:3-5 says, *"Who may ascend the mountain of the Lord? Who may stand in His holy place? The one who has **clean hands** and a pure heart, who does not trust in an idol or swear by a false god. They will receive blessing from the Lord and vindication from God their Savior."*

God's word doesn't stop with sanitized, even sanctified, hands. The psalmist David ranks a pure heart on par with clean hands, a dynamic duo that ushers God's children into His holy place and assures us of His blessing. So how do we get there? Come along with me.

With the outbreak of Covid-19 and shelter-in-place orders, I decided to jump-start my annual spring cleaning. Without the typical time constraints of years past, I came face to face with the unvarnished facts: I had no excuse to overlook ANYTHING. So baseboards and ceiling fans were dusted, closets purged, carpets steam cleaned and tile floors polished. It was all "lookin' good."

But my meticulous Merry Maid-conscience nagged, "What about the attic?" So I grudgingly trudged upstairs to tackle



ten years' worth of detritus: such objects of obsolescence as VHS and cassette tapes; mismatched, castoff kitchen utensils from our son's college apartment; random odds and ends flung into the nearest box in deadline-beating desperation when we moved ten years ago. Then there were the things that might one day come in handy, but we really hope not to have to use: a pair of crutches and a geriatric shower stall chair.

As I plumbed the depths of dust and dirt, disgusted by this useless accumulation of oh-so-much junk, I began to think of the invisible debris cluttering the recesses of my mind: remembrances of little hurts from childhood; resentment towards those who had slighted me; envy of others whose achievements may have eclipsed my own; hypocritical attitudes of my heart no one would likely ever guess were there; less than charitable assessments of public figures and even family members; and prideful, self-centered, me-first thoughts.

Coming back downstairs, I washed my hands easily enough, with 30 seconds of scrubbing to the *Happy Birthday* song (*Jesus Loves Me* works, too). But the thoughts and attitudes of my heart weren't quite so squeaky clean. James 4:8,10 reads, "*Come near to God, and He will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. Humble yourselves before the Lord, and He will lift you up.*"

There it is, God's sanctification plan. Wash your hands. Purify your hearts. Humble yourselves.

I believe we are on the brink of the greatest revival the world has ever known, a time preceding the return of Jesus, and an opportunity to participate in the Great Harvest of souls. God is allowing these present circumstances, this time of enforced isolation, as a chance for each of us to draw nearer to Him than ever before. Why not climb into Papa's ample lap, your Shelter-in-place, just like a child? Confess your

sins, and know He will forgive you of every one of them and even choose to remember them no more. Let Him sweep your mind of all the dust bunnies and cobwebs of the past, making room for the mind of Christ. Rethink the thoughts and attitudes of your heart. "*Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand*" (Matthew 3:2).

*"Who may ascend the mountain of the Lord? Who may stand in His holy place? The one who has **clean hands and a pure heart**, who does not trust in an idol or swear by a false god. They will receive blessing from the Lord and vindication from God their Savior."*

Father, thank you that you love each of your children with an everlasting love, a love available to all who call on your Name. Thank you that you sent your Son into the world not to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. Lord, as we draw near to you during this time of confinement, we ask you to do a deep cleansing in us, the body of Christ, washing us with the water of your Word, creating in us clean hands and pure hearts, purging us of those thoughts and attitudes of our hearts that are not consistent with the truth of who we are in you. Lord, make us altogether holy and whole, that the world would see Christ in us, the hope of glory. We look forward to the fulfillment of your promise, "*Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God*" (Matthew 5:8). In Jesus' name, amen.



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Coronavirus Prayer

BY LINDA MILLER



Heavenly Father, I thank You that on the cross Jesus carried our sin, sickness and disease. He Himself took our infirmities and bore our sicknesses (Matthew 8:17).

Thank You, Jesus, for giving us authority to trample on serpents and scorpions and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt us (Luke 10:19). I believe Your Word, and I stand firmly on that promise (Mark 5:36; 2 Peter 1:4).

In the name of Jesus Christ, I take authority as a believer and speak to the "mountain." I speak directly to coronavirus (COVID-19), influenza, spirits of infirmity, death and the deadly pestilence! Coronavirus, STOP! Be removed and be cast into the sea (Mark 11:23)! You will no longer multiply! You will not spread infirmity and death! I command you to total inactivity and to be rendered harmless in the name of Jesus Christ! I call forth a cure in the natural, now! Thank You, Lord, for the cure!

I bind the spirit of fear! I thank You, Lord, that we have nothing to fear because you have not given us a spirit of fear but of power, love, and a sound mind (2 Timothy 1:7). We will not be afraid! We will believe only (Luke 8:50)! I receive Your perfect love, for perfect love casts out fear (1 John 4:18)!

Thank You, Father, no weapon formed against us will prosper; and every tongue that rises up against us in

judgment, we will refute (Isaiah 54:17). I come against the lies of the enemy speaking death and destruction. We will not die but live to declare the works of the Lord (Psalm 118:17). Thank You, Lord, that by Your power we are delivered from the deadly pestilence; and no plague can come near our dwellings (Psalm 91:7-10). I commit to speak faith! I will release love and faith in everything I say (Proverbs 18:21).

Father, I pray for President Trump, all government and health leaders (1 Timothy 2:1-4). I ask You to protect them and bless them with wisdom and understanding. I bind a spirit of poverty trying to create lack in this great nation. You will supply all our needs according to Your riches in glory by Christ Jesus! (Philippians 4:19) I bind the thief from stealing from us! I call forth divine provision, creative ideas, supernatural restoration of jobs, new businesses and abundant life! (John 10:10)

I call forth a spirit of unity in the United States and around the world. We will release love in our words and actions to everyone around us. We walk in the joy and peace that comes only from You. In You, O Lord, we have put our trust. You will never let us be put to shame! (Psalm 31:1) Thank You, Jesus; by Your stripes, we were saved, healed, delivered and provided for (1 Peter 2:24)! Thank You, Father! Thank You, Jesus! Thank You, Holy Spirit! Hallelujah! Glory to God! Amen!

Blessing Swap:

SHARE THE HOMEMADE GOODNESS!

BY ELIZABETH ALLEN, MD

Do you ever yearn for the delicious cookies your friend bakes? Would you like to add some zest to your prayer life? If so, imagine going to a “cookie swap” where you and your friends exchange your favorite homemade cookies and recipes. Yum! It’s so easy, and the cookies taste so good.

We can spice up our lives by gathering friends for a “blessing swap.” I love to have friends pray for my family. They often pray in heartfelt ways that would never have occurred to me. It’s so encouraging!

Recipe for a simple blessing swap:


Invite a few friends.

- **Ask** each one to bring their favorite blessing.
 - That’s the “go to” blessing they most love to pray.
- **Get together**—by phone or Zoom, if needed.
- **Name** the people who are most on your hearts.
- **Ask** each person to bless them in their own special way.
 - Focus on the blessing more than the need.

Hint: “Healthy, long-term relationships” is my favorite thing to pray for people. That is what has blessed our family most. I can’t wait to hear what your favorite blessings are.

Make sure to let each other know the difference the blessings make, and rejoice that you now have some new blessing “recipes” to use!





Healed of Life-Long, Debilitating Asthma!

BY LINDA MILLER

My earliest childhood memories are of being sick and coughing—coughing hard, coughing long and uncontrollably. As a child, I was in the hospital many times per year, under a tent having six shots per day. That was not a lot of fun. They did not call it asthma back then; they called it sinus drainage, chronic bronchitis or pneumonia. My life was filled with vaporizers, nose drops, cough syrup, antibiotics and multiple medicines that rarely did much good.

I always covered my nose and mouth when it was cold outside because breathing cold air made me sick. I could not be around dust, pollen, hay (no hayrides for me) or outdoors in general. My family had to get rid of all rugs or carpet. We had no flowers or live Christmas trees; in fact, nothing “natural” could be in my house. I grew accustomed to my limitations. I just accepted that as normal for me.

Many people see their health improve with age. I did not; I got worse. I frequented the infirmary in college and later became friends with my doctors as an adult because I saw them so much. I just accepted that I would be deathly sick, “coughing up a lung,” multiple times each year. I

This story is a companion to piece to Brian Miller's article, "The Ripple Effects of Healing," in the March/April 2020 issue.

missed many milestone events growing up; it seemed it was just my lot in life.

I graduated from college, became a teacher, got married to the love of my life and had three children. My oldest, Erin, had the same cough, only worse! I remember long nights of holding her in the bathroom with the shower running all night long, and multiple trips to the ER, with her lips turning blue, for breathing treatments and shots. It was awful!

Finally, a specialist diagnosed her with an unusual form of asthma, no wheezing, just a terrible cough. The doctor asked who else in the family had asthma. He said it always runs in families. I realized that must be what I had as well.

In 1997, I had a radical experience with God. I started a prayer ministry at my church and began praying for people to be healed. One night at our prayer group, I asked them to pray for me to be healed of asthma. I said, "It's not a very good witness for me to be praying with people and stopping to go suck on a nebulizer to breathe."

We had a new church member, Marilyn Boyd, who said her mother had been a member of the Order of St. Luke, a healing prayer organization. She said she had taken her mother to healing meetings for many years, and they had a healing mission in Knoxville coming up in March, just a few weeks away. I said, "Wow! I am going to go to that meeting and get healed of asthma!" We all agreed to go together and believe in my healing.

The day finally came, March 12, and it was snowing with icy roads. Several of my prayer group called to see if we were going to make the 50-mile drive to the OSL meeting on the treacherous roads. I told them I was going! I was going to be healed, and nothing would deter me! So off we went, sliding all the way to Knoxville. We arrived safely and walked through the door of St. John's Episcopal Church.

We were greeted at the door by a very tall man who welcomed us and freely offered that he had been healed of asthma at last year's meeting. I took that as a "word" from the Lord that I too would be healed! Glory! My excitement grew!

We listened to a teaching and had lunch. Finally, the time came that I had been waiting for, the healing ministry. We filed into the sanctuary and sang songs of praise. They had four teams of two people positioned behind the chancel rails, and those of us needing healing waited in line for a team to open up.

My turn finally came! It was an elderly couple. (I later learned it was Bruce and Louise Whitehead). They greeted me so sweetly and gently asked what I needed the Lord to do for me. I replied, "I need to be healed of asthma." I knelt, and they placed their hands on my head and shoulders and began to pray very quietly. I could not understand what they were saying. They finished, smiled and thanked God for healing me. I got up and headed back to my seat.

My friends were waiting with anticipation. Eagerly they said, "Well? What happened?" I said, "I got healed!" They said, "What did you feel?" I said, "I didn't feel anything, but I did what the Bible said I should do, so I know I am healed."

I did not have any manifestation of healing—no tingles, no warm fuzzies—but I trusted I was healed and would not speak otherwise. After all, we walk by faith and not by sight.

Later, after the event ended, we headed to the door. I was standing beside the large, wooden doors when a gust of cold, COLD wind caught the door and blasted me in the face. I gasped deeply at the sudden rush of frigid air hitting my face. Immediately, gloriously, oxygen flooded my body in a way I had never experienced in my entire life! I felt oxygen/life flow into my fingertips, my toes; it was a breath unlike any I had ever had before. It was amazing! Words cannot describe it. Tears streamed down my cheeks; faith had become sight. Glory to God!

I have never had another asthma attack. I never needed another breathing treatment for asthma. (I would have taken one if I had needed it, but I did not need it.) Within a month, I was weaned off all prednisone and other asthma medications. But even better, I had energy. I felt good. It was amazing! Even my children took notice of the change in me. Later, my daughter was healed of asthma as well. All glory to the Lord! Thank You, Jesus Christ!

I joined OSL, and the glorious adventure of Jesus being my Savior, Healer, Leader, Light and Law is a blessed reality. I have seen miraculous healings ever since. Glory! God is so good! Thank You, Jesus Christ! Thank you, OSL.



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Zoom!

BY CYNDI KRUPP

HEALING THROUGH TECHNOLOGY

This afternoon a group of nine OSL members physically located in four states clicked a few links they were sent in an email and joined together using a program called Zoom.

We took a few minutes to have each of us check in, and then our Chaplain led us in a simple Healing Service that included time for each participant to share their concerns and receive prayers.

The Holy Spirit was obviously present.

Most of us cried.

We all received healing.

Hello, my name is Cyndi Krupp. I am a Convener in the Buffalo area of New York, the Retreat Coordinator for Region 2 and a new, on fire, Christian (baptized less than three years ago). When OSL North American Director, Rev. Josh Acton called and asked if I would

write an article focused on the "hows" and "whys" for us to stay connected during this time of social distancing, I immediately said yes.

Then I sat and prayed and asked for guidance. And I waited for it to come.

Have you noticed that when we pray and ask and then wait, the answer always comes?

Have you also noticed how much more powerful the experience is when we do it within our healing communities? *"For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them"* (Matthew 18:20).

In the fall of 2016, I was ill, frightened, isolated and without a church. I prayed for help, and Jesus touched me and led me to an OSL retreat that lit up and transformed every aspect of my life. Jesus touched me and brought me home.

Since then I have immersed myself in both OSL and the

Episcopal Church with services on Sunday, Bible study on Saturday, healing services two to three times a week and retreats two to three times a year. Joining with others who are focused on Jesus and the healing ministry brings everyone involved more joy, health and peace.

At first glance, the current social distancing regulations put a grinding halt to this life of service and fellowship.

For you too?

Without meeting with others through the healing services, Sunday Eucharist, bible study and my time at the local community center, I started to remember the isolation and pain I felt before Jesus touched me in 2016.

I realized, along with many others within the church community, that I was not alone in feeling the pain that comes from being separated from family.

As I sat with the fear and the loneliness, I took it to prayer and almost immediately felt the gift of the Holy Spirit. I felt the loving presence of the one who is with us always, and who connects us not only to our Father but to each other. I recognized that through the gift of the Holy Spirit, we would never be alone.

From this recognition of the Holy Spirit's touch (Does anyone else feel it's the warmest, most comforting hug in the world?), I realized that for every door closed, a window is opened. Within every problem there lies not only a solution but also a gift.

All over the world, businesses, families and groups are staying connected using programs like Zoom.

It is a program that allows us to see, hear, share and pray with each other. Like our group experienced today, the Holy Spirit does not find our need for social distancing a hindrance when we ask for healing for ourselves and others.

A little bit of technical "know-how" is required to get things up and running—but much less than most would believe: I watched my nephew assist my technology-phobic Mom through the set up of Zoom on her iPad! Once set up, regularly returning to meetings is easy.

The financial investment is low (our healing community is investing \$14.95 a month for a Zoom account that allows meetings that can last 24 hours and have 100 participants).

The gift, as we discovered during our healing service today was that we could connect and pray not only with those who were within commuting distance but also with

anyone, anywhere, who has the link to join. Like many people all over the world, I have had some moments of almost debilitating fear. I feel so blessed to know with absolute certainty that the answer to all fear is the same.

Here is a quote from the book, *Left to Tell: Finding God in the Rwandan Holocaust*.

I realized that my battle to survive this war would have to be fought inside of me. Everything strong and good in me – my faith, hope, and courage—was vulnerable to the dark energy. If I lost my faith, I knew that I wouldn't be able to survive. I could rely only on God to help me fight.

We, as members of OSL, have agreed to join together, and in Jesus' name, use the most powerful force in the Kingdom, PRAYER, to combat the adversary in whatever form it takes.

Together we can, and we must, use the technology available to us to activate the Healing Power of God's Word.

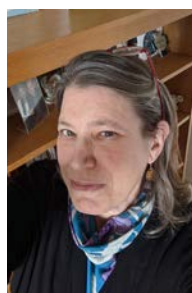
It has never been more important than it is right now.

"The seventy-two returned with joy and said, 'Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name.' He replied, 'I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you. However, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven'" (Luke 10:17-20).

Today, I am part of a virtual weekly contemplative prayer group, a weekly virtual healing service, and have begun talks to offer a Virtual Region 2 Healing Retreat.

I invite every one of you to reach out to your Healing Communities and take whatever steps are required to learn what the 72 learned when then stepped out to heal in the name of Jesus.

I offer my help in whatever way serves to get you started. Please call (716) 725-3677 or send an email to krupp_cyndi@yahoo.com. We can pray together and I will answer whatever questions I can.



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2020

Leadership Retreat

BY DITSIE SCOBIE

What a wonderful time of joyful celebration, anointing, fellowship, interaction, teaching, impartation and healing the retreat was! Attendees came from all over the country to hear dynamic and powerful speakers, and they went home filled with the Spirit and richly blessed. They came with open, expectant hearts and minds and received freedom and power. Necks, backs and feet were healed, hearts were opened, burdens were lifted and a cane became a Moses staff.

It opened with a prophecy that the retreat would lead OSL into greater unity and a clearer vision through the coming year and with a reminder that OSL is a healing balm during the world's pain.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE RETREAT:

Pastor Sharon Lewis began the retreat with her teaching on **Rejection**, reminding us that we are the walking gospel; but we carry our rejection, which holds us back from doing the things God calls us to do. Fortunately, God moves us through our issues to get us where He wants us to be. We are God's delight, and He will use our rejection to fulfill His purposes in our lives if we walk through it with Him. We are invited to allow Jesus to heal us, to forgive from the place where the wounding occurred and to release the person who did the wounding. God will heal us as we touch Him.

Based on Craig Miller's book, *Breaking Emotional Barriers to Healing*, **Fr. Paul Feider's** teaching ministered to **Healing of Emotions**. People come to healing ministers in need of a safe place where they can feel Abba's love



and be released from their pain. He reminded us that the longer we stay unhealed, the harder it is to get free. Most healings require forgiveness of a core memory. Those negative memories often cause a distorted perception of truth about ourselves in God and a distorted picture of who God is. The Presence of Jesus brings truth and healing, allowing the person to forgive the offender and be set free. He reminded us that OSL members are anointed to heal. He taught us how to do a "Love Hug," where we wrap our arms around ourselves and picture Jesus hugging us.

Jesus is our healer and deliverer—He sets us free and closes the door to sin, while opening the door to God's healing and blessing.



Following Fr. Paul's teaching, **Pastor Sharon** talked about **Moving in the Holy Spirit**. Our dark places need a touch of God so that He can take our messes and make a message for Him to use. The Holy Spirit gives us freedom to love and receive power to be His witnesses. God is head-over-heels in love with us, and we should freely thank Him for all He does and all He is. Remember that it's all through God's power and might, and keep in mind who we are in Him and who He is in us.



So often, there's a residue of evil that triggers negative reactions in us. In **Rev. John Rice's** teaching on **Basics of the Unbound Ministry Model**, he showed us a way to give God access to this residue. Jesus is our healer and deliverer—He sets us free and closes the door to sin while opening the door to God's healing and blessing. Jesus does the heavy lifting, but He uses our hands, hearts and love. The Holy Spirit leads, and we follow; the darkness meets the powerful One who is victorious. Through the Unbound Ministry, we get freedom in Christ—freedom to know the Father through the Son, freedom to belong, freedom to be ourselves, freedom to love and be loved and freedom to receive abundant life. Neal Lozano developed this ministry, and the details are in his book, *Unbound: A Practical Guide to Deliverance*.



Julie Jahn gave us a wonderful demonstration of how the **Unbound Model** works (thank you, Christa, for volunteering). The keys to this healing model are



repentance, faith, forgiveness, renunciation, authority and blessing. The prayer session helps people take back what is theirs as they deal with the roots of the issues, and it blesses them to become the ones God created them to be.

Dr. Michael Malloy gave us a brief update on the **Boot Camps** before **Rev. Josh Acton** and **Pastor Sharon** taught on **Practical Gifts of Ministry**. Josh told us that we get continuous revelation from God. God pours His power, light and love into our lives and empowers us to serve Him with the gifts He gives us. All the gifts can be healing gifts when they are used for others. When we pay close attention to what God is saying to us in the still, small voice, His Words become a powerful gift for others. **Pastor Sharon** encouraged us to go for the touchdown. There are no shortcuts with God in charge. The Word of God is critical—we are to listen and follow. The characteristics of God that saved us (wisdom, compassion, mercy, encouragement, love, grace, etc.) are our gift to use in the healing of others. We were baptized into the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit; so where they go, we go. We have the fullness of the Godhead in us.

We had a powerful Friday evening session with **Josh** teaching on **Hearing God and Speaking Words of Knowledge**. Light is the one constant in the universe, and God made His light shine into our hearts. Our true home is in the kingdom of light—radiant and powerful, the embodiment of God. Our true self is Christ in us, and nothing can separate us from His love. He is for us, and He lives in us! When we pray, it's not up to us—we just show up and let Jesus do the work. When we minister, we have the power of Jesus praying, healing and encouraging through us. We are to see Christ in ourselves and others—we have the faith of Christ working in us.

Dr. Elizabeth Allen led a session on **Thriving in Community**, where we were encouraged to envision what our local healing community would look like if we did

what God had in mind for us, and what steps our healing communities take to walk in that vision. The visions people shared were encouraging and very similar—God plans for us to be in unity, to be growing, to be connected and to take the healing ministry of Jesus out to a broken world. God is creating space for OSL to do what He wants us to do. He's ready for us to start doing things differently. Let's fill that space with the Presence of Jesus.

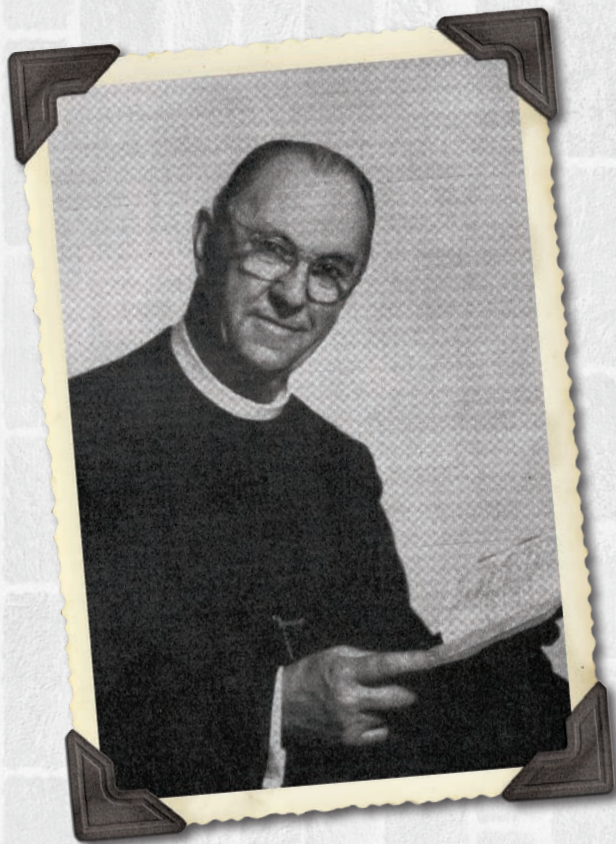
With great enthusiasm and humor, **Pastor Brian Miller** painted a picture of how we can **Heal the Next Generation** and draw them into OSL. Our mission is to break the identity crisis off the next generation by teaching how good Jesus is and by pouring Him into people. He encouraged us to have the "Kind Eyes Anointing" that invites people to talk with us because it's an opening the Holy Spirit can use. He will open a crack for us to use to kick the door open. We are Holy Spirit Door Openers!

Our Retreat ended with **Saran Warne** leading us in a time of Christian listening (five minutes of listening to another person without saying anything), letting the person share the things that were most important to them, then blessing them in that area. Pastor Sharon sent us out with a beautiful priestly blessing.

Thanks to the team at Prince of Peace for their work in putting together the retreat, to the men who provided the Low Country Boil, to the terrific presenters whose talks blended together perfectly, to those who came with such a positive expectation and to Holy Spirit for His leading throughout the Retreat.



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Flash BACK

BY REV. JOHN GAYNOR BANKS

How to Pray *for Others*

The Rev. John Gayner Banks and his wife Ethel established OSL. A collection of his lectures from healing missions are featured in his book "Healing Everywhere." This article is from one these lectures and it appeared in the January, 1981 issue of Sharing magazine.

The promises of God are always "yes," but we have not learned to tune into them; so we think they may be "no" for us. Sometimes when we turn to God in prayer, it is with the attitude: "Eenie, meenie, miney, mo! It might be 'yes,' and it might be 'no'!"

But God's Word is always yes! You are dealing with the Mind of God, which is positive and affirmative. It is what is contrary to that Mind, which is "no!" If you are thinking thoughts that are not in harmony with God, then, of course, you create a "no."

To pray well is to think with God and to allow the pure truth of God to correct all the wrongs in our conscience. We need the clear vision and the clear speaking of the Son of Man. We must immerse ourselves in and saturate ourselves with the sayings of Jesus, live on them day by day, absorb them; then, we shall have power to pray and power to heal and power to solve the problems of everyday life. The disciple is disciplined by the words of the Master. Discipline is the process of becoming a disciple, and it takes perseverance, persistence, and intelligent indoctrination in the teachings

of Jesus. "If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed."

Jesus said, "And ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free" (John 8:32). The truth of the last part of that statement of our Lord depends upon our acceptance of the truth in the first part. We speak a lot about truth, but we spoil it with negative thoughts. We "think evil" in our hearts, almost without knowing it, and thereby we dilute the power and efficacy of the truth which we really do believe. If we could learn to think with God, we'd get well. When we think evil in our hearts, our bodies respond. If you ever want to do successful work in healing or in intercession or in ministering to those who are mentally or physically ill, you must learn to think with Jesus.

An intercessor is one who prays with others. Intercession is really an advanced form of prayer, and it is not an easy thing to do. It is greatly needed, and every disciple of Jesus should become an intercessor—but do not take it too lightly. Someone says, "Will you pray for Harry? He's having an awful time!" Or a woman friend of yours, Emily, has had an automobile accident. She is not in danger of losing her life, but she is considerably crippled and needs much hospital care. You are asked to pray for Emily. Or you have a son in the Army. He is drinking too much and living a rather wild life. You've heard about it, and you are worried about it. His name is Tom.

Now, stop for a moment and ask yourself just what you are going to say to God. Are you going to tell God that Harry is having an awful time? God knows much more about it than you do; you don't have to inform Him. How will you represent Harry in your prayer to God, while being sincere and straightforward in your words, and yet doing Harry some good?

Will you tell God all about Emily's accident? He knows the facts. You do not have to relate them to Him. How do you bring the virtues, the resources of God, the love of Christ and the healing power of the Holy Spirit to Emily, the victim of this accident? Or take your son. Would you go to God and say, "Tom is getting rather wild, a bit out of hand. He is drinking too much and in the wrong kind of company. O God, can You do something about it?" You could pray that way, of course, but it would not be an ideal intercession.

This technique has helped me immeasurably, and it may help you. There are many methods of intercession; this is not the only one. First, get quiet. It might take two or three minutes. Rushing into God's Presence is not the ideal way. Say something like this to Him: "O God, take these few minutes of my time and accept my desire to help these, Thy servants."

The keynote of prayer is this opening quietness: "Speak, Lord, for Thy servant heareth." We reverse the order many times and say, "Listen, Lord, for Thy servant speaketh." Offer your love, your will, your time (perhaps fifteen minutes or more), your imagination to God on behalf of those for whom you pray. Put some sacrifice into it.

Now, the second step is to get a sense of God as Light. If you are in a chapel or church, look toward the altar or the cross on the altar. It helps to focus your attention on God. If you are in some other place, close your eyes and think of God in terms of Light. His purpose is always full of light. God is Light, and in Him there is no darkness at all. Into that light bring Tom, Harry, Emily or the person you are praying for. Don't ask God anything, don't tell Him anything and don't beg Him for anything. Just bring the person in thought and imagination and lift him in that light. You are looking away from self and into the Love of God.

One great danger in intercessory prayer is the tendency to concentrate on the sick or troubled person. You must look away from the trouble. Look away from the disease of the problem and look up to God. "Thy will be done on earth (here and now) as it is in Heaven." If you make this your habitual attitude, you will see a change in your friend. You do this by an act of your will. You HOLD HIM differently; you bring your friend by prayer in the Presence of Jesus so

that God may take care of him. "Hallelujah, for the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth" (Revelation 19:6). God is good and only Good—and the only authentic picture we see of God is in Jesus Christ. The God we worship is the God Jesus preached.

Your next step is to try to see the person as God wants him to be. That is not exactly easy. You may have to take an intermediate step. See him as you would like him to be. Get a mental picture of him at his best. You still do not need to ask God. Deep prayer is communion between you and God. It will be a quiet exercise for your imagination. God uses your imagination. With His help, it becomes creative. See Tom cured of his addictions. See Emily recuperating in the hospital. See the nurses, the doctors and the physiotherapists as agents of God's healing power restoring her to health. See God working, bringing perfection out of imperfection, order out of disorder, ease out of dis-ease and peace out of turbulence.

Now, take an additional step. Identify your desire for that person with God's desire. "O God, I identify my will for Emily's recovery with Your will for Emily's recovery. I identify my desire for Tom with Your desire for his complete wholeness, complete control. I identify my wish for Harry's recovery with Your perfect will for his health.

Conclude your prayer with thanksgiving. Give thanks because you know that the work of God is being done. "Into Thy hands, O Lord, I commit this, Thy child; and I leave him in your Presence. I thank you for the Light of Healing Power that is shining upon him or upon her at this moment."

You need not repeat this whole procedure every day, but you do keep them committed. Hold them in the Light consciously. You might say something like, "O Lord, I leave Emily in your Presence. I thank you for the benefit she has received in just this last day and night." You do not need to follow a set form. Be natural about it. Use your own words.

Then, it is good to have some contact with the person you are praying for. Bring them a little help. Increase their morale by saying a word of encouragement to liven them up a bit. Take them a small pamphlet. There are good ones. Add this personal ministry to your prayers.

Don't try to include too many people in your intercessions at first. It is better to start with one than with sixteen. As you grow in intercession, God will lay people on your heart from time to time. When such an urge comes, don't put it off. Learn to keep looking toward God and taking people with you.

KARYL LOUX IS INDUCTED INTO OSL



OSLOSL exists to empower God's people with Jesus' healing ministry. A person is typically drawn to this ministry by the voice of Jesus in the hearts of those called. They have a special feeling about the power of Jesus to heal all wounds and illnesses of individuals and the world.

Once I made the decision to join OSL, I was asked to engage in a study of all 26 of the healing miracles of Jesus in the Bible. The readings and reflections occurred independently, but then we came together as a group of eight to discuss and examine what each miracle means and how it impacts each of us. We met weekly for about three hours per session. Group study is important, as Jesus modeled his teachings to groups and seldom to just an individual. His core group was twelve, and he taught and modeled healing behaviors for three years.

By the second session we began practicing and submersing ourselves in healing prayers for each other, including laying our hands upon each other. This not only involved the obvious prayer call but also our willingness to express our own needs for

healing prayers. We also joined hands in a circle, praying for the health of each other, our parish and the world. We engaged in soaking prayer for each other, which involves silently laying on of hands and simply soaking (or pouring over) the person with prayers of healing and health.

We developed and maintain an ongoing prayer list for which we pray at least daily or more as time permits, and we still meet weekly. In each prayer we seek an indwelling of the Holy Spirit and the Healing Light of Jesus. We are simply the vessels; Jesus and the Holy Spirit do the healing and often direct the prayers.

Beyond these two aspects of training, we were required to attend a few healing services and at least one conference. Our group attended OSL healing conferences, and we were called to both give and receive healing prayers.

At my first conference, my hands were anointed to do this work. I also sought healing for my distressed gastric system, as Jesus told the disciples to go into any home and eat what is placed before you. I am pleased to say that I have not taken medicine for GERD for over two months now, and even my gastroenterologist said I was much better. We have also seen obvious/apparent healings as a result of our prayers. Thus, we have been given affirmation that what we are doing matters.

On February 23, 2020, we were inducted into OSL and anointed with holy oil on our heads and our hands. We were charged with the responsibility to anoint others and lay hands on them as we pray for their healing, always remembering that Jesus and the Holy Spirit are the true healers and that we are His anointed vessels in this work.

I am blessed, and may my healing prayers bring blessings to all that seek His intervention, via mine or other hands Jesus chooses to use. We have had few opportunities to have face-to-face contact, hands-on anointing and laying on of hands due to the COVID-19 situation. Thus, we pray remotely for others. I know that the fairly rapid healing of Dave and me after our accident is due to all the healing prayers sent our way. May you be blessed with good health and healing of any part of your body or mind, in the precious name of Jesus.

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Lower the Mat

BY CINDY J. EVANS

Just as the friends in the Bible
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may I be someone that takes you to Jesus
to do what only He can do.
May I place you in front of Him,
praying for your healing,
may I step out in faith for you
caring, lifting, bringing ...
No place too high,
no time to be shy,
just to get you to Jesus,
may that be my heart's cry!

Cindy Evans is a published poet living in the greater Atlanta area. She was inspired by her husband, Mark, to pen this piece. She enjoys praise music, walking, grand openings and serving at a local Christian counseling ministry.

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REGION 2 VIRTUAL HEALING CONFERENCE MAY 12-14

The Ministry of Blessings
and Praying with Jesus'
Power & Authority

VIRTUAL CONFERENCE VIA ZOOM

The Conference will be held virtually using Zoom, and specific details will be provided to all participants the week before the conference.

There is no better time than NOW for us to all join together, to pray together and to bless together.

Rev. John Rice will be teaching on "The Ministry of Blessing," including releasing God's goodness and grace in our community, in our families and in the world. He will also be teaching on "Praying with Jesus' Power and Authority," with an emphasis on the Biblical basis and his personal experience with this type of prayer. He will provide time for questions about the method and opportunities to experience praying with others.

Rev. Rice's third talk is entitled "Taste and See the Goodness of the Lord," and it will focus on increasing our capacity to experience God in both familiar as well as new ways, especially during this unprecedented time of sheltering in place.

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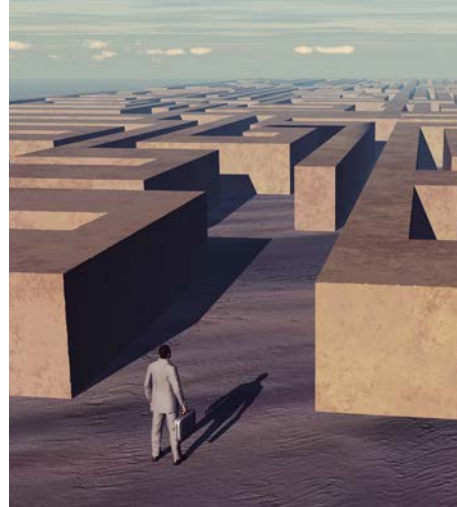
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Monday, May 11
6:00pm-8:00pm: Opening, prayers,
Rev. John Rice presentation

Tuesday, May 12
3:00-5:00PM: Break-out prayer circles
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Wednesday, May 13
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OSL VIRTUAL HEALING CONFERENCE MAY 29-30



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June 26-27 // San Diego, CA

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Theme: Arise, Shine for Your Light
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JULY 9-11 // INDIANAPOLIS, IN



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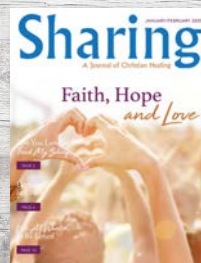
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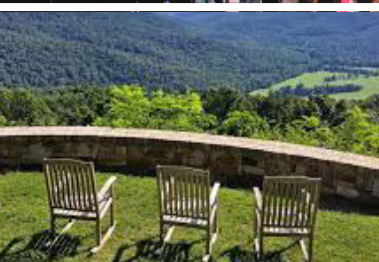
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