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There are conferences twice a year teaching, "How to have Victory."

There is teaching of the Word and how to apply it to your everyday life.

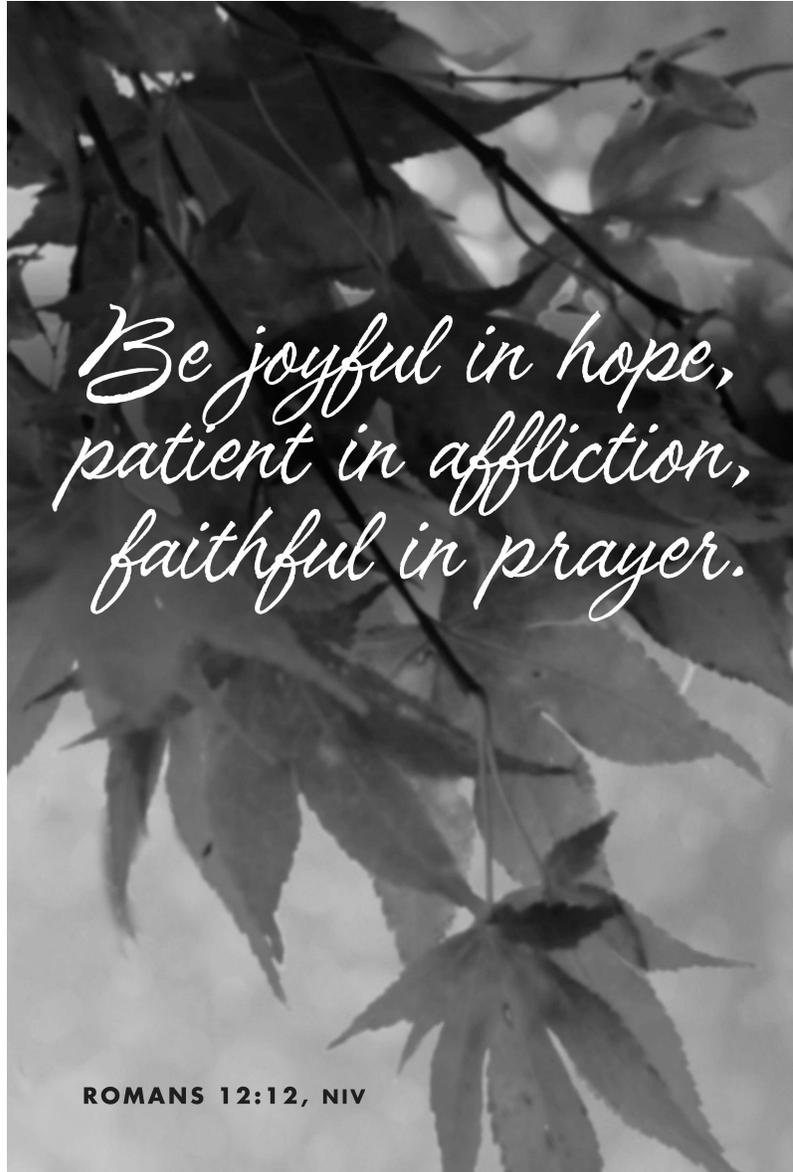
Private pastoral counseling is available, as well as inner healing for those who want to be set free from the past hurts in their lives.

Healing takes place on a regular basis. The Bible tells us by Jesus stripes we were healed. I Peter 2:24

If you need to have your faith come up to the next level, you will find how to do it.

Sunday services begin at 10:00 a.m. There are also opportunities galore for those interested in donating their time and talents.

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Set Free in the Name of Jesus

by Joan Hart

After I had received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit and spoke in tongues, a new hunger grew within me to read. I had never enjoyed reading books as much as I did after this experience. Not only did I read more and more of my Bible, but I read all the Christian books I could get my hands on. Whenever someone would ask me if I had read a certain book and I hadn't, I would head for the Christian book store to see if there was one there. If there was and it was within my budget, I would purchase it.

One of the books that had caught my eye at the book store was called, "Out in the Name of Jesus." I skimmed through it and it looked like something I thought I needed to read. With the Holy Spirit as my teacher and guiding me into various books, I felt this was one He was prompting me to purchase. It was all about getting set free from the manifestations of evil spirits. I certainly didn't want them operating in my life, yet as I glanced at the list of them in the book, I was sure they were influencing me in a variety of ways.

After purchasing the book I hurried home to begin to read it. I had no idea of what I was about to do or what was going to happen! My husband was working and our two children were in school so the house was all quiet which gave me time to begin reading.

I curled myself up in the big recliner and relaxed as my excitement grew concerning this new book. I looked at that title once again and began to read! The book said, "Greater is He that is in you, than he that is in the world." I John 4:4

I read Mark 16:17a that said, "And these signs shall follow them that believe: In my name shall they cast out devils." And in James 4:7 it says, "Resist the devil and he will flee from you." I certainly didn't want him in my life. I wanted freedom from all these evil spirits.

I remember the book told me to be sure to forgive others before I begin to deal with demons. I needed to be sure my heart was right with the Lord. Well, as far as I knew, I was right with God.

The book talked about the things we were involved in from childhood through today such as: fortune telling, crystal balls, tea leaves, Ouija board, horoscopes, rabbit's foot, white and black magic games, involvement in secret organizations, water witching, automatic writing, charms, witchcraft, drug abuse, rock music with hidden messages and many other such things. Then the book led me in a prayer of renouncing any involvement I might have had in them.

I was so serious about this that I did whatever the book said to do. I did not want any evil spirits running my life. The Word says, "My people perish for lack of knowledge." Well, I had received knowledge now, so I was going to get free! I was learning how much the devil is out to destroy us. He does not want us to have victory nor fulfill the plan God has for our life.

I read about the protection of the Blood of Jesus, so I spoke out loud and covered myself with the Blood of Jesus and proceeded to cast out any demons from myself. I began to name them out loud, one by one from the list in the book. I wasn't sure if I had any of them, but I wasn't going to let any stone go unturned.

Suddenly, I began to cough and cough until I was choking. Tears were coming out of my eyes and I could barely breathe. No one told me there was going to be such a showy display of these manifestations of evil spirits. Once all the coughing stopped, I would continue the list in the book only to be followed by more coughing, sneezing, etc. No one told me evil spirits leave you in a variety of ways. I thought they quietly left! Little did I know! They were not happy with me, but I was not about to quit until I spoke the last word on those lists. The choking, coughing and crying finally stopped, so I

knew the last demon was out in the Name of Jesus!

I sat there a few minutes trying to grasp all that had just happened to me. I knew the Lord had taken care of me during this deliverance. So I praised Him for what He had done.

As I continued to read the rest of the book, I realized I should not have done this on my own. I now needed to close the doors in my heart where I had given the demons entrance. I also began to notice that I felt empty inside! So, I applied the Blood of Jesus to myself and then began to read the Word for awhile. It was filling up that emptiness I had felt. When I was all finished with the whole procedure and shared it with some Christian friends we all had a big laugh at what I had done on my own! I should have had someone else with me praying. We praised God that He was in the midst of it taking care of His child, me!

The Bible tells us that the demons will come back and check to see if the house is clean or not. If it is not, that spirit will go get seven more evil spirits, worse than what left. We are the house the Word is talking about, so that is why we need to be clean inside and continually be filled up with the Word. I had been reading the Word all along, but had not been delivered of the evil spirits yet.

I would not recommend doing this by yourself. If you want to get rid of the evil spirits in your life, have someone come and pray for you. They need to apply the Blood of Jesus over themselves as well as over you and then bid up any showy display from the evil spirits. We don't really want to give them any attention by allowing the showy display. After you do that you are ready to begin your deliverance.

You could write down the name of any evil spirits such as: anger, rejection, unforgiveness, addictions, all fears, etc. that you want to name. After you name the evil spirits, bind them up in the Name of Jesus and then command them to leave in the Name of Jesus.

There is power in the Name of Jesus and the evil spirits have to obey His Name.

Every time we disobey the Lord in anything, we are the ones who open the door to the enemy, so we must be quick to obey and quick to repent! God is so faithful!

My life changed after my deliverance. The freedom I experienced was wonderful! Now I pray for many others setting them free of evil spirits and God gives the victory!

If you need to be set free call for an appointment at 269-388-8075. Ask for me, Pastor Joan Hart and we will pray asking the Lord what He wants.

Don't allow fear to hold you back. Fear does not want you to be set free. Fear likes to hold you in bondage to all the what ifs, or maybes in your life.

Fear has kept many back from following the Lord's plan in their lives. It is a paralyzing spirit, you need to be set free from it. God has not given you a spirit of fear but a spirit of power, love, and a sound mind.

Maybe there are other evil, or negative spirits you need to be set free from, don't hesitate to find out what you can do to get beyond their strongholds in your life. God is the answer and He knows how to bring you the victory you need in whatever area it is that you are dealing with.



A Famous Father

A great man died today. He wasn't a leader or a famous doctor or a war hero or a sports figure. He was no business tycoon, and you'll never see his name in the financial pages. But he was one of the greatest men whoever lived. He was my father.

I guess you might say he was a person who was never interested in getting credit or receiving honors. He did corny things like pay his bills on time, go to church on Sunday and serve as an officer in the PTA. He helped his kids with their homework and drove his wife to do the grocery shopping on Thursday nights. He got a great kick out of hauling teenagers and their friends to and from football games.

Tonight is my first night without him. I don't know what to do with myself. I am sorry for the times I didn't show him the proper respect. But I am grateful for a lot of other things.

I am thankful that God let me have my father for 15 years. And I am happy that I was able to let him know how much I loved him. That wonderful man died with a smile on his face and fulfillment in his heart. He knew that he was a great success as a husband and as a father, a brother, a son and a friend. I wonder how many millionaires can say that.

— Author unknown

A Gift for Mom

The three young children told their mother that she wasn't to lift a finger on Mother's Day. They were going to do all the cooking. So, they got out three pots, two frying pans, six measuring spoons, three mixing bowls, a double boiler, a chopping board and eight serving dishes.

Mom said it was the best Jell-O she had ever tasted!

My Sweet Mom

I've tried so many times, dear Mom, to write my thanks to you for all your love and tender care, your prayers and blessings, too; but seems the words would never come, the ones that had to be, to tell you just the way I feel and what you mean to me.

Your life has been a sacrifice in serving young and old; in sorrows, heartaches and hardships you came forth pure as gold. The memories that I have today on this dear Mother's Day, that your true love and faith in God, though tested, did not sway.

I am so grateful to my God and I shall ever be, for favoring me so very much by giving you to me. I have one goal I hope to reach before my time is through, and this, my precious darling Mom, is to be as sweet as you.

—Mary Rice Monroe

Getting in Free

A little boy came bouncing home, holding an ice cream cone. "Where did you get that?" asked his mother. "I bought it with the money you gave me for Sunday school," he smilingly answered.

"Why didn't you give it to the church?" she asked.

"Because the minister met me at the door and got me in free," he answered.

Say Cheese, Johnny

A mother was driving to a grocery store with her 5-year-old son, Johnny. They soon found themselves in a thunderstorm. Clashes of lightning and rolls of thunder came one after another.

The mother looked down at Johnny, thinking perhaps he might be afraid. Instead he was smiling.

"Johnny, why are you smiling?" she asked.

"Because God keeps taking my picture," he answered.

Hopelessness Turns to Joy

An excerpt from Joan's new book: "Divine Steps to Ministry"

One day as I was busy with my housework, I received a very disturbing phone call. My husband Dean was very ill and had been taken to the emergency room at the hospital. He had lost his sight, was numb on one side, had pains in his chest and was extremely weak.

When something happens to your spouse, you have to be able to be the strong one and encourage them no matter what you are dealing with. At a time like this, you can't think about yourself, because it's not about you!

By the time I arrived at the hospital, the doctors were treating him as if he had a heart attack, but that was not what was wrong with him. Then they decided he had a stroke, but that proved to be wrong too. With each passing day, he became more ill. His vision, however, did return, but the feeling in his body did not.

After a few days, the decision was made to admit him into the University hospital in Ann Arbor. They began the ordeal of testing him for every kind of disease you could think of. Our minds went back to the time Dean had cancer, which is a natural thing for a person to do. But the doctor ruled it out and said it was much more serious than that. We thought cancer was very serious, so now what?

The doctors did not allow me to stay with Dean and would only let me be with him during regular visiting hours. This was definitely a plan of the devil! We needed to be together because it encouraged both of us!

Sometimes when I would arrive Dean would be going through some horrendous test I would never have allowed had I known about it first. I think the doctors had me pegged for a trouble maker, but I did not want Dean to go through unnecessary tests. He was too sick to say much about anything. I had dealt

with doctors before and I was not afraid to speak up and say what I felt about a situation.

The doctors really thought he had multiple sclerosis because he had all the symptoms, right down to the sudden blindness in one eye. The test for that proved negative and the doctors said every test they did came back perfect, including the eye test. This was some sort of a disease they had never encountered before, I was told, and there was nothing they could do for him. He was dying, yet they released him and sent him home for the Lord and me to take care of him. I was scared and so was Dean. Once more we faced another crisis in our life together.

Dean couldn't walk around because of the numbness and pain on his left side, so he spent many hours reading God's Word and sleeping. He became very depressed and despondent. I on the other hand was dealing with my own anguish. It was extremely difficult watching him in this stressful state. I was helpless to do anything for him but to pray and trust the Lord.

Ministry Revealed

Dean and I had always felt we were to be doing some kind of ministry for the Lord, but so far the Lord had not revealed to us what that was. Now because of Dean's illness and all the time he had to read his Bible, God was able to speak to his heart and reveal that we were to have children's crusades.

We were so thrilled we could hardly think of anything else. The kids would hurry home to see what new ideas we had or what I had made for the services. The children contributed ideas as well as Dean and I. We all talked at supper about all the different things we could do to teach children about Jesus. It was a blessed time to say the least. I will share more of this in the next chapter. You can also read about Dean's miraculous deliverance in one of my other books, "Healing and the Miraculous."

By now Dean was walking with a cane and feeling much stronger. It seemed as if years had passed when really it had only been three months.

He was anxious to get back to work which entailed much traveling. He was doing some packing so he would be ready to go on his first Monday back, but I was not so sure it was such a good idea yet. He was still rather weak and he would be doing so much driving. Up to now I was still doing most of the driving when we went anywhere.

No decisions had been made yet. Actually, he had made his decision and I was trying to convince him to follow my decision. Where was my trust? After all, I had given him to the Lord just a little while ago, so why was I so concerned now? I guess it was that protective nature in women to take care of those they love.

As we were discussing all of this, the phone rang, which interrupted us. Dean answered the phone and as I watched, the expression on his face suddenly looked very serious.

Very close friends of ours, who were elderly just found out their married daughter in Ohio was dying. They wondered if Dean could drive them to Ohio right away. No way could be Dean drive that distance yet. He would have to drive forty-two miles to Howell, Michigan to pick up the friends first before heading to Ohio. What do you do in a situation like this? He had no choice but to say yes. I knew in my heart it was the right thing to do. This was their only child and they had no one else to help them, besides we loved them dearly.

Dean finished packing what he thought was for a week on the road with his job. God certainly had all things planned! We held each other as we prayed and cried. I couldn't even go along, because there was no one for us to leave our children with. I stood in the window praying for him as he drove out of sight. I quickly put him in God's hands to take care of.

He was gone about one week because of the funeral etc., and when he returned I noticed new strength in him. He had to deal with so much during that week,

yet God knew what he could handle. It certainly seemed to strengthen him and prepare him to go back to work.

The Abundance

With Dean having missed work and of course a paycheck as well as commission, we were financially in great difficulty. This was a big house to heat and it needed oil and our bills were all overdue. I added up everything we had, including the hospital bills. It all came to about thirty thousand dollars! It was overwhelming to say the least!

I knew God was our Provider! After all, He had proved Himself to us over and over. So one day in prayer, I asked the Lord to give Dean ten thousand dollars in commissions for the next three months; just so we could get out of debt.

The first month a commission check arrived, I was excited to open it, yet I was hesitant at the same time. I ripped it open quickly, and there before my eyes, was ten thousand dollars! I praised God, I danced, I shouted and cried in thanksgiving all at the same time! I was never so excited to pay bills before. I kept just enough back to get us through to next month's check.

The following month it was the same thing, another ten thousand dollars to pay bills. We were getting out of debt! We were so excited! Only one more to go and we would be able to make ends meet again.

The third month I pulled the envelope from the mailbox with his commission check in it. I was wondering if the Lord sent the rest of the money and what would I do if He hadn't. We needed this money. The places we owed money to were not so kind any more and we needed to take care of the rest of the debts. Slowly, I opened the envelope. Hallelujah! Another ten thousand dollars! I thanked God so many times, He must have been tired of hearing it. Never again did we receive a commission check for ten thousand dollars. God is so faithful to His Word. I'm still overwhelmed today when I remember this awesome answer to prayer from the

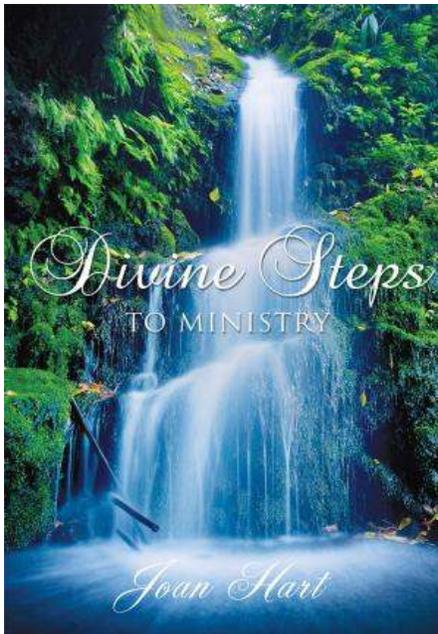
Lord.

In Matthew 21:22 it says, "And whatever things you ask in prayer, believing, you will receive." And in Matthew 7:6-7 it says, "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened."

I know we had been seeking the Lord on everything and I truly believed that verse that said if I prayed with faith, I would receive. It looked impossible, but nothing is impossible with my God! Thirty thousand dollars in deed!

Maybe you are in great need today and want God to do the impossible for you! Find a Scripture that backs up the answer to your need and speak it out loud. God will hasten to perform His Word for you and bring the desired result you need. Read your Bible and build up your faith so when you do pray, you are in faith and able to receive the answer. Always remember, nothing is impossible with God!

If you are interested in reading more of my book, "Divine Steps to Ministry", you can go to our web site: www.hart2heart.net or call the office at, 269-388-8075.



Divine Steps to Ministry

In "Divine Steps to Ministry" you will read how the Lord led Joan through each Divine step toward the ministry she has today. Some of the stories are serious while others are quite funny, like the chapter of "Flower Bulbs and Miracles"; yet all of them took Joan on a path toward greater obedience in serving the Lord. You will also read of the many blessings she received from the Lord during that time. Donation of \$18.00

Tid Bits

- * Spring is wonderful. It makes you feel young enough to do all the things you're old enough to know you can't. —Franklin P. Jones
- * Blessed is the man who can say that the boy he was would be proud of the man he is. —J. F. Burshears
- * I've read the last page of the Bible. It's going to turn out all right. —Billy Graham
- * Plan ahead! It wasn't raining when Noah built the ark. Still, when it was floating, he had to worry more about the woodpeckers inside than the flood outside.
- * One can sell Christ as Judas did, but one cannot buy Him.
- * The family altar would alter many a family.
- * A father is someone who carries pictures in his wallet where his money used to be.



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