



Hart to Heart Ministries

Christian Training Center

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Hart to Heart Ministries is a training center for those who desire to be used by the Lord.

There are conferences twice a year teaching the "How To" of ministry.

There is teaching on the love walk.

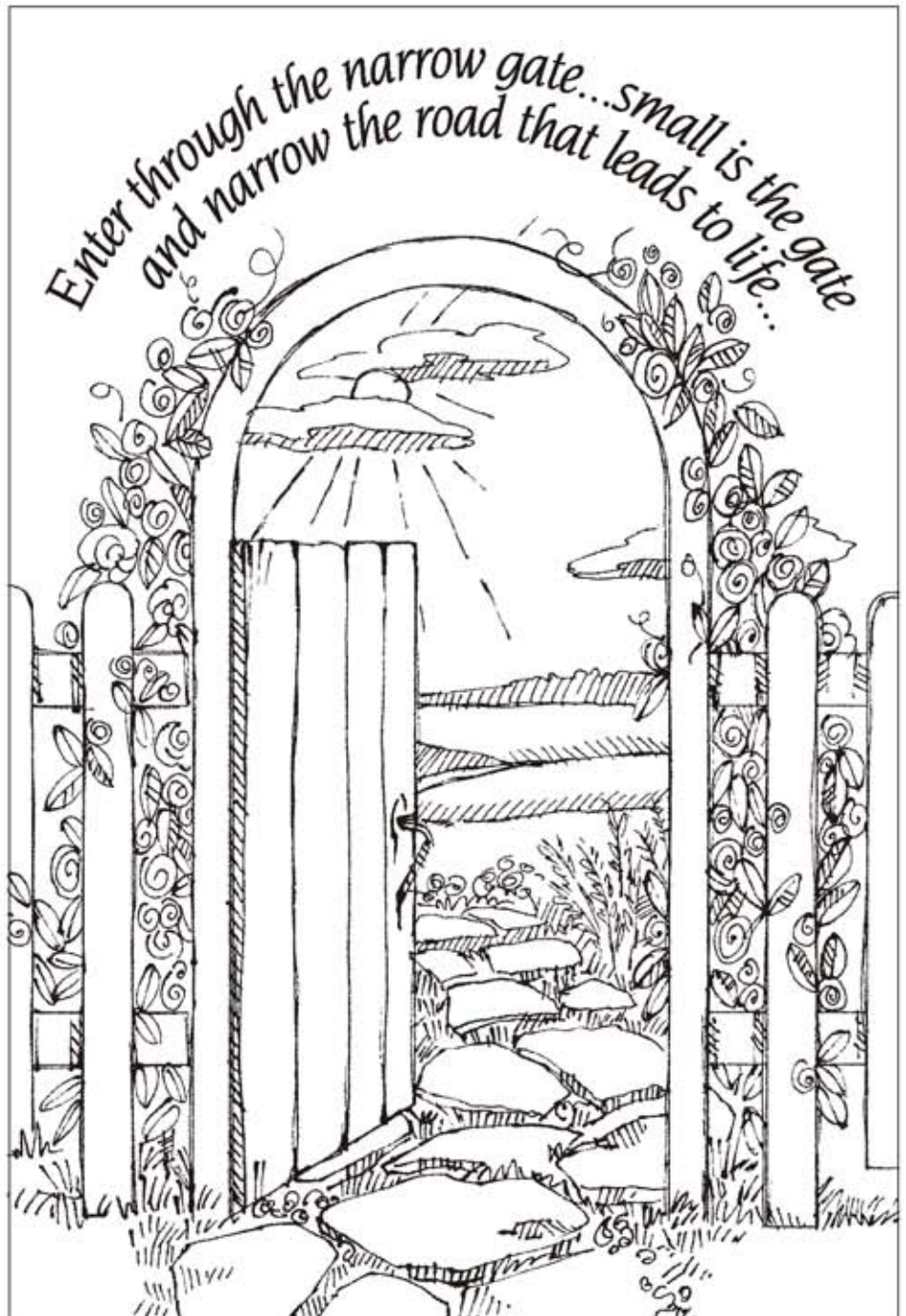
Private pastoral counseling is available, as well as deliverance for those who want to be set free from the past hurts in their lives.

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 opportunities galore for those interested in being a servant.

Bible study meets on Tuesdays at 7:00 - 8:30p.m. 8:30p.m.



A FRESH START

By Rev. Joan Hart

Many times in our lives, we think we have a plan, or we think we have to figure one out. Maybe we try to do something we are just not capable of doing in our human flesh. But I want you to know, God is not looking for our greatness. He is a great God who is looking for our obedience.

One thing I've learned over years of experience, is that God honors obedience. When we obey His ways, He is faithful to do His part. God enjoys blessing those who seek Him.

He tells us in John 14:27, "***Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.***"

The word peace here means "a harmonious relationship between God and man".

When we diligently seek God, He rewards us with the kind of peace that can come only from Him. Then it's a peace that doesn't come from the world and so it cannot be taken away by the world. God's peace brings oneness and wholeness.

I love the song we sing, "The World didn't give it and the world can't take it away". The song says, the world didn't us joy, peace, or love,. Think about those words.

Your heart felt joy inside didn't come from anyone or any situation in the world. **It came from the Holy Spirit who lives inside of you.** Since it came from the Holy Spirit, the world can't take it away from you either.

Many times people search for joy in all the wrong places. **Try searching for God and He will give you joy.** It doesn't cost you a dime either. Only your time with Him. And that's free! He paid the cost with His life for you. He wants you to have freedom, peace, joy, and love in your life. It is the most fulfilling life you can have, if you put Him first.

Did you ever try to get rid of stress on your own? You think you have it all figured out, you think you know how to do it. But the stress doesn't leave! Why? Because inside of each person there is a special place inside that wants to be filled with Jesus. Without Jesus you are empty and full of stress, etc.

Ask God to forgive you of your past sins and invite the Holy Spirit to come and live in you. He will. Making Jesus number one in your life is the greatest way to exchange your trouble for everything good God has to offer you.

We don't need doom and gloom in our life, we don't need a bad attitude, or anxiety. We need to trade all that old stuff for Jesus. He is all sufficient and able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think. It says so in Ephesians 3:20.

When you let go of self and begin to rely on Jesus, you will begin such a new and wonderful life. You can give Him your burdens and receive His blessings. You can give Him your stress and receive His peace as well as His joy.

Just think! **The greatest and the best will be**

given to you.

Exchange all your stress, your junk for everything Jesus wants to give you. It's quite a deal!

Satan has been running away with your blessings for much too long. I'm sure God is not happy about it either. If Jesus went to the cross for you and on your behalf, then all He paid for that's rightfully yours and should be yours, then it is up to you to receive it.

Before I received Jesus as my Savior, I was only a church goer. I loved it, but I still had no peace or abundance in my life. Everything was really going quite well, but in my heart, I was lonely, depressed, discouraged and quite full of fear.

I was afraid to have my husband go to work, because he might get hit on the road by someone. I was afraid to have our kids go to school. Someone might take them. I was even afraid to sleep in the dark.

I felt unloved and unwanted. Remember this is only what I was thinking. It was also what the devil was planting in my thinking. I didn't realize it at the time, but nevertheless, the words were evil and destructive. The enemy wanted me to end my life. He knew the plans God had for me. I didn't yet!

I had listened to the enemy long enough to believe his lies that no one loved me etc. So, why should I live? I thought it would be easy to take my life. Our children were in bed for the night, my husband would be home soon so they would be safe until he got there. I had decided, with the devils suggestions, to get a razor blade from the bathroom and slit my wrist. It was an easy death I thought.

I never thought about life after death. I didn't realize what satan had in store for me.

But God, but God, intervened! I stood in the doorway of our huge livingroom and looked around. I sighed and said to myself, "Oh , I'm so alone". Then an audible voice I heard over my shoulder said, "**Lo, I am with you always**". I stood there sort of frozen in my tracks. I glanced around to see who was talking, yet at the same time I knew those words were the words of Jesus. I had learned that Bible verse in Sunday School when I was a child. Of course I didn't see anyone, but I knew Jesus had spoken it to me.

I fell to my knees by a chair and began to tell Him I was sorry for everything I had ever done. It was the Holy Spirit who compelled me to that. I had never heard I needed to confess my sin in order to go to heaven. All I remember was hearing someone say one time that I would feel better if I received Jesus in my heart. So I said, "If there is any truth to what I had heard, I want Jesus to come into my heart right now". I continued to kneel there for a few minutes longer. The most wonderful feeling came over me. I didn't realize it then, but I know it was the peace of God that passes all understanding.

I rose up from the floor, turned off all the lights for the first time, and went to bed. I had the most peaceful sleep I had ever had. **The fear was gone!** I had just received salvation, my ticket to heaven, but had no understanding of it.

As time went on I was drawn into the Bible and then we left the religious church we attended and went to a Spirit-filled church where there was new life, and joy. I heard teaching, I received the fulfillment and freedom I had always been looking for. It's was getting into the right place and you

have a big "Yes" inside. This was right, this was where I belonged. This was of God. It fit, it worked and I was blessed!

Obviously I kept growing in the Lord through the years or I wouldn't be a pastor or sharing with you. It wasn't an easy road, but one worth it all. I wouldn't trade any of the trials we had to walk through in the past 30 years, because each one gave me a closer walk with the Lord and also helped me to know how to help others. I didn't like it at the time, but hindsight is always greater.

Today is the only day you have left in your life. You don't know if you will be alive tomorrow, or not! We don't know when Jesus is going to come and take us to heaven.

No one knows when they will die. Actually, we don't really die, we pass from this life to the next. But those who have confessed their sin and received Him as their Lord, will have a bright future to look forward to.

When I get to go to heaven, I look forward to there being no time. We can talk to Him as long as we want to. We can talk to others and laugh together. We can see those who have gone on before us if they received Jesus. It will be a celebration of a new life.

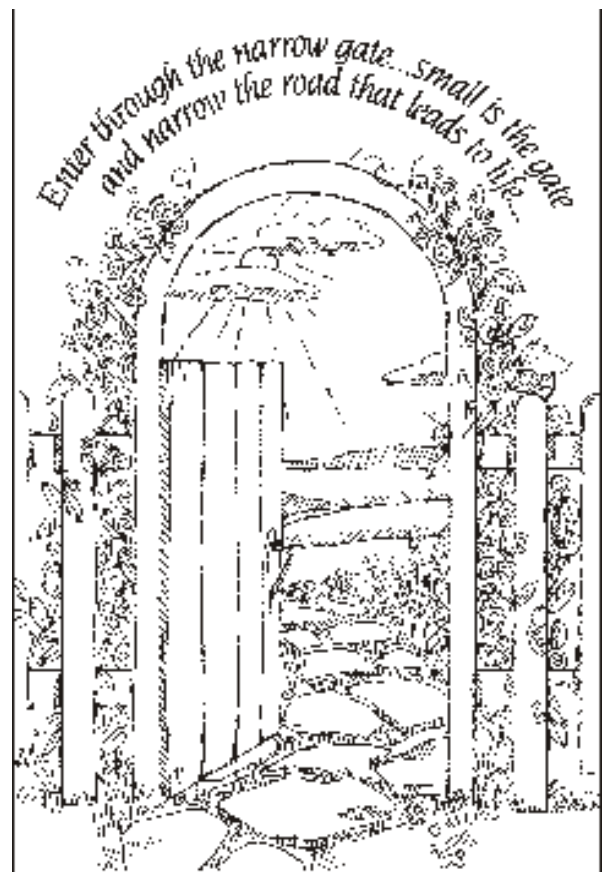
I believe there are people today that are in deep despair and don't know where to turn. They need to know God loves them. Maybe it's you!

God wants you to make a big change in your life and put Him in control of it. He wants to give you more love, joy and peace than you have ever known. It's quite simple really. All you have to do is to tell Him you are sorry for your sin and invite Him to come into your life. He will do it and you will be a changed person

inside.

The things you used to do and liked will not become so exciting anymore. You will have a new desire to know more about Him and then you will decide maybe you want to do what it says in the Bible. That's how you receive all the blessings He has for you. He is now in heaven preparing a place for you when you die. Replace your despair, and stress with His peace, Joy and love today! Have a blessed new life!

If you need prayer or help to come into this new life, call Hart to Heart Ministries and ask for me, Pastor Joan Hart. I would love to pray with you, talk to you and set you free from all those things that have held you captive. Begin this new year in freedom.





* The new year is our opportunity to refresh our relationship with the One who says, "See, I am making all things new". (Revelation 21:5, NRSV).

* Joy is the gigantic secret of the Christian.

—G. K. Chesterton

* I have held many things in my hands, and have lost them all; but whatever I have placed in God's hands, that I still possess.

Wisdom from a 3-year-old

The mother of a 3-year-old girl was teaching her daughter how to pray the Lord's Prayer. After a few nights of having the girl repeat the prayer after her, the mother asked the child if she would like to pray the prayer by herself. She did pretty well until just after she prayed, "and lead us not into temptation." Instead of praying, "deliver us from evil," she prayed, "deliver us from e-mail."

When we see all the "spam" that comes into our e-mail boxes, who can deny the child's wisdom?

* I've learned that how you do your work is a portrait of yourself.

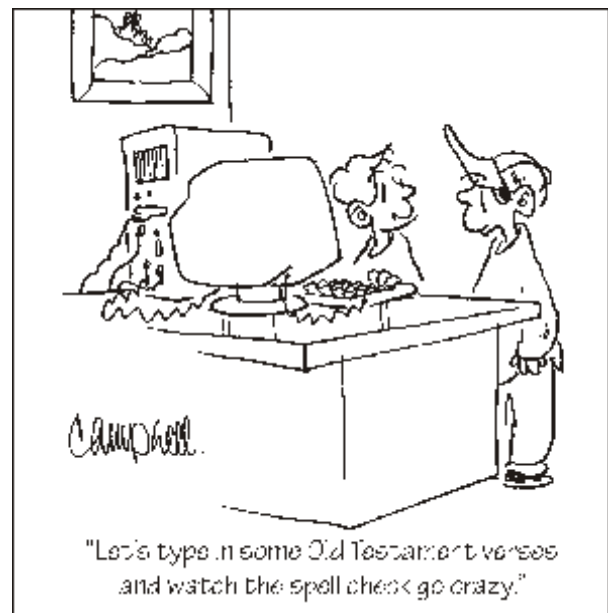
* If your life is headed in the wrong direction, God allows you to make a U-turn.

* To belittle you have to "be little."

Bible Study

Bible study begins each Tuesday night at 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Join us for one hour of learning from the Word of God. People share, people are healed, and people are learning the truth straight from the Bible, about God. There is freedom for the Holy Spirit to move, no formalities, so come on and join us! We will be looking for you!

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PARTNERS IN THE HARVEST

Become a Partner Today!

God has given Hart to Heart Ministries a mandate to set people free, bring healing to their minds and bodies, and teach them how to live in victory.

In Malachi, it tells us to bring in the tithes and offerings. The offering is over and above your tithe. The Apostle Paul said in Galatians that you are to communicate with those who instruct you. That simply means that if this ministry has touched your life through teaching, and helped you along the way in your spiritual growth, or blessed you in some way, then Paul says it is a good thing to partner with us and give to the ministry.

I would be honored to have you as my partner. One of the greatest blessings for me is when someone says, "I am praying for you and I want to be your partner." When you partner with

me, it means you believe in the call of God on my life.

I would personally like to invite you to partner with this ministry. There is no way we can fulfill all that God has planned for us without partners. The vision God has given Hart to Heart Ministries is simply too big. It will take all of us working together to accomplish the God-honoring vision.

When you become a partner, you will experience the same grace and favor that is on this ministry. We are truly blessed in every way!

Thank you for helping us to fulfill the call of God on our lives through your giving.

In His Service,

Rev. Joan Hart



You were born to make a difference; to have a footprint that can never be erased. In these challenging times, we all want to influence the environment around us,

empowering ourselves and making a way for others to succeed. **God has created you to be successful in every area of your life.**

Did you realize that leadership is 80% attitude, and 20% training? Your attitude is a product of your belief system.

So the only way to destroy an idea is with a better idea. If you want to prosper, be healed, receive God's favor in your life, you have to have a great attitude about it. If you walk around in doubt and unbelief, that's what you will get, **doubt and unbelief!**

To come ahead in the things of God you have to have a good attitude in your faith and believing.

Psalm 23:1 says, "***The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want***" (Or I shall not lack.) Well sister Hart, I lack and I want. Ok, but maybe you need an attitude check.

If God says He is your Shepherd and you shall not want, don't analyze it. Just jump in with all the faith you can muster up and come into agreement with Him. It will be as you say! You must line your thinking up as well, because what you think will come out of your mouth, and

then you will get what you say. **Think right, speak right, and want not.**

When you go to bed at night and you begin to thank the Lord for all of His favor toward you throughout the day, begin to praise Him for what He is going to do the next day. Then when you wake up you will have an expectancy and a better attitude that God is going to do good things for you.

Thanksgiving day should be every day of the year. I know it's a holiday for our country, but we should be full of thanksgiving every day to our Heavenly Father. I am so thankful I live in America, the land of the Free!

We can thank the Lord for His wisdom too. We need to ask Him for it. Of course you will have all sorts of circumstances that come up in your life to help develop your wisdom. It doesn't just pop up inside of you. It is developed as you learn to rely on the Lord and **listen to His Spirit for all the decisions you need to make in your life.**

Don't just pop off with a decision without asking the Lord what He wants you to do, go, or purchase? When you learn to **rely on God instead of self, that is wisdom.** You begin to realize your wisdom without God's is not very fruitful. God wants to give you favor and blessing, but if you do things because you want to and it is not of the Lord, you will suffer the consequences.

We can thank the Lord that we don't

lack for good health, good friends, or even money. We don't have to lack in any area of our lives, because God is the Good Shepherd and **it is His desire to bless us.** You do your part, He will do His.

God's will for our life isn't that we barely get by. **He's a God of supernatural increase.** He is a God of increase and abundance. His plan for us is that we have *more* than enough. But we have to go after it.

How? Read the Word! Find out what God says about it. Find a Scripture that lines up with the need. Then ask God to meet the need. After you have asked, begin to praise Him for the answer every day until it fully manifests in your life.

Thank You Lord for my husband who is madly in love with me. Thank you for my wife who is madly in love with me. Thank you we both serve the Lord and are hungry for God. Thank You for our children and that they hunger for You. Thank You all our bills are paid in full and we have much money left over. Thank You we walk in Divine health. Thank You all of our needs are met according to Your riches in Glory. Praise You for my job. Praise You I am getting a raise, a big one. Thank You we have a good car and you multiply the gas in the tank. Thank You that it functions perfectly. Thank You we are all saved and filled with Your Holy Spirit. Thank You for strength, protection, and for leading us by Your Spirit. Thank You for the gifts of the Holy Spirit that flow freely out of us. Thank You for helping us to

manifest the fruit of the Spirit in our lives. Thank You for the blood of Jesus that has cleansed us. Thank You we are blessed and highly favored.

Praise God! I could go on and on thinking of things to say in praise and thanksgiving to God. When you say those things a lot, it gets into your thinking and in your spirit. It builds your faith. **Without faith it is impossible to please God.** We all want to please Him. But we also want faith to receive all He has for us through His favor and blessings.

If we fill ourselves up with the Word, and say good things out of our mouths, don't you think it will change us? Of course! **It's not a one-time thing.** It needs to be repetitive so we get it down in us, then it will rise up out of us when we need it.

If you can't believe for little things now, what makes you think you can for big things later.

I'm not talking about doing something stupid and pasting a label of faith on it. I'm talking about taking a step of faith that you know is of the Lord and just doing it. Hey, wait, did you ask God first. See, that's when it's faith!

Let's say there is something big in you that you want to do. You are already thinking, "I don't know how that can happen, but I'm gonna act on faith and just do it." The enemy can drop stupid things inside of you to get you to do stupid things instead of using the wisdom of God. That's why you must go to God

in prayer and not jump to a decision. If a decision makes you jump into something without first checking in with the Lord, be careful.

You can get a Word from God on the spot, but you have to check in with Him first. You need to be so tuned in to God that when the devil comes with a plan that sounds so good and exciting, you don't jump on it and get yourself in trouble.

You need a strong relationship with the Lord so that when the enemy tries to do that, you say, "Just a minute, I have to see if this lines up with the Word or if it is my flesh." The Spirit will show you if you really want Him to. It only takes a second to listen to Him to know God's will.

Think about a child a minute. They have heard for a long time, if you want to do something, you have to come and get permission from mom and dad. If they go ahead and do it without that permission, they get in trouble. They learn that next time, they are going to check in with headquarters before they go ahead with their plans.

Put that in perspective now with you and your heavenly Father. Let's say something comes along you really want to do. You need God's blessing on it, His direction, and His wisdom. It doesn't really line up with the Word and you don't really have a peace about it, but you are excited, so, you do it anyway. Then you suffer the consequences later. Had you taken the time to listen to the Holy Spirit within you and allowed Him to

bypass your own flesh desires, you would know it was greater wisdom to follow God's plan than your own.

Fill up with the Word, spend time praying, and speak out the desires of your heart that line up with the Word continually. You will end up so full of praises and thanksgiving it will take you more than a day to thank God for all He did in the past year. There will be no lack and you will definitely know Him as your Shepherd on your journey of faith.

Pastor Joan Hart

