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Hart to Heart Ministries is a training center for those who desire to know more about Jesus.

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

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.

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Yesterday, Today
and Forever



Jesus the Same

By Pastor Joan Hart

Hebrews 13:8 says, “Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today and forever.” I love it that Jesus never changes! He is everything the Word says He is and He always will be! Are you the same today as you were yesterday?

Actually, I hope not. I pray you are in a new place within your heart than you were yesterday. I pray you will change today as a result of this message and I pray you will be different tomorrow as the Holy Spirit ministers to you, or convicts you.

I believe as much as God wants us to go forward, the enemy wants us to go backward.

Think for a minute about what you are doing today, or dealing with today. Is it the same as you dealt with in the past? If it is, then check out what you are doing. Is there somewhere that you have opened the door to the enemy by the things you have said, or are doing? We all are in the process of changing, but as soon as we seem to be victorious and conquer something in one area, we lose ground in another.

The enemy comes to steal kill and destroy. Peoples lives are at stake by what you and I do or do not do. We think it is

a private thing, but God always is in the midst of what you are doing. Is He pleased with it? Can He go everywhere you go? Can He listen to every conversation you have? Is He sitting beside you in the evenings? Is He welcome to be near you on your job, day or night?

I’m tired of the devil and his tactics. God said we are more than conquerors, but we are not conquering our old junk. We are still allowing deception to pull us down.

Depression is one of the worse spirits that attack us. If the enemy can get us down, we don’t want to do anything, much less read God’s Word. We don’t want to change, we don’t want to be joyful, and we don’t want to change at all!

It’s time for us to get up and be the one who influences those around us instead of them influencing us. We have to be stronger than those people in our lives who do not follow the Lord. We have to be able to say, “Hey, you know what, the devil used to trip me up in that same area, but I decided I am not going to be robbed any more. I decided I am going to read no matter what and I am not going to let the enemy rob me of joy.”

When you make that decision,

everything will change for you! Things will be so much better, and your joy will come back. Take a look back at what the devil stole from you. Stop allowing him to do that!

Can you say you made it, you are not the same, you are getting over those things that tripped you up in the past? You don’t talk the old negative way like you used to, and you are walking in love instead of control.

It’s time to grow up in the Lord and get serious about your walk. Don’t put on a good face and make people think everything is great, make it really great! **You can do it! You can change, you can accomplish those things the Word talks about.**

You need to practice these things out in the world, at home, on your job. You can’t be different every place you go. You have to be the same every where you are, otherwise, people will soon see through you.

The anointing is the revealer of truth. The enemy is the deceiver to keep you from walking in righteousness and keeps you from having God’s Glory on you.

We have been given all power and authority through

the name of Jesus. What more do you want?

We have the right to use Jesus' Name and rebuke the enemy and command him to return seven-fold everything he has unlawfully taken from us. But, when we decide we don't want it back because it is much more fun just doing what we want to do or saying what we want to say, then we have no one to blame but ourselves when the trouble or lack is present.

God has so much more for us.

Stop letting the devil steal your finances! Take your stand against him and use your authority in God's Word. Get your joy back! Get your money back! Get your family back!

Find the verse that says what you need or where you need to change and speak it out loud in the powerful Name of Jesus.

What if you have been hooked on porn? You can expose the devil and his thievery. Rebuke him in Jesus Name and order him to take away the desire to look at porn. Command the enemy to restore to you seven-fold your righteousness.

James 1:14 says, "Every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own desires and enticed." They are all

your own temptations. They are your own desires to watch dirty TV, it's your own desire to swear, your own desire to tell dirty jokes, and your own desire to do what you want to do.

When we are tempted about anything, we are drawn away from following God if we listen to the temptation.

Tell that lust of the world to get out in Jesus Name and never come back!

In the book of James, he is trying to tell us that when our inner desires respond to the enemies outward snares, sin will take place. Jesus never gives us an excuse to sin. But the enemy will try to reason it all out for you until it sounds so good, you decide you are forgiven already anyway, so you can follow your own desires. Honey, you influence everyone around you when you do that, and then you wonder why your neighbors, your family, friends aren't getting saved or want to come to church. They don't see any change or hear any difference in you than they do from those in the world.

Look at James 1:15 "When desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin and sin when it is full-grown, brings forth death. Don't be deceived." The enemy hates you, but **God loves you.**

If you read the book of James

you will see many things that might convict you. Remember, **God never condemns you, he corrects you through His Word, but He also gives you promises through His Word.** He tells you the right way to live, act and speak in the Word. Our only job is to listen and obey!

Doesn't that sound easy? I think so. Maybe you are thinking, "Well, maybe it's easy for you, but not for me. I'm busy and I have lots of responsibilities and I just can't do everything the Bible talks about." Is Jesus too busy for you? Never! Will He do everything He said He would do in the Bible? Of course, but we know there are conditions. He said if you do this, I'll do that.

We do the same things with our children! We want them to obey, but we don't want to listen to them. They are valuable to God, He always takes time to listen to you. Do you take time to listen to your children?

James lays the law done for us. He is tough! But He also lets us know how much God has for each one of us. How much God loves us. He gives the conditions to our obedience and our disobedience.

Bottom line is yes, we are forgiven, but God doesn't want us to settle knowing we are already forgiven, He wants us to change so the world will see Him in us. He wants the words

of our mouth to give Him glory. He wants us to have faith. We know that faith without works is dead. James 2:20.

James 3:8 says, “We need to tame our tongue because it is so unruly. We bless God and we curse men with it.”

People we have work to do on ourselves. We must grow up in the Lord and use the power He has given to us to be overcomers and be more than conquerors. Jesus name makes you more than an conqueror. Get busy, rebuke that old junk in your life, your old ways, your old language, your old anger, your old way of thinking has to change in order to become more Christ-like, rather more like Christ. You can do it, because the Word says, “I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.” Trust Him to help you. You do your part and **He will do His**. Use the power of His name. Make those decisions He wants you to make. You will have your joy back and you will have restoration seven-fold.

We serve a mighty God!
Let’s become powerful,
mighty Christians as we serve Him.

If you are reading this and you don’t know Jesus, it’s quite easy, just say, “Lord, I believe that You sent Jesus to die on the cross for my sins. I believe He rose again. I ask

You to forgive me of all my sin. I invite Jesus to come into my life and fill me with the Holy Spirit to overflowing. Give me a hunger to read my Bible. Thank You for saving my soul. I am now a born-again believer! Amen!”

If you prayed that prayer for the first time, I have a free booklet I’d like to send to you. Just call the number on the front of this publication and ask for, “Set Free” and we will send it to you.

Stop blaming the Lord for what happens in your life. He has done all He is going to do. He is sitting down at the right hand of the Father. Before He left earth He left the Holy Spirit here to help you and I. Through the authority in Jesus Name we can have the victories and the negative in our lives will have to go. Tell it to go in Jesus Name. Stop putting up with depression. Say it out loud; not in your thinking: Depression go in Jesus Name, and don’t come back in Jesus Name. Today I choose to be joyful and command the enemy to give back all he stole from me in Jesus Name.

Doesn’t that feel good to confess that what God says is yours to be yours? No more doubt or unbelief. No more “buts!” That is not faith talking; that is doubt, fear and unbelief. Fear, doubt and unbelief I command you to get out of my life and stay out in Jesus Name. Now you are

getting somewhere!

Believe what the Word says and confess it out loud and I know you will see results. You will walk in victory like never before. You will have joy return. Things will happen in your life that you have doubted for so long. Don’t entertain those old negative thoughts. That’s what the devil wants you to do. You are a new creature in Christ and as you read the Bible it renews your mind so you think more about what God says to you than what the devil is trying to convince you of. He is a loser! You are a winner!

You have survived this long cold winter. The beauty of it was awesome. The ice over the snow looked like a big fluffy white blanket or tons of pillows. Sunsets were beautiful. Snow falls were peaceful and lovely at times. You had heat, your car started and now the birds are back and singing. They are proclaiming, “It’s Spring!” The flowers will be up soon. Rejoice, be glad, this is the day the Lord has made and He is in control of every thing.

Trust God with your life and give up your control. He can do a much better job than you or I.

God bless you and have a wonderful Spring!

Dancing with Faith

We are people of faith, are we not? So if we are people of faith, why do some still walk in unbelief?

We know that unbelief is sin because it is the manifestation of a person's will independent of and contradictory to God's will. You could say that unbelief is belief that has been broken. Something happens and you get tripped up in your beliefs.

The people in Jesus hometown were offended when He worked miracles. They were tripped up by something. They had allowed their doubts about Jesus Divine powers to be warped into unbelief. They were over familiar with Him.

In Mark 6:2-6 it tells us Jesus was unable to work many miracles in Nazareth because His own people did not believe He could. They knew Him too well and yet they didn't know Him at all.

Sometimes it can be a challenge to believe. Remember the story of Josiah who became king of Israel at eight-years old. Think about that! If you had been there and you saw Josiah anointed king and now he was going to rule a nation, you would think this doesn't make sense.

You and I can get into situations where we are

tempted to doubt and then to disbelieve too. I'm sure you can think of a time when you had become too familiar with the person who was praying for you. Can you receive a miracle from a child, your family, or friends? Can you receive a miracle from the prayers of a convicted murderer? It's your choice!

When my grandson was young he helped me pray for people one Sunday. People said they felt the anointing and received what they needed from him. Ok, so some people carry a greater anointing than others, but it is still the same God who heals. You didn't give yourself the anointing. It came from God! What matters is what you believe! Believe and receive!

There is no excuse for unbelief! **If we refuse to believe we are walking in disobedience.**

To believe is a choice, and it leads to obedience which is also a choice.

If you believe in God's Word, you will see what to do. The Light of His Word will show you the way and it will expose the traps that have been set to capture you and trip you up.

There are always excuses as to why someone is in unbelief. "Oh, somebody hurt me, I was abused, my pastor offended me,

my spouse wouldn't let me do something I thought I should do. I couldn't help it, that's just the way I am and, the way my family is. I'm too busy to figure it out or to change it."

I'm sorry but **excuses won't work!**

Belief listens, obeys and acts. It does not make excuses, or pretend to be deaf. We cannot afford to be offended at God. He knows what He is doing. He is God and He cares about each one of us as only a loving Heavenly Father can do.

Watch out where your will comes into conflict with God's will. You must choose repeatedly to obey His will if you expect to walk out of your darkness.

We will struggle at times with doubts. They might fill our heart and mind with raging storms, but doubting is not the same as unbelief.

Doubt is when you begin to waver in your opinion. It causes you to hesitate, to be uncertain, and feel distrust. Doubt is an unsettled matter, bringing apprehension or fear.

God is faithful to give us a Word that will help us get through to the other side. That Word is to give you the faith you need. It was never meant to be fulfilled immediately!

But sometimes we look for the answers now, or for the Word to come to pass now! So if we choose to allow doubt in, pretty soon we are in unbelief.

Unbelief is a positive refusal to believe.

God wants us to press in and work to enter into the promises He gave us. God's promises come with rest and joy. You will have made it through all of the temptation, the doubts and the potential for unbelief. Then it's time to celebrate.

In Exodus 13:17 it says, "Let My people go . . ." When it came time for the Israelites to leave Egypt, they were hesitant to go. Pharaoh had to literally push them out the door. You would think they would have jumped at the chance to escape from their slavery and bitterness, but they didn't. In fact, four-fifths of them, about two million Israelites stayed behind in Egypt. Were they crazy? No, just afraid! They were afraid of change and afraid to grow.

It's no different from us, we stay in jobs that we don't like, relationships that hurt us, or in places that no longer suit us. Even worst is staying with something we know is bad for us.

This is a time of stepping out in faith, a time of letting go of the old in order to make way for the new.

As Pharaoh let the people go, we need to let ourselves grow.

One of the most joyous moments in the story of the Exodus is the singing and rejoicing that occurred just after the children of Israel crossed the Red Sea. This was a spectacular situation when they got to the other side. They were freed, no longer oppressed and downtrodden. The people rejoiced for the good that God had done for them.

They had crossed over the sea and suddenly saw their enemies getting closer when the sea crashed down on the entire Egyptian army. Not only were the Israelites safe, they were free. The Egyptians would never be able to pursue them again.

Moses lead the people in a beautiful song of praise to God. Just as he finishes, his sister Miriam leads the women in song and dancing while they made music.

The question is, where in the world did the women get those timbrels from in the middle of the desert? Did these instruments fall from the sky? The Israelite women, had great faith and prepared those instruments while they were in Egypt and were still enslaved.

Miriam and the women refused to give up hope that the day of salvation would come. Their faith led them to make these instruments, so that when the day came, they would be

ready.

Miriam's name has two meanings. One in Hebrew means mara, or bitter. She was born into bitter times of slavery. It is also related to the Hebrew word "meri", or rebellion. Miriam rebelled against the bitterness in her life. She refused to accept it or to submit to hopelessness or depression. She lived her life with complete faith that the bitterness would be sweetened.

It's not enough to talk about faith, we need to be willing to act on our faith. That means making life decisions based on faith in God and taking action that fits with His purposes. Our faith must be turned into actions that reflect God's Word and His promises.

Maybe the parting of the sea caused Miriam to dance, but maybe the sea parted because Miriam began dancing way back in Egypt when she prepared for that day.

Miracles have the ability to inspire faith! It also works the other way around. **Our faith has the ability to inspire miracles.**

We just need to believe and throw out the doubt.

Think of something that seems totally impossible to you right now, or in your family, job, anything. As you think about it, figure out if you are in doubt or unbelief about

it. If you are, decide right now to throw out the doubt and unbelief and choose to believe what the Lord says in His Word. He is so trustworthy! He never fails us nor leaves us!

It won't be long until Jesus comes from heaven to take all those who believe in Him and have called upon His Name to heaven. Have you? It's very easy.

Just say this prayer:
**Father, I believe You sent Jesus to die for me on the cross and that He rose again and went to heaven to prepare a place for me. Forgive me of all my sins, I'm sorry. I open the door of my heart and invite the Holy Spirit to come in and live in me. Because I received Jesus in my life, I have become a child of God and He is preparing a place for me Heaven. Thank You Lord.
In Jesus Name, Amen**

Now you need to find a good Bible-based church, where they teach the whole Bible and practice it. You also need to read your Bible and choose to live a new life with Christ.

If you prayed that little prayer for the first time, I have written a little booklet that I would like to send you for free. Just call and ask for "Set Free."

Enjoy your new life in Christ as you dance your way through to victory!

Christians and Laughter

Of all the people on earth, Christians ought to have smiles on their faces and be ready to laugh. After all, if God has defeated death by raising Christ from the dead, we have cause for joy at all times.

After a long day at work, two ministers decided to take a walk before darkness came. As they walked, they told humorous stories and were soon laughing heartily. It felt so good, so therapeutic, that one pastor turned to the other and said, "Theodore, let's kneels down and thank God for laughter."

They did just that. Then they arose and went joyfully on their way.

Remember that we are abundantly blessed by God and have cause to laugh often. After all, the Savior lives and we are His friends.

*** Do not abandon yourselves to despair. We are the Easter people and "Hallelujah!" is our song.**

*** Kindness, if you show it to others, will radiate from you like the warmth of the sun over the hilltops.**

*** If you want to be spiritually fed, go to church with a good appetite, not with a bad attitude.**

Impatience

A young woman's car stalled at a stoplight. She tried to get it started, but nothing. The light turned green and there she sat, angry and embarrassed, holding up traffic. The car behind could have gone around, but instead the driver added to her anger by laying on the horn.

After another desperate attempt to get the car started, she got out and walked back to the honker. The man rolled down his window in surprise.

"Tell you what," she said. "You go start my car, and I'll sit back here and honk the horn for you."

I wonder how many times we become impatient with those who have not received Jesus yet. We continue to prod them into reading their Bible, going to church and receiving Jesus as their Savior. Maybe if we get out of the way and just walk in love, the Holy Spirit would be able to woo them to Jesus. Let Him to the work, our job is to love others as Christ loves us!



Two ladies were praising the merits of their respective preachers. One said, "Our minister is so wonderful. He can preach a dozen sermons from the same text." Her friend responded, "Why that's nothing. Our minister is more wonderful. He can take any text in the Bible and preach the same sermon from it!"

