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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.

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Embracing God

By
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When you were saved, did God get into your mind only or did you embrace Him with your heart? In other words, you heard the plan of salvation and you said yes to receive the eternal life. But did you really embrace Him with your heart or only the gift He offered you?

Salvation is a free gift, but God created us to have fellowship with Him. How often do you talk to Him? When things go bad, do you bad mouth Him, and get disgusted because things aren't going the way you want them to go?

The Holy Spirit will come in and make a home in your heart, but His job is to help you understand the Word when you read it. He will guide you daily, He will encourage you when you are down, He will bring Scripture that you have read to your mind when you need it. He will fulfil your life with the love of God. He helps you pray, He manifests His Presence when you need to be loved. His power heals your body. He works miracles for you. But what do you do for Him?

Not too much maybe! Right after you have received Salvation, the devil begins to work on you to stop believing. He does not want you to grow spiritually. He knows if you do, you could be dangerous to him. You might find out you have power and authority that was given to you through the Holy Spirit so you can come against the devil, stopping his works in your life. The enemy comes to steal, kill and destroy, so I guess I can't figure out why people want to serve him instead of a loving Father who has everything you will ever need!

All you need to do is trust God and stop trying to throw Him out every time the going gets rough. **Run to Him, not from Him.** His love for you is greater than any love on earth could or ever will be. He is always doing things for your best interest.

We are such a self-centered people. We always want to know what God will do for us, when actually we should be asking Him what we can do for Him. Then we need to trust Him when He gives us an answer we don't like.

To know if it is the Lord ask

yourself several questions.

Does it line up with Word, the circumstances of your life, is it confirmed through the body of Christ, do you have a peace about it even though it takes you out of your comfort zone, does it bear witness in your spirit that it is right?

When we don't want something to be so, we can give all kinds of excuses for not doing it or not believing it. But we need to remember who it is that works on you so you won't believe. It's the devil of course!

He knows that obedience brings blessings and he certainly doesn't want you to be blessed. You might serve God greater than and rebuke the devil. The devil will keep you mad at God or disobedient so you are robbed of the blessings God has for you.

We must be in unity with God in every area of our lives. Some areas that we each have need work.

We want God and we want Him to do great and mighty things for us, but we also need to be happy on our journey and do things God's way. If we obey the Lord then we can

watch what He will do inside our heart. It's always about our heart. That's why I asked you the question in the beginning of this message; Did you only receive Jesus as your Savior in your mind, or did you really allow Him to get into your heart?

If you did allow Him to get into your heart, then you will change as a result, and you will stop wanting those around you to change. Leave that up to the Lord. Look at your own heart and listen to your words and pay attention to your actions.

Think how much more Jesus could do through your obedience if you stopped bad mouthing Him and embraced Him.

All most people want is to be appreciated, loved and have approval. Those are necessary to a healthy person, but most times we are lacking in our lives and go through insecurities. Then when we receive Jesus and He begins to reveal Himself in all the ways we need Him, we want more of Him. He will lift us up, **He loves us unconditionally and we have His approval.** But because we are still so earthly minded, we look for those things to come from people who are around us.

It's time to grow up and realize God will fulfil every need we have.

Fear plays such a major role in our lives that we don't

realize the root of it in our hearts. We are **afraid** to read the Bible because we might have to change. It might reveal that we are not perfect and then we can't do what we want to do. It might convict us of how we act in our home.

We are **afraid** to embrace the Lord, because He might ask us to do something we don't want to do. If I love the Lord He might send me to Africa. I hate the heat and I don't want to go there. I want to do what I want to do.

God would never ask you to do something He has not put into your heart to do. **His plan for your life is perfect. You must learn to trust Him.** He never reveals more to you at a time than you can handle.

He is wanting each person to come out from those fears. Fear is the root of evil in our lives. Cast out the fear and you become a different person! You find you can do things, you never thought you could do. You can even write a book!

Fear will keep you back from all the Lord has for you. He is a good God, a loving God and has great plans for you. Embrace Him.

Check out your heart today, spend some time in prayer and ask Him the question: Do I have fear deep inside of me that keeps me from embracing You? Am I being disobedient to You

in my life?
Who is running my life, the devil, me or You?

You find the answers to those three questions and I guarantee you will have a life change inside your heart.

If you have never received Jesus as your Savior right now, tell the Lord you are sorry for your sins and invite Jesus to come into your life. You will be so glad you did. I have a free booklet I would like to send you if you received Jesus today. Call and let me know. Or e-mail me and I will mail the booklet to you.

God bless you.



Joy in The Name of Jesus



Rev. Joan Hart

Joy brings strength in our spirit man. When we receive the Word, the devil comes immediately to steal that Word! Why? Well think a minute about what the Word produces.

John 15:7 says, If the Word of God abides in you and you abide in Christ, you can ask, whatever you will and it will be done for you by the Father in Heaven. Then in verse 8 it talks about God being glorified when we bear much fruit. In verse 11 the last thing He says is, "These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you and that your joy might be full."

So the Lord is telling us that when He speaks, **His Words produce joy, His Word is good news and good news always produces joy!**

After you listen to the news do you feel joyful? Hardly. But after you have heard the Word, you feel better, and your joy is up! It's **good news**, so it is producing joy within you!

Think about the power in God's Word. It's good news to know that you can ask the Father whatever you will and He will give it to you, *if* you are abiding in Him and His

Words are abiding in you.

See how important it is for us to read His Word and get it inside of us? Let me say that again: **HE WILL GIVE YOU WHATEVER YOU ASK IF you are abiding in Him and His Words are abiding in you!**

It's really rather simple! Not too much to ask even. Read Gods Word, put it inside of you, then ask Him whatever you will and He will give it to you if you stay in Him and His Word stays in you!

John 16:24 says we have to ask in His name and we will receive, so that our Joy will be full. He is also saying here that you are not going to have to get things secondhand any more. You're going to have the same kind of standing with God that Jesus does. He is telling us, My name carried weight with the Father; and whatever you ask Him in My name, He will give you so that your joy will be full.

Jesus said the Word produces joy! When you are healed of something you get joyful. When you found out that you had the right to become prosperous, you were joyful. When you discovered that when you tithed, God opened the windows of heaven, and flooded you with His blessings you were joyful. When you

realized that God really truly loves you, joy flooded your soul. God's Word produces joy!

Jesus said when the devil comes to steal the Word, not only is he trying to get the Word, he is trying to steal your joy. If the Word is in you and the Word produces joy, then satan can steal your joy by getting the Word out of you.

As long as things are going well, it's not hard to be joyful.

When you are at church and worship the Lord with other believers, there is an anointing of God and there is peace, so there is no problem to worship the Lord.

Suddenly, a crisis comes along and things start going contrary to what you want. Now there is an opportunity for your joy to be stolen from you. That's when the real test comes. Faith is not tested in Church; it's tested in a crisis.

In Hebrews Paul talks about satan stealing their goods, but their attitude was still good. See satan is a thief by nature so he will try to steal the Word right out of your heart. He will try to steal

your finances, your health, your kids, your faith, anything he can, to get you discouraged, sidetracked, and defeated. But if he can't get your joy, he can't totally defeat you. He can't beat a joyful believer.

Even if satan stripped you of everything or all your of possessions, you still have the victory because you have the joy of the Lord inside you and that joy will strengthen you.

If satan can't get your joy, he can't keep what he has stolen, he will have to give it back.

In Proverbs 6:30,31 it says he shall restore sevenfold. God wants blessings coming to you first a hundredfold on your giving, and then a sevenfold return on what the devil takes from you. That's something to rejoice about.

The enemy can't hold onto your blessings when you command him to bring back sevenfold what he has stolen because you have caught him. You know who robbed you of everything. Honey this is war!

This is how you get back what the devil stole. First of all get your heart right with God and your attitude. Get some Word down into your heart, get armed and dangerous. Begin to praise the Lord in spite of all that has happened. Find some Scriptures to quote and stand on and start praying as you believe for the return of your

goods. Pray to the Father!

We talk to the Father because we are not going to waste our time talking to the devil. We talk to the Father in Jesus name! So here we go: Father you said in your Word, because I read it, that if I catch the thief and the robber, they have to restore seven times over what they robbed me of. So I declare that the enemy has to go get what he robbed me of and restore it seven times greater than what it was. Thank You Lord, for all that is being restored in Jesus Name, Amen!

We did not talk to the enemy! No way, we talked to the Lord, in Jesus name. We speak His Word out and He will perform it.



Suddenly your crisis changes and you rejoice. You give thanks to the Lord that He heard you, He answered you, and He restored your joy.

His Word is abiding in You and you asked. He heard and responded to the name of His Son. That's why we need to pray in the name of Jesus. His name has power in it.

Think about your crisis a minute. Does it change the Word? No! The Word changes the crisis! You can walk in joy knowing the Word is changing what you prayed about, so keep your attitude right.

You cannot praise God and be

discouraged at the same time. You can't offer joy, the sacrifice of joy, the sacrifice of praise, the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and be discouraged at the same time. It just doesn't work!

Satan is after your joy and he doesn't care what evil tactic he has to use to get it. Satan wants your joy because he knows the Word produces joy, and if he can get the Word out of your heart, he can stop that flow of joy, and defeat you.

Jesus told us in John 16:22, "Your joy no one will take from you." So if no man can take it then neither can the devil unless you allow it. Instead of giving up when satan tries to spoil your goods, and steal from you, you should begin to praise God and hold on to your joy.

As long as joy is still going out of our mouths, God promises to get back our stolen goods.

Speak this out loud:

Father by the authority of Your Word, You said that whatever I bind on earth is bound in heaven and whatever I loose on earth is loosed in heaven. I bind the demons, the principalities, the powers, the rulers of the darkness of this world and spiritual wickedness in high places. I bind every demon spirit that has been assigned against me and my

family to steal from us, to rob us of our goods and of our joy. I bind you, evil spirits, and I bind you, thief, in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth. Satan is a thief and he has now been caught. In the name of Jesus I command him to return to me sevenfold everything he has stolen from me. I loose all my goods from him in Jesus name to come back to me sevenfold according to God's Word.

Thank You Father, for restoring to me seven times over all that is rightfully mine. I receive it, Lord, I thank You and praise You for it, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen!

This Word from God has restored my joy and makes me want to shout praises to God! Give the Lord a shout of praise, not a hand clap, but a loud praise of thanks.



Seeking After The Son

The upstate New York man was rich in almost every way. His estate was worth millions. He owned houses, land, antiques and cattle. But though on the outside he had it all, he was very unhappy on the inside. His wife was growing old, and the couple was childless. He had always wanted a little boy to carry on the family legacy.

Miraculously, his wife became pregnant in her later years, and she gave birth to a little boy. The boy was severely handicapped, but the man loved him with his whole heart.

When the boy was 5, his son died. The dad drew closer to his special son. At age 13, the boy's birth defects cost him his life and the father died soon after from a broken heart.

The estate was auctioned before hundreds of bidders. The first item offered was a painting of the boy. No one bid. They waited like vultures for the riches. Finally, the poor housemaid, who helped raise the body, offered \$5 for the picture and easily took the bid. To everyone's shock, the auctioneer ripped a handwritten will from the back of the picture. This is what it said; "To the person who thinks enough of my son to buy this painting, to this person I give my entire estate."

The auction was over. The greedy crowd walked away in shock and dismay.

How many of us have sought after what we thought were true riches only to find out later that our Father was prepared to give us His entire estate if we had only sought after His Son alone?

—Larry Linville

Let God carry the Potatoes

The story is told of a poor man who plodded along toward home in an Irish town, carrying a huge bag of potatoes. A man came along in a horse-drawn wagon and invited the man to climb inside. When the man sat down in the wagon, he held the bag of potatoes in his arms.

When it was suggested that he should set it down, he said very warmly, "I don't want to trouble you too much. You're giving me a ride; I'll carry the potatoes."

Sometimes we think we're doing the Lord a favor when we carry the burden. But the work is His, and He asks us only to be faithful. Let us permit Him to 'Carry the potatoes' also.

—Virgil Brown

Conference

The Gifts of the Holy Spirit

Speaker - Joan Hart

Saturday - May 18, 2013



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Saturday Schedule (all day)

- * Morning Session - 9:30 a.m.
- * Break for lunch
- * Continuing at 1:30 p.m.

Pastor Hart will share her heart revealing how the Gifts of the Holy Spirit can work in your life and how the Lord can meet the needs of others through those Gifts. Her prayer and desire is that many will allow the Gifts of the Holy Spirit to be activated in their lives. She will share how the use of these Gifts is different for each person. This will be a day of new inspiration for you to serve the Lord in a greater way. Don't miss it! Invite a friend and enjoy the day!

Location:

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Everyone is Welcome!



- * For more information and reservations call: 269-388-8075

There is no charge.

