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Let Go! Let God's Love Do the Work!

by Mary L. Kipferle

Let go, dear friend, and let God's love do the work. Give up all striving and struggling to accomplish. Whatever has been difficult for you to handle, hard for you to release, or impossible for you to solve can be given to the loving Father. God's love will do the work and bring about the healing, the answer, the blessing you cannot accomplish of yourself. Let go! Let God's love — God's love — do the work!

God has created this beautiful universe and knows how to help you surmount any doubt or disbelief. God's love has fashioned you and has given you infinite wisdom that you can call on, unlimited peace that you can accept, and unceasing goodness that you can experience.

about a delay in receiving a physical healing, turn this specific challenge over to the love of the Father. Tell yourself, "I let go and let God's love do the work." Accept the help of that love. Let it think through you. Give up the belief that you must struggle and fight your way through any challenge. Let the Father take over. Put all in the light of love. Again and again, let go and let God's love do the work!

To help yourself begin the process of letting go and letting God's love do the work, take a few minutes now and daily — as often as needed — to consciously assume a quiet, receptive state of being. You are physically quiet as you turn your thoughts to the Master's words, "Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow . . . (Matt. 6:28), and relax every muscle of your body in readiness to receive.

Patience wait upon the Father's love as a growing plant waits upon the light of the morning sun. "Consider" how the rays of light and warmth enfold a plant and move down through the leaves and stalk into the roots within the soil. Think about the invisible working of the sunlight, reaching to the depths of the plant and encouraging its growth, strength, and enfoldment.

Realize that somehow, in some wonderful and miraculous way, the love of God is continuously flowing into your mind, emotions, and body, touching all with life-giving power and renewal.

Let go! Let God's love do the work! Give that love an opportunity to work through you and your life and affairs. Take the time needed to "consider" again and again the miracle-working love of your Father. Continue until you find yourself accepting it more and more naturally. Results will speak for themselves. You will be encouraged to find new awareness of God's presence and new comprehension of God's spirit moving within you.

Do not try to understand how this is happening or the means by which the answers will follow. Just — for this time — be willing to accept being loved. Take no thought — just "consider" the presence and power of God's love. Letting go, you will let divine love harmonize the feelings within your heart, the thoughts within your mind, the functions within your body, and the activities and relationships within your life.

A friend who experienced this process of love said that through "letting go and letting God's love do the work," pains that previously had defied all treatment totally disappeared. A long-standing, unhappy feeling that had "ruined a fine friendship" was suddenly dissolved and the way was opened to communication and easy resolution of difficulties.

Another wrote, "I think the hardest thing of all for me has been letting go." This man had been involved in an automobile accident some years before and was considered the worst case ever brought into the emergency room. Through his own growing understanding of letting go and letting God do the work, there was a complete and miraculous healing that astounded the neurosurgeon. The patient, prayerfully and persistently learning to walk and talk again, is now in his second year

as a proofreader with a publisher of law cases. He is following the continuing dream of a career — letting go and letting God continue to do the work!

"Divine love is the force . . . that smoothes out every obstacle that presents itself," wrote Charles Fillmore. Yes, dear friend, it is the strongest smoothing-out force in and throughout the universe. It is a nurturing life activity, a miracle-working movement that reveals and illumines, restores and rebuilds, vitalizes and empowers your growing awareness of oneness with the Father and with His Presence everywhere and in everything.

Not long ago, a young basketball player who was being interviewed on television was asked how he felt about the acclaim he had received because of the amazing flying leaps he performed in putting the ball into the basket. The response came with a bright smile, "I don't really know that I am doing that. It's just such a great thing to play basketball." Film was shown following the interview of this young athlete who seemed to walk on air as he leaped toward the goal.

This amazing and joyful performance is symbolic of the process of letting go and letting something above and beyond the normal human ability take over. There is a superceding of oneself, a rising above the statements of what can be done or has been done. There is a point of joyous knowing that there is a greater sufficiency within the soul and mind and body of any person than he or she ordinarily takes time to perceive. This is what Jesus pointed out to His listeners who sought healing, supply, peace, and happiness. He told them the way to "seek first his kingdom" (Matt. 6:33) so that all else may be added.

Letting go and letting love do the work within you and within your life is seeking the kingdom. It is learning to stop giving habitual power to limited appearances and learning to begin turning to the Father's kingdom of

love within you. This way the key to the miraculous ministry of Jesus of Nazareth.

In Jesus' own long quiet times of listening within, He let go of the problems and became attentive to the Father's love. He let go and let God's love do the work. He let go of trying to humanly supply and fill the lacks and urgent needs of others by letting God's love take over and do the work. He let go of those who constantly failed Him and of those who denied or ridiculed Him. He gave them all to the Father's love for right outworkings.

Jesus gave His days and nights, words and actions, thoughts and feelings, prayers and teachings to the Father, knowing that the Father through miracle-working love could do the work freely. He gave himself mentally, emotionally, and physically to that same wonderful love and became the visible example of love in action that overcame every limitation of humankind. He came to demonstrate that this is what happens when we turn away from burdensome thinking and struggling to the quietness of letting go and letting God and His love do the work.

The love of God is greater than any opposition, any appearance of evil, AND ANY CLAIM OF LIMITATION. The love of God is your safety, your security, your guide, your comfort, your assurance, your clear vision, your accomplishment, your peace, and your light for every path of life.

Take hold of that love right now and let go every struggle or feeling of defeat. Take hold of this love, dear friend, in total assurance that God's love will do the work. **Let go! Let go! Let go! Let God's love do the work!** All you feel you have been unable to do, God shall accomplish. God's love will do all that your willingness will let it do. Let God's love reach into the very roots of your being. Let God's miracles of love begin — NOW. **Let go! Let God's love do the work! PRAISE THE LORD!!!**

THE FINE

He is the vine, He is the life,
There is a boundless flow.
Oh infinite love that calls to me,
His wondrous grace to know.

He is the vine, I can depend
On Him to hold me fast.
I try so hard myself to stay,
My strength shall never last.

He is the vine, Himself He gives—
His riches too, full and free.
To His bosom with open arms
In His welcome to me.

He is the vine, Oh blessed thought,
Grafted to His wounded side.
His strong love ever holds me fast
In Him I do abide.

by Ken Peters

Revival

by Mattie Ann Callier-Spears

Beginning the 28th day of February and ending the 4th day of March, the Mount Zion Baptist Church, located at 831 N.E. Fremont Street, will host a community-wide Revival.

The visiting evangelist for the week will be the renowned and dynamic Rev. Charles L. Taylor, pastor of the Maranatha Baptist Church in Dallas, Texas.

Services will begin at 7:00 p.m. nightly.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

Come to hear the Word! Come to pray! Come to shout and have a joyous time!

For further information, please contact: Rev. Percy Manual, pastor of Mount Zion, at 281-0608 or 284-2864.

World Day of Prayer

The theme of the World Day of Prayer, sponsored by Church Women United, this year is "Open Doors".

Over 170 countries participate in this world-wide praying event, scheduled this year for March 4.

You may participate at several different locations in the Portland Metropolitan area at various times of the day:

Southwest: St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, 3228 S.W. Sunset Blvd., 10 a.m., contact person, Lucy Mischler, 645-8057.

Northwest: St. Rita Catholic Church, 10029 N.E. Prescott Street, 1 p.m., contact person, Jeanne Kirk, 253-6904

Southeast: Colonial Heights Presbyterian Church, 2828 S.E. Stephens, 1 p.m., contact person, Dorothy Norgard, 232-4588.

North: Bethel AME Church, 5828 N.E. 8th Avenue, 10 a.m., contact person, Alyce Robinson, 281-4850.

Childcare will be provided at each location.

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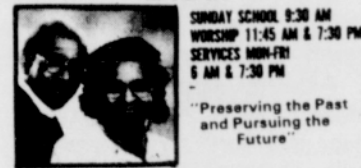
Epiphany Church of Miracle Revival Comes to Hazeldell, WA

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by Bishop Lewis W. Osmond

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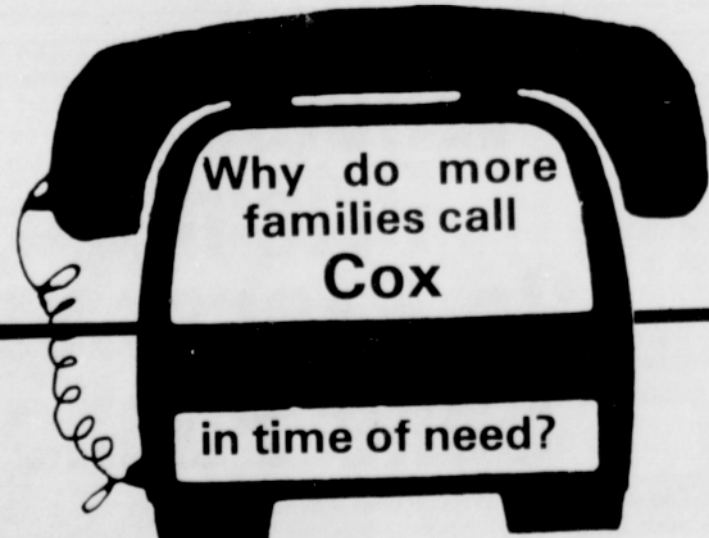
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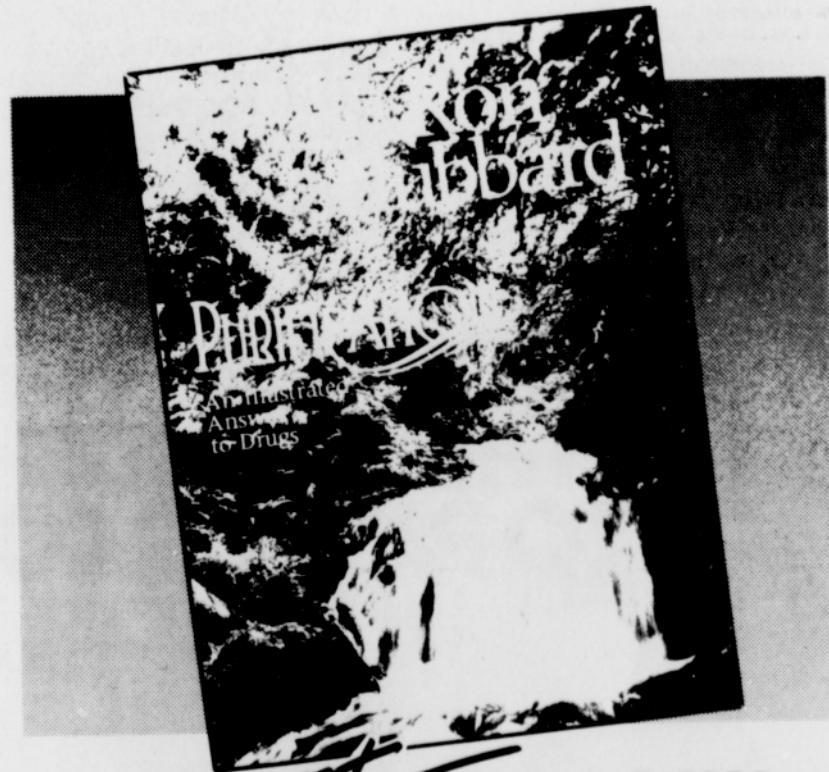
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