

Living in Your Miracle

Overcoming Crisis

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Psalm 106:1-2

Praise the Lord!

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good!

His faithful love endures forever.

Who can list the glorious miracles of the Lord?

Who can ever praise him enough?

NLT

THE WORLD IS IN CRISIS!

Today, whenever you open the newspapers or you look at the TV, the message that you're getting is that the world is in a crisis. There is an economic crisis; people are losing their jobs; there is an energy crisis; there is a health crisis now amplified by the COVID-19 virus pandemic. There is a global warming crisis; there is a crisis in marriage and family and almost every domain of society. How do we deal with all these life situations? The world crisis has become so huge that many people doubt that we can be saved from it all. Even as children of God, we can be affected by all the doubts, fears, loss of security and hopelessness.

IS YOUR BOAT IN A STORM?

Read with me in Acts 27 from verse 13: *“And when the south wind blew gently, supposing that they had obtained their purpose, they weighed anchor and sailed along Crete, close in-shore. But soon a tempestuous wind, called the northeaster, struck down from the land; and when the ship was caught and could not face the wind, we gave way to it and were driven. And running under the lee of a small island called Cauda, we managed with difficulty to secure the boat; after hoisting it up, they took measures to under-gird the ship; then, fearing that they should run on the Syr'tis, they lowered the gear, and so were driven. As we were violently storm-tossed, they began next day to throw the cargo overboard; and the third day they cast out with their own hands the tackle of the ship. And when neither sun nor stars appeared for many a day, and no small tempest lay on us, **all hope of our being saved was at last abandoned.**”*

They were trying to do everything to save their lives. First they brought the lifeboat on, then they threw it off, then they threw the tackle, sails and ropes off the boat. They tried everything; they were **hoping for a miracle**; praying that God would save them. “Shall we put the lifeboat off, shall we put it on? What shall we do? Save us Lord.” Hoping for a miracle! Finally, all hope of being saved was abandoned. Have you ever been in that place? Have you spoken to people who are in that place? They have tried everything, hoping for a miracle, “O where is God?” they cry, “We need a miracle. Please pray for me I’m *under attack*.” Some people in their hearts have said, “Is there any hope left? Even God has forsaken us!”

But there was another man on the ship and his name was Paul. Acts 27:21-25 NIV it says, “*After they had gone a long time without food, Paul stood up before them and said: “Men, you should have taken my advice not to sail from Crete; then you would have spared yourselves this damage and loss. But now I urge you to keep up your courage, because not one of you will be lost; only the ship will be destroyed. Last night an angel of the God **to whom I belong and whom I serve, stood beside me** and said, ‘Do not be afraid, Paul. You must stand trial before Caesar; and God has graciously given you the lives of all who sail with you.’ So keep up your courage, men, for I have faith in God that it will happen just as he told me.*”

The storm was blowing violently and the people in the boat were crying, “God help us!” But on the other side of the boat was Paul, trusting in God. He said, “This very night an angel of the Lord came and stood by me, an angel of the God **to whom I belong and whom I worship. They were all in the same storm**, but with Paul

stands an angel and Paul is at peace. Do you know why? He is **Living in his Miracle. The miracle of covenant.**

THE MIRACLE OF COVENANT

You see, those people were crying out for a miracle; crying out for a blessing. However, Paul was living **in his miracle**. Why? Because Paul was a man who understood covenant. When you come into covenant with God you are able to say, “**Lord, I belong to You**. You are in my life; I am in Your life; I belong to You.” In covenant you become **one**. In fact, in covenant, the Bible tells us, “You have been bought with a price.”

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 NRSV says, “*Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.*”

Jesus Christ went to the cross and He gave His life for you and me. We were bought with a price; we belong to Him, we are one with Him and the Holy Spirit is our seal of ownership.

Covenant is our assurance of God’s love, mercy, provision, protection peace and eternal life with Him. This is a miraculous divine intervention to move us from the natural to the supernatural, not just when we eventually go to heaven, but now, every moment of every day.

So, Paul is in the boat, in the same storm as the others. However, he knows that he’s been redeemed by the blood of Jesus; bought with a price, he belongs to Jesus, and is one with Him. He does not have to cry for a miracle because he is living **in his miracle**. If we

belong to the God of all creation, the God who created the heavens and the earth, that is a miracle. It's a miracle to belong to the God who has created everything but will come to you and me and put His life into us, and say "You are mine, I bought you with a price."

Romans 8:10-11 NRSV says, *"But if Christ is in you though the body is dead because of sin, your spirits are alive because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you."*

We have the same spirit that raised Jesus from the dead living in us. That is miraculous!

Paul says, **"The God whom I worship."** Do you know what the miracle is? It is coming into intimacy with the God of all creation and knowing His presence. We have a personal relationship with the Sovereign Almighty Creator. In Christ, we are sons and daughters of Abba Father who loves us, delights in, and treasures us.

Romans 8:15-16 NRSV says, *"For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God,"*

This is our miracle today!.

COVENANT OR BLESSING

Now this is very important for us to understand; read with me Genesis 17:18. Abraham had cried out to God for a son. God makes him a promise and says, *“I will give you a son,”* but Abraham and his wife decide to take things into their own hands and he takes Hagar and they have a son called Ishmael. But it’s still his son, you understand. In Genesis 17:19 he cries to God, *“O that Ishmael might live in thy sight!”* and God says to Abraham, *“No, but Sarai your wife shall bear you a son and you shall call his name Isaac. I will establish my covenant with him as an everlasting covenant for his descendants after him. As for Ishmael, I have heard you; behold, I will bless him and make him fruitful and multiply him exceedingly; he shall be the father of twelve princes, and I will make him a great nation. But I will establish my covenant with Isaac.”* It will be a covenant of redemption, belonging, protection, blessing and peace. Then talking about Ishmael, Gen 16:12 says, *“He shall be a wild ass of a man, his hand against every man and every man’s hand against him...”* This does not speak of a covenant of peace.

The descendants of Ishmael are prosperous – they own most of the oil in the world; they own a lot of businesses in the world. God said, *“I will bless them.”* We, in ignorance, can cry out for the blessing of prosperity and just get the “Ishmael” blessing. Or, we can call on God and come under the **Abrahamic covenant and blessing ratified through Jesus Christ**. So, we have to decide as sons and daughters of the living God; whether we want to, like Ishmael, live hoping for “A” blessing or live under covenant, which is the fullness of our **inheritance**.

When we live according to the covenant, Deuteronomy 28 says, *“These blessings shall come upon you and shall overtake you.”* Rejoice that as sons and daughters in covenant with God, we have inherited His blessing that is now upon us and overtakes us!

THE KEY IS: WHAT DO WE SEE AND SAY!

Now, faith and covenant is not denying the reality of the storm – there is a storm – it is declaring the sovereign grace, power and promises of God **in the storm**. Sometimes we pray about the storm, hoping for a miracle or a blessing, when God says, “I have covenanted with you, I have given you **My Word** and **My promises**. Declare My promises to the storm, in the situation.” *“Life and death are in the power of the tongue.”* Proverbs 18:21

Here is a powerful example of seeing and saying:

2 Kings 6:14-17 NRSV The king of Syria sent an army to capture Elisha: *“So he sent horses and chariots there and a great army; they came by night, and surrounded the city. When an attendant of the man of God rose early in the morning and went out, an army with horses and chariots was all around the city. His servant said, “Alas, master! What shall we do?”*

The servant saw the enemy army and in panic said *“we are finished, there is nothing we can do”*.

This is the KEY:

Do your words “describe your situation or “change” your situation. The servants words described their situation. We are surrounded by the enemy, we are finished and there is nothing we can do.

From a position of Covenant...*“Elisha said, “Do not be afraid, for there are more with us than there are with them.” Then Elisha prayed: “O Lord, please open his eyes that he may see.” So the Lord opened the eyes of the servant, and he saw; the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.”*

Chariots of “fire” surrounded the chariots of the enemy.

We need to ask God to open our spiritual eyes so that we can see and declare Gods promises. Make this declaration every day!

God is surrounding whatever is surrounding me!!

What you **see** and then **say** will change your life either for good or bad, it's your choice. It is also very destructive when we focus on all the things that “could go wrong” in future. Our lives will become that which we continually declare over our lives and children. You are the prophet of your own destiny.

Prov18:10 Life and death are in the power of the tongue.

The servant lived “hoping for a miracle”.

Elisha lived in the miracle of covenant truth.

COVENANT BLESSING

I feel that for much of our time we have settled for a blessing; a little bit of blessing here, a little bit of blessing there; when we can have the fullness of the blessing of Covenant with God! What will you settle for? We are living **in a miracle** – not hoping for a miracle.

God's purposes were being fulfilled for Paul. God said, *"Paul, do not fear, take heart, you must go to Rome and stand before Caesar."* That is My purpose for you. No storm is going to kill you on the way. If we know that God has chosen us and has a redemptive purpose for us, no storm or worldly crisis, is going to crush us on the way.

2 Timothy 1:7 KJVA says, *"For God has not given us a spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind."* We just need to **receive** and **position** ourselves in this truth that God has given us this miraculous gift.

Exodus 15:13 says, *"In your unfailing love, O Lord, you will lead the people you have redeemed. In your strength you will guide them to your holy dwelling."* It's a promise of God. In His unfailing love He will lead the people He has bought with the price of His blood. To have the God of all creation promise us that, **is our miracle!**

TAKE UP YOUR POSITION

John 14:20&23 *“On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you.... “Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them.”*

Jesus is “in” the Father, and we are “in” Jesus and Jesus is “in” us. Jesus promises that He and the Father will make their home in us. **Take up your Position** in Christ and live at home with Him. Jesus calls us to “abide” in Him as *sons and daughters*.

It’s a miracle.

John 15:7, 9-11 NRSV says, *“If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.”*

This is a position of abiding, dwelling and remaining in Gods love. It is not a place of striving but a place of acceptance and **rest**. This is God’s heart for us and Jesus gift to us, established through Covenant and made possible by the Spirit of God who has been sent to us that we can live and move and have our life in Him.

I love that Jesus says that He has told us these things so that His joy may be in us and that our joy would be full, complete and overflowing. Stop right now and thank God for His Promise and allow *His joy* to fill you and overflow from you to those around you.

GOD OF DELIVERANCE

Exodus 3:7: God saw the people of Israel in Egypt in slavery. He said, *“I have heard their cry and I have come down and I am going to deliver them and I am going to take them out of Egypt and take them to the Promised Land.”* (paraphrased).

Then He called Moses to be the man to lead them. Now, was it Moses or God who decided to take the Israelites out of Egypt to the Promised Land? It was **God!** Moses was just God’s man to lead the people, but it was God’s choice and decision to take the people out. The first thing that God did when He was about to take them out of Egypt was to cut covenant with them. He said, “Kill a lamb and take the blood and paint the blood around the doorposts of your houses.” The angel of death passed over the Israelite families, because they were covered by the blood and were in covenant, but the Egyptian first-born children were killed.

Pharaoh tried to stop them but there was nothing he could do because God had decided that they would be set free.

The moment those Israelites took their first step of the journey; they stepped out “under” God’s sovereign grace, provision and miracle working power.

Then they got to the Red Sea and the Egyptian army was behind them – was that big enough to stop God? No!

In Ex 14:13-14 we read a powerful account of the Israelites standing before the Red Sea. The Egyptian army are behind them; the sea is in front of them. There is a crisis! They are murmuring and complaining, “Why didn’t you leave us in Egypt to die, instead of bringing us here to die?” The storm was raging and they fell back

into unbelief. But Moses understood covenant and said, *“God, what shall I do?”* and God spoke to Moses and said, *“Fear not. Stand firm and see the salvation of the Lord... The Lord will fight for you, and **you have only to be still.**”*

God tells Moses to lift up his Rod (of authority) and stretch out his hand over the sea. The Israelites are supernaturally delivered as the Red Sea parts and they cross on dry land. However, they continue to grumble and complain and eventually die in the desert. Do you know what can stop God working in our lives? Nothing can stop God **except** our mouths, our thoughts and our attitudes. He is a mighty, sovereign God. He is the Creator of the universe, and yet you and I can stop Him working in our lives with our negative thoughts, words and attitudes. They were complaining and, perhaps hoping for a miracle instead of **thanking God for the miracle** they were living in. Not knowing your covenant position in God through Jesus Christ can result in our living from crisis to crisis, hoping for a miracle.

It is time to take up your position, stretch out your hands and declare God’s authority and promises over the sea of trial in your life.

BE STILL AND TRUST GOD

Can you picture it? Paul is sitting in the ship and the storm is raging and he is **still**. Is he crying, is he moaning, is he grumbling? No, he is still, because he is living **in his miracle**. He did not cry out for an angel; the angel of the Lord appeared and said, “Do not be afraid Paul, no one will die on this ship. Just be still and trust God.”

Lindah and I have begun to do this since God spoke this word to us. The truth is, you see, we will still go through storms. I mean, Paul was going through the same storm as the other people in the boat. We will go through storms. But now, instead of saying, “O God, please take this storm away,” we say, “Father, we thank You that we can stand in Your covenant promise that we are living in a miracle.” We speak to the situation. We are not **hoping for a miracle**, we are standing and living **in our miracle**. We have started seeing things change in our family and ministry. Be still and trust that God will fulfil His covenant promises to you.

Ps 46 1-2 God is our refuge and strength. A very present help in times of trouble.

Vs 10 Be still and know that I am God.

Vs 7 The Lord of heavens armies is here among us. (NLT)

A MIRACLE IS NOT JUST “AN EVENT”

Now, I want you to note this: **A miracle is not just an event.** You see, sometimes we go through life and we want God to give us a miracle. So we pray for miracles regarding provision, protection, healing etc. But a miracle is more than just an event.

It is the journey of life with a faithful covenant keeping God!

Paul was on his journey in the ship, in the storm, and by the way, bound in chains as a prisoner going to stand trial. But, he was in the covenant will of God, “**in his miracle**”. We often say, “O God, you don’t know what problems I’ve got; I’ve got a husband problem; I’ve got a finance problem; I’ve got a sickness problem.” We “describe” our situation to God and others around us. We need to change our position and confession, even though the situation looks storm-tossed; even though you feel like a prisoner. We are living in a miracle, redeemed by the blood of Jesus and seated at the right hand of God, in a place of honour and authority. We are in a miracle. Are you getting it?

Ephesians 2:4-6 NRSV says, “But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ —by grace you have been saved— and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,”

We are seated with Jesus in heavenly places. It is a place of **sonship**, a place of **honour**, a place of authority, peace, love, joy and victory.

It’s done. Take up you position, **live in your miracle** giving thanks continually to our Lord and Saviour.

COVENANT PROMISES

Psalm 18:2 NLT says, “ *The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my savior my God is my rock, in whom I find protection. He is my shield, the power that saves me, and my **place of safety.***”

It’s a miracle! He is my rock, He is my fortress, my shield, my strong tower. As I stand in His covenant promises, I am saved from my enemies.” Sometimes as a Christian we just want all our problems to go away, but we need to position ourselves in that “**place of safety**” the place of His presence.

Ephesians 1:3 says, “*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing...*” Mat 6:25 and 33 says, “*Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you shall eat or what you shall drink, or about your body, what you shall put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing?*” 33 “*But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well.*”

CHOSEN BY GOD

God the Father, Jesus the Son and the Holy Spirit have chosen to live in those who love Him, in our families and homes. In fact there is a scripture in 2 Samuel 23:5 where David says, “*Is it not my family God has chosen? Yes, he has made an everlasting covenant with me. His agreement is arranged and guaranteed in every detail. He will ensure my safety and success.*” (NLT) What a promise!! Thank you Lord that You have chosen my family to live **in the miracle** of Your covenant life.

YOU ARE ANOINTED BY GOD

“But it is God who establishes us with you in Christ and has anointed us, by putting his seal on us and giving us his Spirit in our hearts as a first installment.”

2 Corinthians 1:21-22 NRSV

Do you realise that right now you are ‘anointed’ by God?

Anointing’ is not just for special Christian leaders or speakers.

It is for all of us. Do you know that this anointing gives you power over sin, temptation, evil and the challenges we face?

Do you know that this anointing gives you access to God in prayer and worship?

Do you know that this anointing enables you to proclaim God’s message to other people? All of this is possible because God has given you the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit not only guarantees your future; he is the down payment in advance. ‘He *anointed* us, set his seal of ownership on us, and put his Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come’

The same spirit that raised Jesus from the dead now dwells in us and empowers us.

This is our Miracle that we can live in today 🙏🙏

POSITIONED IN WORSHIP

Daniel 3:4-18 People were commanded to bow down and worship an idol of Nebuchadnezzar. Daniel and his friends refused, so King Nebuchadnezzar threatened to throw them into a furnace.

The soldiers were told to make the fire hotter and hotter, until even the people who were putting the wood on the fire died! Shadrack, Meshack and Abednego said, *“We will not bow down to you, because our God will save us. But even if He does not, be it known to you that we are not going to serve your Gods or worship the golden image you have set up.”*

Their declaration was that even if we they went into the fire, God would be there with them. In fact we see that there was an angel standing with them in the fire. They were not burnt and even their clothes did not even smell like smoke. Angels are around us and with us. We are living **in our miracle**.

Psalms 34:7 *“The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him, and he delivers them.”* **Psalms 91:11** *“For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways”*

We can learn some valuable lessons from Jehoshaphat in 2 Chronicles chapter 20. He embraced God’s covenant strategies amidst a seemingly overwhelming battle as he stood in God’s presence in unity with those around him. God told him *“you will not have to fight this battle. Take up your positions; stand firm and see the deliverance the Lord will give you.”* They positioned themselves in worship and as they began to sing and praise *“give thanks to the Lord for His love endures forever.”* The Lord set ambushes against the enemy and they were victorious. They later assembled in the valley of Beracah, which means Praise. The principle is that God inhabits the praises of His people and causes us to live victorious lives despite our circumstances.

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OCCUPY YOUR LAND

Joshua stood before the Jordan River, waiting to go across into the Promised Land. But first he had to conquer the mighty fortress of Jericho. In Joshua 1:1-9 God gives Joshua three covenant promises **Firstly**, every place upon which your foot shall tread I have given it to you. **Secondly**, no man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life. **Thirdly**, I will not fail you nor forsake you, I will be with you wherever you go. Joshua had to see and live in the miracle. Often we face huge challenges and the devil says, "Look at your problem. Don't you feel that God has forsaken you?" The TV and negative thoughts will tell you that you have no hope! That is when you turn around and say, "I have hope because I'm living in my miracle. It may not look like it to you because the storm is still raging, but despite the storm I have hope.

I am living in my miracle."

PERSONAL TESTIMONY

Paul was a prisoner, but he was living in a miracle. I can share some personal testimonies with you. Many years ago my wife Linda had an operation and it didn't go well. The doctors said to her, if you put your foot off this bed and walk you can die, because you have clots in your legs!" A storm of fear tried to overwhelm her but God said to Linda, "Take my Word and abide in My healing Presence. Over the next few months, I remember her playing worship music at full volume as she sang and declared God's covenant of faithfulness over her life. She used to march up and down and dance to the song by Phil Driscoll called "WARRIORS"

until she was completely healed. Out of the revelation she received in this season, she wrote a course called *Woman of Peace*.

We made a video of the course (available on our website), which has brought peace, healing and hope to thousands of women all over the world from every walk of life including the prisons in Kenya.

Many years ago when I was in business, I faced a huge personal and financial storm due to the breakdown of relationships caused by a crisis in marriage and family of key people around us. We faced the possibility of losing everything we had worked for over a 20-year period. It was out of this crisis that God highlighted the devastation caused by marriage and family breakdown. We felt urged and called by God to begin to turn the tide and build strong foundations in marriages, families and people's lives.

It made no sense in the natural, but we chose to obey and trust God. The schemes of the enemy tried to take us out but God raised us up to a place where our resources have touched tens of thousands of lives around the world. When the devil thinks he's got you drowning in the storm, God raises you up to fulfill His purposes.

MAN WITH NO ARMS AND LEGS!

I have been impacted by the story of Nick Vujicic who was born with no arms or legs, yet he chose to allow the power of the glory of God to flow through his life. He ministers powerfully on how the grace of God is sufficient for him and how he has been set free from limitations to fulfil his redemptive purpose. As you can imagine, every small task in his daily life is a challenge; from eating to going up stairs, to writing, etc. He could easily be living in a crisis,

hoping for a miracle. Yet he has chosen to live **in** his miracle and is used of God to inspire and set thousands of people free.

WHAT IS YOUR PROBLEM?

Nick has no arms or legs. You may have a financial problem or have a health problem or perhaps a relational problem. Stop focusing on the storm and your limitations and in humility, align yourself with God's Word and destiny for your life.

Praise Him, thank Him and live in His covenant promises. It is the key to unlock your miracle.

HOW SHOULD WE THEN LIVE ?

Philippians 4:4-7 NRSV says, "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

We are to live giving thanks for who God is, continually praising Him for His goodness and taking up our Position of Peace. Peace means "to be set at one with God". Peace is the Spirit of Jesus living in us as we are "**ONE**" with Him. It is not just a distant hope, it is the promise of a victorious life as we abide in unity with Him.

Consider the universe:

Our galaxy is one in a billion galaxies. Our sun is one of a billion suns just like it. Astronomy has identified a galaxy 34 billion light years away (the speed of light traveling for 34 billion years).

I saw a photo of it. In the middle is the picture of a cross surrounded by a brilliant aura of light.

Coincidence?

Consider our bodies: our hearts, blood, arteries, cells, brain and immune system. Consider the miracle of childbirth, the love of a parent, the love in marriage and the safety and blessing of family.

Coincidence?

I think not. I believe it's all a miracle.

Einstein said “we either live as if nothing is a miracle or as though everything is a miracle”.

I choose to see my life positioned in God as a divine miracle.

WHAT IF:

What if things go wrong? What if I am not healed?

“What then are we to say about these things?

(let's rather say this).. *“If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies.”* Romans 8:31-33 NIV

Romans 8:35-39 says, *“Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? As it is written: “For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered. ”No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”*

So that answers any “what if” doubts. Whether we live or die we remain **in His presence**. He is our victory.

Phil 1:21 For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.

TESTIMONY OF MY BROTHER

I want to give you a personal testimony about my younger brother Ron, who pastored a church in Randburg, South Africa. He started the first of many non-racial, ACE Christian Schools in South Africa. Linda and I were there with him, and in fact we led that school for a season. Ron became ill and was diagnosed with a brain tumour. We thought, “God, this cannot be. Such a wonderful man of God, who has given his life to serve people and has raised up many leaders in the Body of Christ.” We prayed and fasted and we trusted God but after a few months my brother slipped into a coma. I was out of town when I got the phone call,

“Come quick! He’s in a coma.” We took a plane and rushed to him. When we got to his house, Ron was sitting there, smiling at me.

But the report was that the tumour had grown to thirteen centimetres! The doctor said to Ron's wife, "Is your husband not in pain?" and she said, "He's had no pain." He said, "It's impossible he has to have pain." Nevertheless, we had to go to my brother and say, "Ron, the doctor's report is not good, and the tumour has grown."

He had not been able to speak for about two months due to the tumour. He could only look at you with his eyes shining, but that day he spoke! He said to me, "Drum, forget about it. It's nothing." His eyes were shining with the glory of God and he passed away three days later.

As a family our hearts were broken. His wife Ann and children grieved his loss but chose not to live in sadness but rather to carry his love and victorious legacy to the world around them.

When God gave us this message, I thought back and realised that when my brother spoke to me and he said, "Don't worry about it, it's nothing," **He was living in his miracle.** He had a revelation of the magnitude of the glory of God. Nothing could separate him from the love of God! In comparison, the natural circumstances were "as nothing!"

Many people came to visit Ron. They would look into his eyes and start weeping as they were touched by the glory and presence of God. Sometimes things do not work out the way we want them to from our perspective. However, this does not mean that God's glorious and sustaining presence is not with us. Sometimes we don't understand God's eternal perspective and purposes.

It does not matter what your situation in life is. Everyday, every moment choose to give thanks and see beyond the natural circumstances.

Declare your covenant position, seated with Jesus in heavenly places and live in your miracle.

LET'S CHANGE OUR POSITION AND CONFESSION

We need to firstly repent and ask the Lord to forgive us.

PRAYER

Confession for Salvation

Firstly, position yourself as a son or daughter of God.

Father, I come to You today to surrender my life to You. I receive Jesus Christ Your Son as my Lord and Saviour. I confess my sin and believe that through His death on the cross I am cleansed of all unrighteousness. Thank You that I am now part of Your family and I commit to live to glorify You.

Positioned for Your Miracle

Forgive me Lord that I have not walked in the miracle of Your all-embracing love, mercy and kindness, releasing a heart of praise and thanksgiving to You each day. I don't want to die in my storm Lord, so today I come before You to ask for Your forgiveness. You are the God of miracles. Through Your covenant promises You have given me all things that pertain to life and godliness. I am Your child and so I rise up through Your enabling grace, put Your word

in my mouth and overcome my challenges. Father, I want to go forth in the power of your Holy Spirit and fulfil Your purpose and Your destiny for my life in this world. In Jesus" name. AMEN



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