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Preface

This book relates much that is dramatic and supernatural, telling the dramatic experience of a woman transported by the Holy Spirit FOR A PURPOSE from Florida to Korea and back again to Florida. That experience has Biblical roots, of course, (See Acts 8:39,40; I Kings 18:12; II Kings 2:16.).

However, being transported by the Holy Spirit is not the subject of this book; rather God has chosen to act sovereignly and dramatically to catch our attention and point us with new freshness to the **real message** of this book, which is that we might see WHAT THE POWER OF INTERCESSION IS. God wants to give His people a vision of the need for intercessory prayer and the power of ministry in the "inner court" to influence not only "outer court" ministry, but also every area of life.

The Holy Spirit is speaking to the Church today about the crucial importance of powerful intercessory prayer. He speaks through commissioned individuals, and Anne White is one of those individuals, speaking a message from God. She is sincere, committed, Biblical, and in love with Jesus. Her life is filled with the rich fruit of the Holy Spirit; it abounds with His love and truth.

After he heard of Anne's experience, Dr. Paul Yonggi Cho, pastor of The Full Gospel Central Church of Seoul, South Korea (the world's largest church with over 275,000 members) wrote a letter encouraging Anne to share her testimony. In a letter dated January 22, 1983, Dr. Cho wrote:

"I rejoice with you for the experience the Holy Spirit gave you. You are responsible now to share

your testimony with others as He (the Holy Spirit) presses the need for intercessory prayer in their lives! We are living in great days for the Church of Jesus Christ, but many people are still outside the fold in many areas of the world. We can pray them in if we will hear the voice of the Spirit to pray as He calls us to prayer! Prayer is the key, the answer, and the only way to have all of God's power and glory in the Church that will heal the sick, restore broken homes and set the Church on fire with vision."

As you read these pages, it is our prayer that you will be challenged to come apart, to minister to the Lord and then be used by Him to intercede for the Church as well as for others. There are so many in darkness because they have not heard the message of Jesus Christ, His power and His love.

Let us heed the voice of the Spirit and pray diligently as He calls us to prayer.

Roxanne Brant

Chapter 1

TRANSPORTED BY THE SPIRIT

It was June 1982, summer in Georgia. It's a uniquely pleasant time of year, warm and yet fresh. I was enjoying my life. My role as a pastor's wife included being a musician and teaching a Sunday school class. I spent many, many hours studying for the class and learning from the Holy Spirit.

In mid-June, I received a phone call that initiated a change in my life. The lady who is in charge of Women's Ministries for our denomination in the State of Florida called and asked me to be a speaker for the Annual Ladies' Retreat which had an expected attendance of 500. I was surprised. Why Me? I thought. I'm not a minister and I'm certainly not well known as a public speaker. True, I had spoken at several ladies' retreats in Georgia, but it was only because Jesus had given me a "shove."

Sensing in my heart that this was something I should do, I hesitantly agreed. I assumed I could use the material I had developed on marriage and family relationships. I had delivered it at the previous retreats quite successfully—the ladies had been blessed.

Three days before the meeting was to begin, I was reviewing my material on marriage and the family. I began feeling very uncomfortable with it. Instead of moving into a peace and confidence, the more I studied, the more upset I became. I knew God didn't want me to use this specific material.

But then, what?

I became absolutely terrified. I had four sessions to teach—one was an evening meeting—and God was dealing with me on the subject of intercession which I had

heard three years before at a ministers' institute. I had taken notes, but they were so brief, and I wasn't even sure where I had placed them. Knowing that God had His mind set on this subject, I endeavored to locate my notes. I was almost sorry when I found them for they were indeed very scant. I knew God had to supply more.

I studied the Word and the Lord began to drop bits of truth into my spirit on the subject of intercession, but not enough material to teach on at the upcoming retreat.

On Sunday, I pleaded with the people in my church to pray for me.

As I began to try to organize my notes on paper on Monday, a wave of feelings flooded my being; fear, inadequacy, desperation. In the midst of this, the telephone rang and **a friend said, "Ann, I commit myself to you for intercession."**

What a comfort that was to me! It confirmed even more that I was following the leading of the Holy Spirit. I felt undergirded by her prayers.

As I began my 250 mile drive on Tuesday morning, I still felt a sense of desperation. I knew that my material was poorly organized and insufficient. I was not prepared to minister on intercession that afternoon, but I knew that was what God was sending me to teach those ladies.

I placed a cassette of praise and worship music in my auto tape player. The beautiful melody of a song entitled, **"In Moments Like These" (by David Graham)** flooded my heart with joy.

"In moments like these,
I sing out a song.
I sing out a love song to Jesus.
In moments like these,
I lift up my hands.
I lift up my hands to the Lord...

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singing, I love You, Lord.
Singing, I love You, Lord.
Singing, I love You, Lord.
I love You."

Every time the song finished, I rewound the tape and played it again. It was a comforting melody to my soul.

After almost thirty minutes, I turned onto Interstate 75 heading South for the remaining four and one-half hour drive to Orlando, Florida. As I worshiped and praised the Lord, singing along with the music on the cassette, a "heavy" presence of God began to fill my car. My sense of desperation and fear was replaced with a rising tide of jubilation.

I started to pray in tongues, in a heavenly language I had never heard before, and not just in one, but in many. This continued for four hours on this trip: crying for joy, laughing in the Spirit, singing and worshiping God in languages I had never heard before, listening to and even directing symphonies of beautiful heavenly music.

I know that during this time I must have had help from the angels in driving the car.

You see, I was a desperate soul: I had to have something from God to give to those ladies at the retreat in Florida, and God was to give me a very powerful message. **In order to imprint this important message of intercession upon my entire being, the Lord gave me a very dramatic and powerful experience in the Holy Spirit.**

Now, this experience was so supernatural and dramatic that, after I had it I thought, **"I'm not going to share this with any group because they will think I am just too 'way out.'"** But, later, while speaking at the retreat, the Holy Spirit said, "I want you to share this."

Of course, the other hesitation I had was that

sometimes supernatural experiences become a distraction to people. They focus on the experience instead of Jesus, but I want you to keep your eyes on Jesus as I share with you this encounter that I had.

While continuing to drive Southward on Interstate 75 toward Orlando, God's presence and joy kept washing powerfully over my being.

Suddenly, I found my feet resting no longer near the accelerator and the brake of my car in Florida, but on the soil of Prayer Mountain near Seoul, South Korea. I had been supernaturally transported by the Holy Spirit to a place of prayer located halfway around the world!

As I peered curiously through a mist into a grotto, a Korean man came toward me with quiet, determined steps. As he extended his hand to me and I shook it, he said in the Korean language, "I have been interceding for a lady from Georgia and a meeting in Florida." When he spoke those words, their meaning came to me in English. He knew when he saw me that he had been interceding for me, and that the "woman from Georgia" and the "meeting in Florida" were somehow connected.

How amazing this was! Here I was standing looking at the man who had been my intercessor! Although he lived thousands of miles away from me and we had never met or spoken, yet God had impressed in his spirit to intercede for a meeting in Florida and for me—a woman so desperately in need of prayer.

Then God spoke, and His words were indelibly imprinted in my heart and mind:

"YOU SEE WHAT THE POWER OF INTERCESSION IS," God said.

Those words exploded within me. Only later would I truly see the fruit of that intercession.

A sweet and gentle time of fellowship flowed between

us as we conversed fluently in Korean (a language I do not know). I do not understand the details of what I spoke about supernaturally to him, but I know we were speaking about the goodness of God. We shared about the great things God had done in each of our lives. We laughed and rejoiced. We had a strong, deep mutual bond—two people across the world from different cultures, enjoying our Lord Jesus together.

We lingered and enjoyed basking in the afterglow of fellowship with Jesus; and our fellowship lasted quite awhile, it seemed.

The next thing I knew, I was back in my car in Florida. I was praying and interceding in the Spirit and making motions as if I were not in an automobile, but rather in front of a line of people, laying hands on each one of them, praying for them individually. Later, at the retreat, I learned the meaning of this.

As I continued down the highway, still mightily caught up in the power of the Holy Spirit, it slowly started to permeate my consciousness—I had been transported by the Holy Spirit to Prayer Mountain!

(At the time of my experience, I had never been to Prayer Mountain or in Korea.) I did know, of course, about the largest church in the world, Full Gospel Central Church of Seoul, South Korea, with its more than 250,000 members, pastored by Dr. Paul Yonggi Cho, and about Prayer Mountain forty-five minutes north of the church. **I knew that the secret of its explosive growth was intercessory prayer.**

Several months after I had been transported there by the Holy Spirit, I met a woman who had been there. She commented that there were over 115 underground grottos or tiny caves in the side of Prayer Mountain where people went to seclude themselves for times of intense prayer and fasting. She said that it was often misty or foggy, just the way I had seen it, and that the sound of people singing

and praying created an awesome effect as one stood and walked across the mountain.

The heavy presence of God slowly subsided. I continued to pray in the Spirit and my thoughts returned to the approaching meeting. Soon I had to turn off onto more difficult roads, and I began to watch for road signs.

When I arrived at the retreat, I was surprised to find that the sight of 500 ladies in the auditorium still terrified me. I walked down the long aisle and sat down on a seat in the front row. Just as fear began once again to grip me, I felt a gentle arm wrap around my shoulder and I looked up to see an old childhood girlfriend, now a minister's wife, standing by me. She began to pray for me, and her prayer was answered.

In the background, I heard the introduction: it was time. I walked to the podium; peace permeated my entire being. No fear or inadequacy remained. As I stood there, I realized..finally..that it didn't matter to me if I fell flat on my face—if I was a complete failure; because I couldn't do this in my own strength anyway. I was simply a vessel God had chosen to use to bring this message of intercession to a group of ladies who were prepared to receive it.

As I spoke, I began to literally shake under God's anointing. People began to be healed where they were seated as the power of God fell. After I spoke, ladies began to throng the altar for prayer. There were times when the anointing was so strong as I prayed for the needs of those ladies that I could not stand without someone holding me up. Women testified that they felt the warmth from God rushing through their bodies where they had infirmities and diseases.

It was then that I realized that these healings took place in the realm of the Spirit before I arrived at the retreat and spoke. **These healings were accomplished through the power of intercession before they were**

manifested in the physical realm.

God had impressed on the heart of that precious Korean man to pray for a meeting and a lady—both halfway around the world. He was faithful to pray...**and what tremendous fruit his prayers wrought!**

I later learned that during the very time I was having my experience, a lady from our church had left a meeting—so overcome by the power of the Spirit of God—and lay prostrate on the floor of her home groaning in the Spirit, interceding for me.

These were my intercessors; and although I can't tell you all that happened at this meeting in Florida, I can tell you it was God's meeting from the beginning to the end. I was just a channel. Many homes were brought back together, healings took place, and needs were met in that meeting.

The message God gave me to share on intercession was not only for those ladies in Florida, but for every member of the Church of Jesus Christ, every Christian today.

What God had done in a few hours time left my mind spinning. I had been transported by the Holy Spirit from Florida to Korea and back to Florida, and given a message from God for Christians everywhere.

I thought about Philip, the evangelist, mentioned in Acts 8 in the Bible...about his tremendous city-wide crusade in Samaria, and about his leading an important government official from Ethiopia to Christ and, subsequently, baptizing him in water.

Then, **"The Spirit of the Lord caught away Philip, that the eunuch saw him no more... but Philip was found at Azotus"** (Acts 8:39,40). I thought that, perhaps, after God used Philip so mightily in mass evangelism and personal evangelism, and he found himself transported by the Holy Spirit to Azotus, his mind might have been

reeling, too!

Later, as I re-read Acts 8:39,40, I discovered that different translations of the Bible expressed Philip's experience of being transported by the Holy Spirit differently. I read:

"The Spirit of the Lord caught away Philip..."

....snatched Philip away

....suddenly took Philip away

....hurriedly transported Philip

"But Philip was found at Azotus:

....found himself at Azotus

....appeared at Azotus

....was discovered at Azotus

I knew that being physically "transported" by the Holy Spirit was a Biblical phenomenon. I realized that the same Holy Spirit Who had transported Philip from a place in the desert near Gaza to the city of Azotus (Old Testament Ashdod), a distance of about 20 miles, had transported me from Florida to Korea and back again...for HIS purposes.

In certain Old Testament passages; such as, I Kings 18:12 and II Kings 2:16, it is obvious that God's covenant people even then believed that the Spirit of the Lord could suddenly and miraculously transport people physically.

I remembered that shortly after my experience of being transported by the Holy Spirit, God vividly dropped the word "transported" into my spirit to explain to me what had happened.

But that was not the important thing, **the important thing was about the power of INTERCESSION**. I knew that message would make a difference...if I could get it across to God's people.

Chapter 2

OUTER AND INNER COURT MINISTRY

In my heart, the Holy Spirit told me that He is looking for a people who are not content to be where they are in God. He is looking for a people who are not just content to be born again but who are ready to experience the depths in Him. He is looking for a people who don't just love Him, but who are ready to be **in love with Him**. Christians, there is a difference. If you are in love, you **desire to please** that loved one more than anything in the world. You are **submissive**.

Jesus said, "I want people who want a deep experience in Me more than life itself."

People, this takes **commitment**; this takes **surrender**. God would rather have me than the things I can do for Him. He is more interested in my **being** than He is in my **doing**. He desires for me to spend time with Him first. That is what His heart is crying out for.

You see, we can be so caught up in doing the "work of the Lord" that we neglect and forget the "Lord of the work."

You realize, don't you, that people can perform the work of the Lord without even being born again.

We can be performing the work of God and actually lose out with God in what we are doing because we are not spending time with the Lord, not going back to the Source, not being connected to the Vine.

The message that the Lord impressed upon my heart, I call the **"Outer and Inner Court Ministry."**

"Yet they (the Levites) shall be ministers in my sanctuary, having charge at the gates of the house, and ministering to the house: they shall slay the burnt offering and the sacrifice for the people, and they shall stand before them to minister unto them." (Ezekiel 44:10)

The temple was divided into two courts: the outer court and the inner court. The Levites were assigned to the outer court. This is ministry to people, public ministry. This is what we call "up front" ministry.

Now, look at Ezekiel 44:15 and 16:

"But the priests the Levites, the sons of Zadok, that kept the charge of my sanctuary when the children of Israel went astray from me, they shall come near to me and minister unto me and they shall stand before me to offer unto me the fat and the blood," saith the Lord God.

"They shall enter into my sanctuary, and they shall come near to my table to minister unto me, and they shall keep my charge."

We need to pray, "Help me to be a son of Zadok, not just a Levite." This ministry in the inner court is ministry unto God. This is the ultimate. This is what we call private ministry. There is no recognition in this court. It is done behind the veil. Everyone that ministers in this kind of court is on the same level.

In the outer court, we can measure ministry. We realize some are very good at it. The Levites knew how to sacrifice; they could wield the knife well; they could look after the gates; and they could minister to the people. The outer court ministry is measured by performance, by abilities, by talents, and by natural oratory. It is a place of recognition—a place that is in the public's eye.

Now, here is the problem: we can function in the outer court without functioning in the inner court.

The message from God today is this: may we never be guilty of ministering in the outer court without first ministering in the inner court. We must first minister to God. When we minister to God, He in turn ministers to us and through us. Then, and only then, are we ready to minister to others. **Ministry in the outer court, without ministry in the inner court, results in mechanical ministry.**

We can too easily become good at "playing church," and act out a form, void of power. We can become so dependent upon our inborn gifts and abilities, our special talents, that we endeavor to do things in our own ability. I can play the organ on Sunday even if I don't enter the inner court at all during the week; but if I stand in the pulpit, I must spend hours in that inner court in order to have **something which ministers God's LIFE to give out.** I must have His ability. It must be Him: it cannot be me! I cannot do this of myself. If we have outer court ministry without inner court ministry, we have ministry actually in the flesh and that can result in inflated egos.

When I get up to minister, if I have not spent time in the inner court, I am ministering horizontally. I am not ministering vertically; but everything I do in this outer court must be first sacrificed to Him. My ministry must always be to glorify God, to praise Him, to worship Him, and to give Him all the credit because I am nothing apart from Him.

Outer court ministry, without inner court ministry, will never have **lasting results.** You can have a **program** that does not minister life, and that program will not last too long. Ministry is everlasting only when it comes from the throne, from the inner court experience. May we never be content with the outer court ministry alone. May we never minister the Word, teach a Sunday school class,

teach children's church, care for the nursery, sing a song or sing in the choir, or play instruments to perform in the outer court, until we have been clothed with God's anointing and with His Presence. No one can minister in the inner court without influencing the outer court.

After we have ministered in the inner court, we will become effective. Then the church will fill, and needs will be met like they have never been met before.

In Luke 10:38-42, we have a beautiful story of Mary and Martha. Jesus loved to go to their home. That is where He received hospitality. **We see here an example of hunger for the inner court.** While Martha was concerned with preparing food for Jesus, Mary chose to sit at His feet in worship and adoration.

Martha was displeased, and asked Jesus, "Don't you care that Mary is not helping me?" There is no record of Jesus criticizing Martha for her busyness until after she demanded a comment from Him as to what Mary should be doing. In reply, Jesus told her, "Martha, you are worried about many things. But only one thing is important and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall never be taken away from her." **Mary had a longing for the inner court ministry—communion with Jesus Christ, Himself.**

Now, I am not trying to minimize outer court ministry in any way. It is important and we need it; but we must never (and this is where the church has failed) minister in the outer court without enough proper ministry in the inner court. It is the responsibility of everyone to intercede for those who are ministering in the outer court, and not just the responsibility of the person in the pulpit to be in the inner court.

The future of the church lies in the inner court ministry. This will determine souls being saved, bodies being healed, needs being met and the growth of the saints. More will be accomplished by prayer and

intercession than by all the religious activities in the world. The inner court is where the power of Satan is going to be broken. The inner court is where we are going to grow from babies to mature Christians. The need of the church today is for an army of intercessors.

When Jesus died on the cross, the veil in the Temple that separated the inner and outer courts was rent from top to bottom. That demonstrated that now every believer has access to the inner court. What a great privilege! We don't have to go through the high priest or a mediator. We can boldly approach the throne of grace. There we can commune and fellowship, worship, praise and adore His precious name. As we come to Him in total surrender and minister to Him, He ministers truths and revelations to us and removes all burdens. When we get past the stage where we care only about ourselves, our family and our needs, we become vessels to be used. Then it is...**as an intercessor, we take the place of another. We come to God in behalf of another.**

No longer interested in only ourselves, as intercessors, we are interested in the body of Christ, in the works of God, in praying in behalf of those who are being used in those places of recognition. I pray that you will let the Lord speak to your heart about this ministry of intercession. It will determine how effectively we do the works of God in these last days.

Chapter 3

THE POWER OF INTERCESSION

When God gives a revelation, teaches a truth, it is with one purpose in mind: that we walk in it.

When I returned from the ladies' retreat, I said, "Lord, I'll share this message with my Sunday school class."

He replied, "No, the whole church is ready for it. You are to share this message on intercession Sunday morning and evening."

At that same time, my pastor-husband, Jimmy, came to the door and said, "I was just praying and the Lord told me you are to share Sunday evening."

And so I did.

God had prepared our people; they were ready to move on with God. At that service, there was a very heavy anointing as there had been when I had spoken at the retreat. God's presence came heavily upon the people and the entire congregation began to weep. The people came to the altar in a spirit of brokenness—the entire church body weeping in unison.

From that day on, just one miracle after another has happened in our church. For example, **we have seen intercession produce fruit in the realm of healing.**

There is a very successful 46-year old surgeon in our church who recently had a heart attack. On a Wednesday, a lady who is in the ministry of intercession in our church began to experience heart pains. During the day, the doctor kept coming to her mind; but she thought, Do I need to go and have him check me? Her husband called and asked us to pray for her at church that night.

On Sunday, when prayer was requested for the doctor

who was in intensive care after a heart attack, she immediately knew what had happened.

She said, "I've got to go to the hospital." When she arrived at the hospital, she proceeded into intensive care, unhindered, although people are not supposed to have that liberty. She shared with the doctor and his wife what had happened to her. She was sure by then that the intercession had been for him. The symptoms—everything she had experienced was identical to what had happened to him.

He began to improve until finally his doctors said, "Doctor, you must have been living right. You are totally healed."

We have seen the **power of intercession** not only in the realm of healing, but also in the realm of **producing revival in churches and lives**.

Recently, God gave me a burden of prayer and intercession for certain churches and ministers. Often during the night, He awakened me to pray and intercede for them, giving me names of some pastors I had not seen in years.

One night, I was interceding especially for a certain minister who telephoned me the next day. He had never called me before, and he was weeping and saying that the Lord was dealing with him about moving into deeper revelations and truths in God.

Later, I felt led to call another minister for whom I had interceded during several nights quite intensely. He told me that at that time he was in one of the greatest revivals of his entire ministry through which God was touching the whole city where he pastored.

Recently, we have seen the **power of intercession work to open doors for people who need jobs and practical results in the area of material blessing**.

God impressed me to pray for a particular

businessman in our city. Two hours later, as my husband and I ate lunch at a local restaurant, this particular businessman walked up to us. I blurted out, "I just prayed for you this morning!"

He replied, "Thank God. I was so frustrated and desperate this morning, facing a mountain of financial problems, in addition to which my wife is ill. I have been very worried about my business; however, today about noon time, I received an out-of-state telephone call which brought me a tremendous amount of business, and it has solved all my financial problems." He rejoiced for God's answer to prayer for him that day.

Intercession draws God's rich blessings down from His full storehouses in Heaven to work for us and those around us in life situations today. His giving is inseparably linked with our asking; He wants to give, but we must first ask. Jesus said, "Ask and it shall be given."

We have prayed; we have asked..and my what results we have seen! Broken homes have been mended, the lost have come to find Christ as their Shepherd and Savior, the tormented have been freed, closed doors have been opened, the sick have been healed..and more.

Intercession is the basic ministry for all Christians. IT IS A POWERFUL MINISTRY. Though all Christians are not gifted to be intercessors, all are called to intercede; AND THE TIME IS NOW.

BUT THAT'S NOT ALL...THERE'S MORE.

Chapter 4

OUR FIRST MINISTRY: TO THE LORD

After God gave me the message on the POWER OF INTERCESSION, my life was set ablaze with that truth. Then I was led, through the suggestions of different people, to read the book "MINISTERING TO THE LORD" by Roxanne Brant. It is one of my favorite books. Through it, God gave me a wider scope of understanding about where the ministry of intercession fits in the total plan of God.

I'm still gleaning things from that book. It has ministered to my heart and brought me into even deeper truth and revelation than I had previously come into.

I BELIEVE EVERY CHRISTIAN SHOULD READ THIS BOOK.

Roxanne Brant is a minister with a seminary degree. Early in her ministry, she had a vision of Jesus weeping in the midst of His people. That VISION took her into a SEARCH of the Scriptures, which in turn led her to the DISCOVERY that our first ministry is not to men but to GOD.

Roxanne Brant shares this vision she had in her book MINISTERING TO THE LORD on pages 29-35:

Worship involves giving something to God because He is worthy.

Several years ago, something very supernatural and unforgettable occurred that left a deep impression on me. It taught me that my first ministry is to the Lord and that to praise Him

without worshiping Him is not enough. The Lord, Himself, came and showed me these things. He taught me the difference between praise and worship.

It happened one evening while I was ministering in a charismatic Presbyterian church. The songleader had led the congregation for about twenty minutes. They were singing the usual songs of praise and thanksgiving to God for healing, prospering and saving people—songs such as, "Amazing Grace," "He Touched Me," "Blessed Assurance," and others.

When it was time to speak, the minister arose and began to introduce me. Suddenly, to the right of the minister, I saw Jesus. He was standing there with the loneliest expression I have ever seen on any face. His soft eyes overflowed with tears which began to pour down His cheeks and drop silently at His feet. There was no noise, no sobbing, and no movement of anything but the tears as they silently streamed down His face and dropped to the floor. The sense of His loneliness filled my being. I wanted to comfort Him. How lonely He was, even in the midst of all His people.

He disappeared as suddenly as He had appeared. I knew in an instant why He had been weeping. He was lonely because, in spite of all our self-centered singing ABOUT Him, He Himself was completely ignored. No wonder He wept. Of course, He was lonely.

My mind was so filled with what I had seen, that when I came to the realization that I had just been introduced to the congregation, I seemed

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unable to speak. I arose and turned to them, still choking down the sobs which filled me. I managed to speak several words. All I could say was, "Now, let's worship Jesus."

Immediately, it seemed as if the Holy Spirit flooded the sanctuary and began to move like a soft wind through a giant, divine harp.

For the next fifteen to twenty minutes, everyone in the congregation began singing in the Spirit such exquisitely beautiful arrangements as no human mind could conceive.

The Holy Spirit was using our bodies as instruments for the expression of His own worship to the Lord Jesus Christ. He had heard our feeble attempts to praise Jesus. Now He filled our vocal apparatus with His own perfect, holy songs of worship.

How indispensable we were to each other, the Spirit and each of us! I remember particularly, how a man on one side of the auditorium and a woman on the other kept singing cascades of prophetic worship up and down the scale in perfect harmony as they worshiped the Lord in the Spirit. It sounded as if passages out of the book of Revelation were being brought to life.

As the people continued to worship Jesus, I became aware of something happening within me. The intense loneliness which I had previously experienced slowly began leaving me. It was replaced by a feeling of satisfaction and joy. Although I could no longer see Jesus, the Holy Spirit let me know that He also was feeling the same thing. I knew that the loneliness was leaving

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Him as the people continued to minister to Him. I knew that He was feeling satisfaction and joy from their worship.

There was such a glorious, festal presence of the Holy Spirit that we felt as if we were in a heavenly banquet and that any minute we could put our hand on the arm of the King of Kings and march right up the aisle with Him.

After some time, the Holy Spirit gradually lifted His hand from us. I knew it was time for the message. Again, Jesus spoke very clearly to me and said, "You have ministered to me, so now I will minister to you." Then I arose and gave a message on "Ministering to the Lord."

I share this with you because I am convinced that Jesus is all too frequently lonely at the services we claim to hold in His name. So many services are centered only in praise, and ignore His presence with us. This is not enough. We also need services which are centered in worship, a worship in which the believer is caught up in the present reality of God's person, in the reality of Who He is.

We have talked about praise and worship. We need to say something about communion with God where we go BEYOND the altar of incense, into the Holy of Holies where the ark of His PRESENCE is.

When someone is born again, he is quickened and becomes alive in his spirit. He begins to commune with God in this very deepest place of his innermost being (I John 1:1-3). The human spirit (and not the mind) is the place where God

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communes with us as we quietly wait upon Him. It is in our spirit where He unfolds His revelations to us as we are capable of receiving them through His Spirit and His Word.

Let me mention here that there are no "new revelations" such as some might teach; but just the good, solid, Biblical truths made alive and fresh to us by the Holy Spirit. Don't forget that everything must be in line with God's objective standard of truth, the written Word of God.

As we commune with the Lord, a flow of life is established.

*Isaiah writes, **"They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint."** (Isaiah 40:31)*

As we wait upon the Lord, there is a change or passing on of strength. If we wait upon the Lord, we shall exchange our WEAKNESS for God's STRENGTH. (Exchange is a better translation of the Hebrew word, chalaph meaning, "to change, to pass on," than renew as used in this passage.)

As we wait upon the Lord and commune with Him, we begin to absorb some of His strength. He impresses Himself and His mind upon us. That is why the psalmist says, "My soul, wait thou only upon God; for my expectation is from Him." (Psalm 62:5) Also, "I wait for the Lord, my soul doth wait, and in His word do I hope. My soul waiteth for the Lord more than they that watch for the morning." (Psalm 130:5,6)

We need to learn to minister to the Lord in

praise, worship and communion. It is as we praise Him and thank Him for His goodness to us that we can so easily move into worship—just worshipping Him for who He is. It is then, as we worship Him, that the flow of worship moves us into His presence (right before the throne of God Almighty). His presence then moves into us in a way in which we FEEL it, and communion is established.

Then God's heart is stirred. He begins to move upon us, pouring His blessings, His presence, revelations and heavenly goodness into our spirits as we are simply still and wait upon Him, letting Him minister to us.

How simply each facet of ministering to the Lord fits together! How exciting it is to let the Holy Spirit move through us to minister to the Lord of the whole universe!

The Bible is clear that the first obligation of a Christian is ministry to the Lord. God places the priority on ministry to Himself.

Even in a corporate sense, how clear it is when one reads the Scriptures that the reason the Church exists is first, to minister to the Lord; second, to minister to the saints; third, to minister to the world.

As we minister first to the Lord, He in turn empowers us and moves through us to minister to the saints and to the world. HE WILL MOVE US TO PRAY...TO INTERCEDE for, in the words of Dr. Paul Yonggi Cho, prayer is the key, the answer, and the only way to have all of God's power and glory in the Church that will heal the sick, restore broken homes and set the Church on fire with vision for a lost world.

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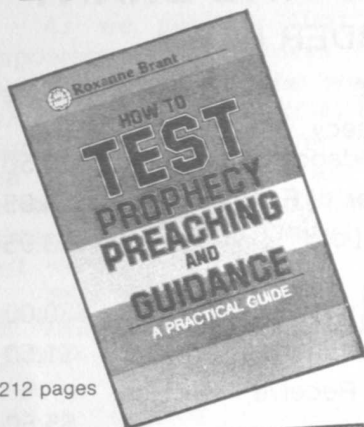
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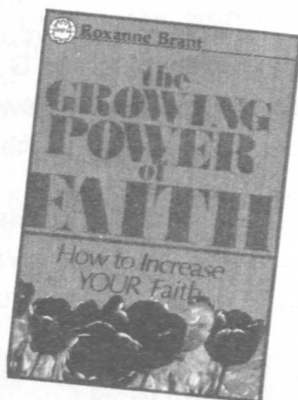
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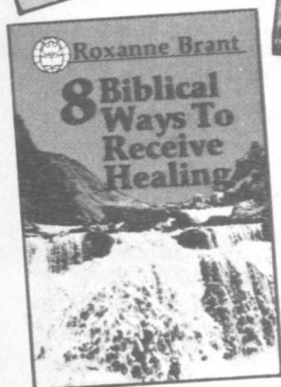
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Pray this prayer and ask Christ to come into your life. He promises to if you ask Him (Rev. 3:20).

DEAR JESUS, THANK YOU FOR BEING MY SAVIOR, FOR DYING ON THE CROSS FOR MY SINS. PLEASE FORGIVE MY SINS AND COME AND LIVE IN MY HEART. TAKE MY LIFE NOW AND LIVE IN AND THROUGH ME FOR YOUR GLORY. THANK YOU. AMEN.

If you prayed the above prayer for the first time, then let me know and we will send you some helpful reading material. Also, find a church in your area that preaches from the Bible and worship there regularly so you can grow spiritually and help others.

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