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Message From the Authors



Our goal in writing this book is to share our experience and God's Word to equip you with spiritual tools you can use to get your miracle from God. What we share is instruction we received from the Lord, by the Holy Spirit, carefully documented in journals we kept during every step of our journey, when all the insights were fresh and vivid in our memory.

We offer these insights from a male and female perspective throughout the book. We found this approach broadened our understanding and enriched our perspective. Each section will be clearly labeled to let you know whose perspective you are reading: Funsho's (male) or Bola's (female). We are sure that whether you are a man or a woman, you will connect with and learn from both perspectives.

Thank you for sharing this journey with us. Our prayer is that you will find blessing from God that even exceeds our own as you read this book.

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Introduction



It was June 2009. My wife Bola was pregnant with our third child, so we went in for a routine checkup. Our regular obstetrician was away, so a new doctor was assigned to see us. After we settled in to the examination room, the doctor asked us “What did the autopsy report say?”

Bola and I looked at each other, puzzled. Autopsy? We were there for a routine check-up on the progress of her third pregnancy. Did he have us confused with another patient? Was there a new meaning for the word autopsy, some new lingo? (After all, we had viewed enough TV crime shows to know what autopsy meant.) What was going on?

The doctor could only be referring to our second daughter Miracle Ayomikun who was, at the time, two and a half years old (thus alive). What had this board certified doctor read about our second daughter to conclude that the baby must be deceased?

We assured him our little Miracle was fine, alive, and two and a half years old. Bola even produced pictures from her wallet as proof! The doctor apologized and said he was sorry for the mix-up.

He was not the first doctor to conclude that there was a death sentence over our second daughter. That is where this story begins. It was December 2006 when it seemed like all hell would break loose.

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Chapter 1

Don't Buy the Picture!



It was two days before Christmas, 2006 and my wife and I planned a last minute shopping trip to Apple Valley, Minnesota about sixty-five miles from where we lived in Rochester, Minnesota. It was an ordinary day that would become extraordinary. Before leaving, Bola and I took time out for devotions. That morning's devotion quickly became a time of glory in God's presence!

Prior to this day, the Lord had been using me in the gifts of prophecy, tongues and interpretation of tongues. In fact, God often speaks to Bola and I through one or some combination of these gifts.

We have learned that these gifts manifest as the "Spirit wills." (1 Corinthians 12) A gift does not manifest every time we will it. In fact, we may go for months without any manifestation of any of the gifts in our personal prayer life, although they may manifest while ministering in church or at meetings. The Holy Spirit controls these gifts and they manifest through us. We are not in control of them. We cannot turn these gifts on or off at will. But God leads us by his Spirit through an inward witness. As the Bible says: "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God." Romans 8:14 (KJV) The Spirit of God will always lead us and direct us in life. We must simply learn how He leads and follow His leadings.

In our devotion that day, we were encouraging each other's faith concerning the miracle we were expecting. (As believers in Christ, we always have something to believe God for, whether physical healing, finance, or any number of things.) As we shared, I knew there was activity in my spirit. I call it a "bubbling." I had a joy I could not explain. I just felt like dancing or jumping! It was indescribable. Just before I led in prayer, the Holy Spirit began to speak a prophetic word through me.

The prophecy that came forth gave us comfort regarding the miracle of our baby and some other challenges we faced in our finances and ministry. We were lifted. The anointing of God was present in our living room, and we were energized and ready to move forward. By the time we were done praying and praising God, we were almost running late for our trip to Apple Valley.

On our way back from Apple Valley, Bola and I listened to tapes by Kenneth E. Hagin, sharing what we were learning and just having a great time in the Lord. I had that same "bubbling" feeling.

Once home, we relaxed in the living room and watched TV. After a few minutes, I realized that I was praying in the Spirit, in other tongues (as in 1 Corinthians 12, 13 and 14). Five minutes later, I was still praying in the Spirit. God was moving powerfully upon me. Suddenly I heard the Holy Spirit say to me, "I need you to pray now." I told Bola, "We need to pray NOW!"

After a short time in prayer, I heard the Spirit say to me, "I want you and your wife to co-author a book titled 'DON'T BUY THE PICTURE. The anointing to write is on you...'" He then went on to give more instruction on the process and the content of the book. I shared this with Bola after finishing the prayer. Immediately, we began to design the book and began the process of writing, under the anointing He gave us.

Bola's encounter with "Don't Buy the Picture"

On my drive home from work on September 9, 2006, I was listening to a recorded message by Phillip and Fern Halverson. Phil and Fern are both home with the Lord now, but God used the Halverson's to powerfully impact mine and Funsho's Christian lives. Their devotion to God and the things of God was outstanding, and they had remarkable adventures with the Holy Spirit. We learned a lot from them.

On that September day, I was listening to Fern share a story of God giving her a revelation. As I listened, I had this overwhelming joy about the revelation God gave to her. I did not know this revelation was going to mean so much to my family in the weeks to come (and not just my family, but Gods family).

I arrived home and shared the experience with my husband and he was blessed by it also. Incidentally, we had both listened to Fern's message many times prior to that day. We had been blessed by it, but somehow this time it meant more.

(That day in my prayer time, I asked the Holy Spirit to give me more scriptures with the hope of preparing a message that I might someday preach. So I began to do some research on the Shunammite woman, Tabitha and Lazarus. I did not know that God had a bigger plan for this message.)

Fern's Revelation

Fern awoke about 3 a.m. to God sharing a revelation with her regarding a movie set. (Fern had visited a movie set in Burbank, California not long before this, one described as "the biggest movie set in the world.") God told Fern, "In this set, there are cameras and structures and many other things—movies are made in this set. Movies are made from sets like this all over the world. These movies are not shown at the set, but in movie theatres. Because the devil is

the prince of the air (Ephesians 2:2), he takes pictures out there and shows them to people.”

God told Fern that people from all walks of life go to the theatres. They part with their hard-earned money to see these pictures. When people watch these pictures, they react to the images they see. Some will even turn their face from a movie and say to a friend beside them, “Oh, this is really bad. Let me know when this scene is over!” Their friend will respond, “It’s just a picture!” and they are right. These movies were shot in a movie set, with costumes, make-up and other paraphernalia to make a movie. God said to her, “Remember, it is JUST a picture.”

To better appreciate the revelation and its importance, consider what a movie set looks like.

Many movies give you the impression that you are actually in the movie. You have the sensation and impression the images are right in your face. Sometimes in theme parks, they even simulate wind, water or moisture, height, and depth to match the scene you are viewing. But remember, it’s not real, it’s still a picture. You are still seating in a comfortable chair in a movie theater or at a theme park.

Movies or motion pictures are a succession of pictures fired quickly on the screen to give an appearance of movement. This is the reason they call them “motion pictures” or “moving pictures or images”. Have you noticed that when a movie is paused, it looks like a picture? It looks like a picture because it is a picture.

People pay to watch these movies because of the perception of reality and the entertainment such an experience provides. Movies are pictures. These pictures are made to cause reactions. Don’t buy the pictures.

Application “DBTP” Phil and Fern

Shortly after God gave Fern this revelation, her daughter-in-law, Christine Halverson was involved in a fatal car accident. It was 9:20 a.m. that morning when Phil and Fern received the call from a hospital in Minneapolis. They had been preparing to leave for ministry in Sweden. Instead, they rushed to the hospital.

Christine was not doing well, according to the doctors. It looked dark. The medical facts were bleak. She had suffered a concussion and a back injury. She was in a coma and the doctors were unable to bring her out.

The doctors were saying things like “immobile,” “she won’t be able to walk again,” “wheelchair for the rest of her life,” “brain damage,” “unable to speak,” etc. The doctors ordered a CAT scan, among other things, because they feared she was paralyzed.

While all this was going on, Fern kept on saying a word that she would normally not use, “Baloney!” To her this was nonsense. She wouldn’t believe it. Fern reminded herself, My daughter-in-law is in covenant with us and God and therefore the devil is trying to sell us a horrifying picture of her chances of survival, but I am not buying this picture! At that moment, she remembered what God showed her about the movie set and the pictures.

Phil and Fern joined hands and prayed, “Satan, we don’t believe your picture, our daughter-in-law is healed, in Jesus name.”

After a couple hours they were able to visit Christine. Phil got close and called her name. (She had not responded since the accident.) The doctor asked, “Do you recognize who these two people are?” Immediately Christine opened her eyes and said “Of course, it’s mom and dad!”

The doctors were amazed at this turn of events. They ordered more extensive tests. All of them came back negative. She was in

perfect condition, restored by the power of God through faith in God. Phil and Fern refused to buy the picture the devil was trying to sell to them.

The devil is always trying to sell bad news. He is a liar, even the father of lies.

Christine stayed one more night in the hospital, but she was discharged the next day with a clean bill of health. Phil and Fern also went on their trip to Sweden the next day.

Even in the face of tangible facts (medical, financial or otherwise), God can do a miracle. The picture you are seeing is not the end, if you can lean on God. Anything that cannot be verified by scripture should be suspect to a believer (2 Corinthians 13:1). The word of God is all in all.

Let's take a moment and see the application of this same thought in the life of the Shunammite woman.

Don't Buy the Picture, "Behave" God's Word

"Not buying the picture" is a stance a believer takes against negative or unwanted outcomes in his or her life. You could call this stance, "behaving" God's Word. As believers, it is essential to master the task of behaving God's Word. In Psalm 46, verse 10 (KJV), the Bible says, "Be still, and know that I am God..." To be still means:

- To remain in a place of rest
- To be silent.
- To keep quiet about a matter
- To be free from sound or noise

By being still, we position ourselves to see God in action. When we are not "still," there is a tendency to be anxious and we are focused on the picture or situation rather than God. We speak hastily

in unbelief or give up hope and open ourselves up for the devil to use and manipulate us. The truth of the matter is that every display of doubt and anxiety works against us. In other words, we can focus on God, believing He can and will handle the situation we face, or we can dwell in unbelief, anxiety or doubt, focused on the picture the devil displays.

Philippians 4, verse 6 reads, “Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God...” (NKJV) That means we are not spend our time worrying, but instead praying in humility, with thanksgiving and submitting our requests to God. Then we watch Him make all impossibility possible. “For with God nothing shall be impossible,” according to Luke 1, verse 37. (KJV)

There are two contrasting, yet seemingly similar words. These are the *fact* and the *truth* about a situation. The *fact*, is something that exists or occurs; a piece of information. The *truth* on the other hand is the REAL state of things. God's Word is truth.

In Hebrews 4 verse 12, the Bible says: “For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.” (NKJV) This verse says that the Word of God is alive! It can be applied to every situation in life.

The Shunammite Woman Did Not “Buy the Picture”

A classic story in Scripture illustrates the “don't buy the picture” principle. It is found in 2 Kings 4:8-37. The Bible calls this woman simply, “the Shunammite woman.” She was a well-to-do woman, but she was barren. She saw the prophet Elisha passing through their city and urged her husband to allow her to provide shelter and food for the prophet whenever he was in their city. They did so.

One day, the prophet asked his servant Gehazi what he could do for this kind woman, given her unprecedented and selfless generosity. After some investigation, Gehazi told the prophet that the woman was childless. The prophet called the woman and gave her the word of the Lord that she would have a child at the same time the following year. Just as Elisha promised and foretold, this barren woman and her husband were blessed with a child.

This child grew and one day developed a strange headache while with his father in the field. His father asked one of his servants to carry the child to his mother. The child died in the arms of his mother.

Look at how the Shunammite woman practices the principle of “don't buy the picture”:

“She went up and laid him on the bed of the man of God, then shut the door and went out. She called her husband and said, “Please send me one of the servants and a donkey so I can go to the man of God quickly and return.”

“Why go to him today?” he asked. “It's not the New Moon or the Sabbath.”

“It's all right,” she said.

She saddled the donkey and said to her servant, “Lead on; don't slow down for me unless I tell you.” So she set out and came to the man of God at Mount Carmel.

When he saw her in the distance, the man of God said to his servant Gehazi, “Look! There's the Shunammite! Run to meet her and ask her, “Are you all right? Is your husband all right? Is your child all right?” “

“Everything is all right,” she said. (2 Kings 4:21-26, NIV)

The Shunammite Woman: Digging Deeper

There are so many parallels between the Shunammite woman's experience and our own that it demands a deeper look.

The woman:

1. Was a notable woman (meaning "great woman," or "rich" according to Dake's Bible) who fed Elisha as often as he passed by Shunem. (2 Kings 4:9-10)
2. Recognized the anointing of God upon Elisha's life and called him a "holy man of God."
3. Provided shelter for Elisha in her home.

Matthew 10:41 reads, "He who receives a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward. And he who receives a righteous man in the name of a righteous man shall receive a righteous man's reward." (NKJV)

The Shunammite woman received the prophet's reward. (2 Kings 4:11-16) She received Elisha and was a blessing to him. Elisha pronounced a blessing on her by saying, "About this time next year you shall embrace a son." (2 Kings 4:16, NKJV) As we read in the story, this woman was barren, and wasn't really bothered by with it. Nor does the Bible tell us she was scouting for a miracle from the man of God. She just wanted to bless him. As a result of her generosity however, the Lord blessed her with a son, just as the prophet foretold.

The Bad News

The Shunammite woman bore a son and the son grew. Sadly, some years later, the son died. This was not a report coming from a doctor or from a family member. The woman was there. She held

her son and he died in her arms. Most will agree this is probably the worst situation a mother or parent can go through. There is perhaps no bigger picture the devil can hold up than the death of one's child.

Satan *sometimes* does not mind that you have blessings from God (especially when you put in motion certain laws in God's Word), but he surely will come to kill, steal, or destroy your blessings if he can.

Jesus said in John 10:10, "The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have *it* more abundantly." (John 10:10, NKJV). Jesus says the devil is the killer, the thief, and he is the destroyer. God is a good God. His only thought to us is to bless us. The devil is the one who comes with the bad news, the bad picture, to destroy our peace.

Now, pay attention to the **ATTITUDE** of the woman after her son's death in 2 Kings 4:21-23. It is noteworthy that she was not breaking down as one would expect, though her son had just died. She took her son and laid him on the man of God's bed, asked her husband for a young man and a donkey, and went to look for the man of God. Most specialists in medicine would conclude that she was in denial, but she was just behaving God's Word. Her attitude and behavior both proved she wasn't buying the picture.

Acting Out the Acceptable Behavior

Her husband wondered what the point was in the woman going to see the man of God. "Why go to him today?" he asked. "It's not the New Moon or the Sabbath." "It's all right," she said. (2 Kings 4:23, NIV) Another version says, "It is well."

It is well? He might well have asked, "What do you mean, 'It is well?'" Your son just died! Someone might say she does not have

compassion or feelings for the son, but she is actually displaying the highest level of love and compassion for her son. Any other attitude, action, or words would have sealed the fate of her son. Her words matched her attitude and her actions.

Does this look like someone “buying the picture” of her present situation? She beheld the Word of God by being still with no display of anxiety. She knew that there was a way out, an answer from God! She saddled a donkey and basically told her servant, “Let’s get moving in obedience to God!”

Is the Shunammite Woman a Good Mother?

In the natural, one might well think this woman does not have a heart. Women, in general, have a nurturing and caring heart, especially toward babies and children. They have the strongest bond and affection toward their own children. Yet, from what we read, she had no emotional display concerning the death of her only son.

In this country, she might have been indicted in a court of law for negligence and maybe other things. She would have at least raised suspicions. It was as if nothing had happened. She did not allow the situation to ruffle her or make her act differently than she would normally act.

She went looking for Elisha. As soon as Elisha saw her from a distance, he sent his servant to meet her and ask, “Is it well with you? Is it well with your husband? Is it well with the child?” and her response was, “It is well.” One would think she should at least have mentioned the death of her son to Elisha’s servant, but no, she stood her ground.

The Bible says that after you have done all you know how to do from the natural, according to the will of God, then maintain that stand and let God work on your behalf. When this mother reached Elisha, she told him what happened. Elisha sent his servant to lay

his staff on the child. The mother said, ““As the LORD lives, and as your soul lives, I will not leave you.”” (2 Kings 4:30, NKJV) She was saying to Elisha, “I am not buying this picture. I will not bury my son, so pray to God and make something happen.” She was not a bad mother, just a mother who was determined *not* to buy the picture.

The Picture Changed

In life, challenges will come. Some of them could be life-threatening or so overwhelming that one may not even see God due to the picture being held before their eyes. This is the time to show the devil and the world what you are really made of. You may need to pray until something happens. In the case described above, the woman was not going to leave until Elisha appealed to God and made something happen.

“And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force.” (Matthew 11:12, NKJV)

You need to be violent (forceful, persistent) at times to have your needs met—to defy the picture. The Shunammite woman demanded Elisha’s God to produce a miracle and she got it. As a believer, we have an upper-hand over matters of life.

“You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.” (1 John 4:4, NKJV)

The one that lives on the inside of us is greater and we need to remember there is no problem, circumstance, situation, sickness, or disease that is greater than God. When Elisha got to the house he found the woman’s child dead, lying on his bed.

Today, medical science and technology tell us that after so many minutes of the brain being deprived of oxygen, it will no longer function correctly. Beyond those few minutes, a person may well be pronounced brain dead, irrespective of whatever else is happening in the body. If a person so afflicted does not die, the assumption is their quality of life at least is forever hampered. Such an individual is assumed by these experts to be beyond hope and no longer of use to the society because he or she is no longer able to function properly.

The Bible does not say how long the Shunammite woman's child was dead or how many days the child was dead. We can only infer or deduce that it took a couple of days because she had to take a trip to go and find the man of God and another trip back. Elisha shut the door, prayed for the boy, and God honored his prayer and the child came alive.

The Shunammite woman's life and character teaches us a great lesson. Even though her child was dead, she refused to "buy the picture" that surely must have tried to fill her vision. She was the epitome of peace in the midst of the storm, while watching God do what only He can do.

Things to Remember

- **The leading of the Holy Spirit in life and ministry can be varied and sometimes unusual.** When we pay attention to the Holy Spirit inside us, allowing Him to guide our own spirit, we can be led by any method the Holy Spirit chooses. We should be sensitive to receive His leadings and follow them.

"The spirit of man is the candle of the LORD, searching all the inward parts of the belly." (Proverbs 20:27, KJV)

"For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God." (Romans 8:14, KJV).

- **The image right now may look dark.** There may not be a way out according to our own thinking or according to the “picture” we see. Always know that it’s just a picture! It is not the end of the story.
- **If you will let God into your situation, He has the final answer and final say on all issues.**

“...With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible.” (Matthew 19:26, KJV)

“Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth.” (Mark 9:23, KJV).

Don't ever give up, even if you are satisfied with living. Get your healing and then go. Don't let sickness or disease decide your exit point and time. Fulfill your days here on earth!

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Chapter 2

Whose report does one believe, the doctor's or God's?



Late September 2006, Funsho and I found out we were pregnant for the second time. We were excited about the pregnancy and looked forward to the whole amazing experience. We registered at Mayo Clinic. Our first appointment was scheduled for the 25th of October, 2006.

We went for the appointment and everything was fine, all the measurements and stats were okay. The next appointment was scheduled for November 22, 2006. It also went very well, the baby was developing normally. We blessed God and went home. My day continued normally.

Everything changed around 5:30 p.m. Suddenly, I felt a sensation that I was “leaking.” Sure enough, I found that I was actually bleeding. The first thing that came to my mind was the word “miscarriage.” In response, I said aloud, “I am not buying this picture.”

I told Funsho what happened and we prayed in unity of faith. We stood our ground based on the Word of God that we knew and in which we were established. The Bible says in Psalm 118:17, “I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD.” (KJV) We replaced the word “I” with “You,” speaking on behalf of our baby.

We stood on quite a few scriptures to address the situation that day. For example, Exodus 23:26, “No one shall suffer miscarriage or be barren in your land; I will fulfill the number of your days.” We refused to entertain the thought of a miscarriage because we knew the book of John revealed an outstanding truth about the devil: “...there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.” (John 8:44, KJV)

The devil has no capability to tell the truth; it's impossible for him; the same way that it is impossible for God to lie! We chose to stand upon the Word of God and to put the devil under our feet where he belongs.

My spotting ceased and that was the end of it, at least for the time. Though it would turn out the battle was just beginning we had sent a clear message the devil that we were not lying down, rolling over, or playing dead! We were not buying the picture.

I feel the need to emphasize that we did not write this book because of the phenomenal miracle that God did in the life of our daughter. Neither did we write it because God has called us to ministry; we wrote it because God told us to. Part of the instruction was to include Bible teachings to buttress our points and to help build your faith for your miracle. In obedience to God, we have included messages along the way in the book.

Along those lines, consider this very powerful thought, something you may not have heard before: There are things God cannot do.

Some Things God Cannot Do

We have all heard that God can do everything and anything, but this is not true. Primarily, things that God cannot do stem from who He is and the way He made man.

First, God made man with a WILL. He will not override man's will. This is the reason we see all the evil at work in the world today. God has given man custody over the earth to dwell in it, tend it and keep it.

Second, God has given the authority and responsibility to man.

Third, there are things God cannot do because of His own nature.

Due to God's nature, He cannot:

1. Lie

It is against God's nature to lie. If God said today was Friday and it was Monday (today ceases to be Monday, it's now Friday). My point is: it's impossible for God to lie. It's just like saying that a man can get pregnant. It's scientifically and practically impossible. (Hebrews 6: 18, Numbers 23:19, Titus 1:2)

2. Work Without Faith

Without faith, God cannot work miracles, healing or deliverance for man. He himself operates and gets things done by faith. Even the sovereign acts of God still require God to do them by faith. Recall this account in Mark:

And when the sabbath day was come, he began to teach in the synagogue: and many hearing him were astonished, saying, From whence hath this man these things? and what wisdom is this which is given unto him, that even such mighty works are wrought by his hands?

“³Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary, the brother of James, and Joses, and of Juda, and Simon? and are not his sisters here with us? And they were offended at him.

⁴But Jesus, said unto them, A prophet is not without honour, but in his own country, and among his own kin, and in his own house.

⁵And he could there do no mighty work, save that he laid his hands upon a few sick folk, and healed them.

⁶And he marvelled because of their unbelief.” (Mark 6:3-6, KJV)

3. Be Pleased Without Faith

To please God, we must “operate” our faith and grow it. God is looking for men and women who will dare to take his Word as truth and trust Him. Imagine being a father or mother who tells your kids you will do certain things for them, but your children never take you seriously. For most of us, that would hurt! We would likely conclude that our word does not have any value to our children.

This God who cannot lie says a lot of things to us in His Word, yet too many of us do not believe Him. That is why the Bible says, “...without faith it is impossible to please God.” Hebrews 11:6, NIV) Remember, God Himself operates by faith! (See Romans 4:14, Genesis 1:2.

4. Change

The nature of God, His power, His majesty, His splendor, His mercy, His love... never changes. He never goes back on His word. As Hebrews 13:8 reads, “Jesus Christ *is* the same yesterday, today, and forever.” (NKJV)

5. Break Covenant

Psalms 89:34 reads, “My covenant will I not break, nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips.” (KJV) (See also Leviticus 26:44, Judges 2:1.) God is a covenant-keeping God. He even keeps His covenant to a thousand generations and forever. He keeps the covenant as long as the terms are kept. For example, covenant of salvation says, “Confess Jesus as Lord, accept that He died on Calvary for your sins, believe that He rose from the dead on the third day, and you shall be saved.” Anyone on this planet; any human who does this shall be saved. (Of course this covenant is in place until Jesus returns for his beloved. After that, the salvation door is closed.)

Another example is the covenant of prosperity. Any child of God who operates this covenant will prosper. Tith, give, and sow your finances into God’s kingdom with cheerfulness of heart and you will prosper. It works. God never breaks His covenant.

6. Override the Will of Man

God gave man authority in the Garden of Eden to have dominion and rulership. Man foolishly surrendered this authority to the devil, but Jesus restored this authority back to man.

God cannot make a man do what he does not want to do. He is free to make choices for himself. Even salvation (the most important choice God gives man to make) is not forced on man by God. Whatever man experiences or does not experience in life—good or bad—is because man chose to experience them.

For example, God cannot make Christians pay “tith.” (“Tithing” is the practice of contributing 10% of one’s income to their church.) In Revelation, Jesus is depicted as standing at the door of our heart and knocking. If he can do anything, why does He need to knock?

Why not just walk right in? God cannot just walk in because He requires an invitation from the owner of the heart.

You will see from the rest of our story why these attributes of God became very important in our faith walk and in having our needs met (and your needs too!) God cannot lie, change, work without faith, be pleased without faith, override the will of man, or break covenant. This knowledge alone will go far in strengthening your faith.

We are sure you are eager to find out what happened next in our story, so read on.

The Picture Was Dark

Our next scheduled appointment was for December 18, 2006. This was the big appointment where we do the ultrasound, at which time we can see the heart, vital organs, spine, head formation, hands, feet, and most importantly, the sex of the baby. We were really looking forward to this appointment.

When we got to the hospital we checked in and went to the room where the ultrasound was to be performed. The technician did her job and called the radiologist to confirm some pictures she took. The radiologist came in and took some more pictures. After she was done, she said, "I would like the doctor to come and confirm one or two pictures." That was fine as we had no concerns.

We waited an uncomfortable amount of time and became impatient because we had other engagements planned that day. Eventually the obstetrician returned, joined now by a neurologist. We thought nothing of it. He introduced himself and his specialty and ordered a third set of pictures. After still more time and one final examination, the doctor gave us the dark picture:

He told us, "Well, looking at the picture of the head there is a piece of bone missing, meaning the skull is not completely closed, which should have occurred within six weeks. Also, the spine is not straight as we would like, there is a curve. The good news is that

Chapter 24

How can I be saved?



Salvation is the simplest thing to get from God. Salvation is simply taking advantage of the free gift that Jesus Christ came to give to mankind. Man, according to the Word of God, is doomed to hell fire (Revelation 20:15). This penalty for sin is irrespective of the kind of person we think we are. It makes no difference if we are nice, friendly people. But the Bible says our righteousness is like filthy rags before a Holy God (Isaiah 64:6). The only remedy for this state is the blood of Jesus Christ, the finished work of Calvary, and His resurrection from the dead. To be saved, you simply acknowledge that you are a sinner and that you need a savior (Romans 3:23). Once you have done this, pray this prayer, “Jesus, come into my heart, forgive all my sin, be my Lord and Savior.” If you just said that prayer from the heart, you just got born-again!

You have to find a good Bible based church and grow in God! Congratulations and welcome into the family, and the love of God.

Some suggested reading materials



1. Some books By Phil and Fern Halverson – Adventures with the Holy Spirit, unseen forces beyond this world.
2. Some Books by Kenneth E Hagin – What faith is, How to turn your faith loose, Healing belongs to us, exceedingly growing faith
3. Some Books by Kenneth & Gloria Copeland – And Jesus healed them all, Healing promises, healing -it's always God's will.
4. Some Books by Bishop David Oyedepo and Pastor Faith Oyedepo – The healing balm, Rescued from destruction, Exploits of faith.
5. Some books By Pastor E.A Adeboye – when you need a miracle, the healing meal.
6. Some books by Apostle KC price – faith, foolishness or presumption?
7. Some Books by Mac and Lynne Hammond – Real faith never fails,

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