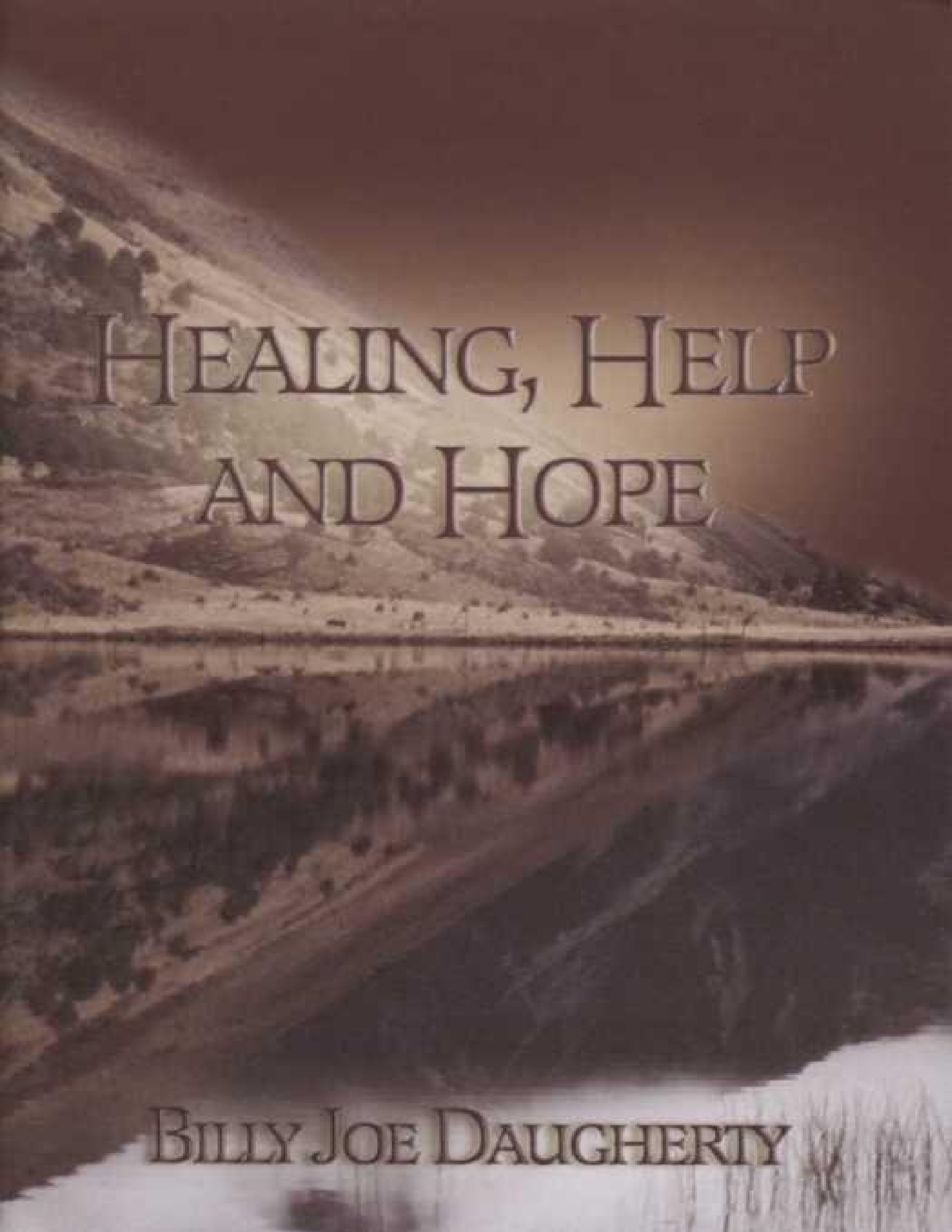
HEALING, HELP
AND HOPE
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May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 15:13, NIV

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1

The Source of Healing, Help and Hope

It is God's will to heal you. help you and give you hope. Though you may be facing sickness, hopelessness. despair. or financial difficulties at this very moment, it is God's will to deliver you out of these challenges and set your life on a new path—one of righteousness, blessing, joy and peace.

Psalm 121 (NTV) says:

I lift up my eyes to the hills—where does my help come from?

My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot slip—he who watches over you will not slumber;

Indeed, he who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord watches over you—the Lord is your shade at your right hand;

The sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night.

The Lord will keep you from all harm—he will watch over your life;

The Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.

The God who made heaven and earth can certainly help you, heal you and give you new hope! Look to Him expectantly today for the healing, help and hope that you need.

YOUR HELP COMES FROM THE LORD.

2
It Is God's Will to Heal

"Is it God's will to heal?" is the most critical question concerning healing. Most people don't question God's ability to heal, but they aren't confident of His willingness to heal.

If someone has the ability to heal, but they are not willing to use that ability, you are up the creek without a paddle! There won't be any results where there is ability but no willingness. The Son of God came to reveal the nature of God the Father, which is to lift with healing, help and hope.

The leper's encounter with Jesus reveals the uncertainty some people have of God's willingness to heal.

When He [Jesus] had come down from the mountain, great multitudes followed Him.

And behold, a leper came and worshiped Him, saying, "Lord, if You are willing, You can make me clean."

Matthew 8:1,2

The leper acknowledged God's ability to heal —"You can make me clean"—but he questioned God's willingness—"If You are willing."

You can die believing God has the ability to heal if you're not confident of His willingness to heal. Understanding God's willingness to heal opens you up to receive the miracle that you need.

Then Jesus put out His hand and touched him, saying, "I am willing; be cleansed." And immediately his leprosy was cleansed.

And Jesus said to him, "See that you tell no one; but go your way, show yourself to the priest, and offer the gift that Moses commanded, as a testimony to them."

Matthew 8:3,4

If you want to be healed, you must remove the doubts about God's willingness to heal you. Settle it. It is the will of God for you to be healed and made whole, whether it's in your mind, your emotions, your finances, your family, your spirit or your physical body.

Third John 2 says:

Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers.

Biblical prosperity is not just the accumulation of things. It is the blessing of God upon your life, and it starts on the inside when you are blessed with eternal life.

Make this confession with me now:

Father God, I acknowledge Your ability and Your willingness to heal me physically and to empower me with the Holy Spirit to walk in divine health.

I acknowledge Your ability and Your willingness to heal me in spirit and soul (mind, will, emotions and intellect) as well as in my body, finances and relationships because of Jesus' completed work at Calvary.

Because of the revelation of Your willingness to heal me, Lord Jesus, I'll walk in soundness and wholeness in every area of life! Hallelujah!

3
Ought Not This Woman Be Loosed?

Jesus recognized that sickness and disease came from the enemy. It's time we recognize where it comes from, too—that we acknowledge Jesus as the Source of abundant life and the devil as the killer, stealer and destroyer (John 10:10).

In the story of the woman Jesus loosed from a spirit of infirmity after being bound for 18 years, Jesus said Satan was the one who had bound the woman.

Now He [Jesus] was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath.

And behold, there was a woman who had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bent over and could in no way raise herself up.

But when Jesus saw her, He called her to Him and said to her, "Woman, you are loosed from your infirmity."

And He laid His hands on her, and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God.

But the ruler of the synagogue answered with indignation, because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath; and he said to the crowd, "There are six days on which men ought to work; therefore come and be healed on them, and not on the Sabbath day."

The Lord then answered him and said, "Hypocrite! Does not each one of you on the Sabbath loose his ox or his donkey from the stall, and lead it away to water it?

"So ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has bound—think of it—for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath?"

Luke 13:10-16

The will of God and the will of the devil are in opposition to each other. Many times people attribute the work of God to the devil and attribute the devil's work to God. God is using people to minister healing to the sick, and it is the devil who oppresses with sickness and disease.

4

Jesus Was Willing To Heal the Centurion's Servant

Jesus was willing to heal the centurion's servant, just as He is willing to heal today. Hebrews 13:8 says, **"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever."**

Jesus specifically said, **"...I will come and heal him,"** which reveals both His ability and His willingness to heal.

Now when Jesus had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to Him, pleading with Him,

Saying, "Lord, my servant is lying at home paralyzed, dreadfully tormented."

And Jesus said to him, "I will come and heal him."

The centurion answered and said, "Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof. But only speak a word, and my servant will be healed."

Then Jesus said to the centurion,

"Go your way; and as you have believed, so let it be done for you." And his servant was healed that same hour.

Matthew 8:5-8,13

If you need healing, help, or hope, then follow the centurion's example, for Jesus said he had "great faith."

Take the spoken Word of God and believe it. Act on the written Word as the centurion did on Jesus' word.

Confession

You are willing to heal me, Lord Jesus, just as You healed the centurion's servant, I receive Your healing virtue now, Lord Jesus, in my mind, emotions and in my physical body.

Thank You, Lord Jesus, that You are always the same. The Word never changes, and it says that by Your stripes

I am healed! (1 Peter 2:24). Hallelujah!

5
Great Faith Is Taking God At His Word

Great faith is taking God at His Word. Great faith is having full trust and confidence in the integrity and the ability of God that all He has to do is speak the Word and you believe **"...that it shall be even as it was told me"** (Acts 27:25, KJV).

Many people are waiting for things to happen when God has already sent His Word. Psalm 107:20 says:

He sent His word and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions.

God has already provided hundreds of promises in His Word. He has provided for everything you will ever need. There isn't an area of your life for which God hasn't made provision.

The Bible contains the words that have been spoken by God throughout history. That Word never loses its power. It is still effective. It is not void or empty. Paul wrote to the Corinthians:

For all the promises of God in Him are Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God through us.

2 Corinthians 1:20

When you take hold of the promises of God, you take hold of Jesus. Jesus Christ was the Word made flesh.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

John 1:1,14

When the woman with the issue of blood took hold of the hem of Jesus' garment, healing power flowed into her body.

Now a certain woman had a flow of blood for twelve years,

And had suffered many things from many physicians. She had spent all that she had and was no better, but rather grew worse.

When she heard about Jesus, she came behind Him in the crowd and touched His garment;

For she said, "If only I may touch His clothes, I shall be made well."

Mark 5:25-28

To touch His clothes was to touch the Word. When you take hold of the Word—believing and speaking it—healing power will flow into your life.

Immediately the fountain of her blood was dried up, and she felt in her body that she was healed of the affliction.

And Jesus, immediately knowing in Himself that power had gone out of Him, turned around in the crowd and said, "Who touched My clothes?"

But His disciples said to Him, "You see the multitude thronging You, and You say, 'Who touched Me?' "

And He looked around to see her who had done this thing.

But the woman, fearing and trembling, knowing what had happened to her, came and fell down before Him and told Him the whole truth.

And He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well. Go in peace, and be healed of your affliction."

Mark 5:29-34

To take hold of the Word, you must do four things:

1) Hear the Word;
2) Believe the Word;
3) Speak the Word; and
4) Act on the Word.

6
Deliverance Can Come In a Touch

Peter's mother-in-law was healed as Jesus simply touched her.

Now when Jesus had come into Peter’s house, He saw his wife’s mother lying sick with a fever.

And He touched her hand, and the fever left her. Then she arose and served them.

Matthew 8:14,15

At the conclusion of one of our Sunday morning church services, a lady came forward to give her life to the Lord. As I laid hands on her and prayed, she fell under the power of God. Then she began to scream. The Lord showed me that there was a demonic work inside of her, and as I spoke to that spirit to leave her, a vicious appearance came on her face. She literally began to go out of her natural mind into the mind and control of the demonic spirit.

I believe this situation is similar to Jesus rebuking the demon spirit in the young boy in Mark 9:26. "...The spirit cried out, convulsed him greatly, and came out of him...."

The Lord gave me a word of knowledge that this woman had suffered abuse and was molested as a child. As I spoke that word out and said, "You can forgive," she said, "No, no." I said, "Yes, you can." When she got the words out, "I forgive," that spirit came right out of her. There was such peace. She stood up, lifted her hands and began to shout, "Praise God, I am free." Forgiveness will loose the grip of the enemy.

A similar thing happened years ago when Sharon and I ministered to two men, both in intensive care because of heart attacks. Since only one of us could go into the Intensive Care Unit because of the critical condition of each of these men, I went in first and prayed for each of the men. Then Sharon went in and laid hands on each of them as she sang, "Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, There's Just Something About That Name."

Both heart monitors went to normal as Sharon sang. Within three or four days, both men were released, completely healed. There is healing power in a touch given in Jesus' name.

7
God Is Willing To Help You

God is just as willing to help you as He is to heal you. This truth is evidenced through Isaiah's words:

Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.

Behold, all those who were incensed against you shall be ashamed and disgraced; they shall be as nothing, and those who strive with you shall perish.

You shall seek them and not find them—those who contended with you. Those who war against you shall be as nothing, as a nonexistent thing.

For I, the Lord your God, will hold your right hand, saying to you, "Fear not, I will help you."

Isaiah 41:10-13

When God helps you, you will know you have been helped! You may be thinking, "I don't have anyone to help me." Yes, you do. You have God Almighty. He is committed to helping you in every area of your life.

Sometimes people say, "God helps those who help themselves." That's not in Scripture! God helps those who meet His conditions and walk in line with His Word. There is help when you draw near to Him (James 4:8).

If you are having struggles with your family, call on God for His help. Be specific about what you need. Do you need strength? Do you need God's ability to help control your attitude and temperament, or to help you to react properly to the attitudes and temperaments of other people? Do you need harmony in your home? Do you need peace, provision, or direction? Are you going through financial problems? God has promised to help you.

Perhaps your challenge is thoughts of worry, fear and anxiety. Just say, "Lord, I need Your help to get control of these thoughts." The Lord will help you whenever you pray and commit those things to Him. Help is as close as the name of Jesus Christ!

God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.

Psalm 46:1, NIV

Cast your cares on the Lord and he will sustain you; he will never let

the righteous fall.

Psalm 55:22, NIV

Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.

1 Peter 5:7, NIV

8
There Is Hope for You!

Just as the woman with the spirit of infirmity was bent over for 18 years, many people are bent over inside today with mental disorders, alcoholism and drug addiction. They want to be free, but life has dealt them some cruel blows. As a result, all hope is gone. There are only faded memories of the way it used to be when there was a wife and children, but today it's a park bench, emptiness, long, dark nights of hopelessness, despair, suffering and hurting.

Some middle- and upper-class people have also lost hope. The only thing they have to look forward to at the end of the day is a drink. They are bound and just as much without hope as the person on skid row.

Others have lost hope because of sickness and disease, and there is seemingly no way to get well. Doctors and nurses have done all they can, giving the best treatment and prescribing the best medicine. Though they may not say it, the feeling comes across that there is no hope.

I remember when our oldest child, Sarah, was born early and her lungs weren't fully developed.

We rejoiced over her birth with family and friends. Hours later, she was rushed to the Intensive Care Unit at St. Francis Hospital where she was given antibiotics and hooked up to all kinds of tubes. Each day, I went into the Intensive Care Unit and just touched her in prayer.

When I asked about her condition, all the nurses would say is, "We are doing all we can." Negative thoughts tried to come, but Sharon and I dispelled them with the Word. Today, Sarah is a healthy teenager.

Maybe you have a sense of hopelessness because of marriage problems. You have tried to live together, but somehow you just can't get along. There is one argument after another. Finally, in a fit of anger, there are blows with words and actions that strike down, and all hope is shattered. Thoughts of reconciliation, harmony and peace are gone.

The innocent victims of the wars in the home are the children who suffer abuse, rejection, isolation, and the feeling that their mother and daddy don't love each other anymore and don't want to be together. They feel abandoned and wonder which way to go.

When there seems to be no hope and no way out, and when the devil puts

you down, knocks you aside and lays you low, remember, *Jesus came to lift you up!* Regardless of why you are hurting, Jesus Christ is your hope.

The Spirit of God spoke through Jeremiah:

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

Jeremiah 29:11, NIV

Regardless of what you are facing, there is hope. Jesus will bring you through as you yield yourself completely to Him. He will deliver you and lift you up!

And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us.

Romans 5:5, NIV

9
David’s Overcoming Prayer

David faced about every type of hopeless situation anyone will ever face. If you are facing a hopeless situation, do what David did. He said:

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

Psalm 27:1

CONFESS GOD’S WORD

The first thing you need to do when hopelessness tries to set in is confess who God is to you and in you. Don't let the devil silence your guns! Let the word of victory come forth out of your mouth!

When the wicked came against me to eat up my flesh, my enemies and foes, they stumbled and fell.

Though an army should encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war should rise against me, in this I will be confident.

One thing I have desired of the Lord, that will I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in His temple.

Psalm 27:2-4

PUI GOD FIRST

As you put God first on the throne of your heart and mind, your life will become settled. People who lose their first love for Christ lose hope, but when your first love is set on seeking Him, then you cannot be shaken by any circumstance!

For in the time of trouble He shall hide me in His pavilion; in the secret place of His tabernacle He shall hide me; He shall set me high upon a rock.

And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me; therefore I will offer sacrifices of joy in His tabernacle; I will sing, yes, I will sing praises to the Lord.

Psalm 27:5,6

REJOICE

When the devil tries to steal your hope and it seems like it is fading away, start rejoicing and confessing, "Lord, thank You that everything You said about me is coming to pass."

Hear, O Lord, when I cry with my voice! Have mercy also upon me, and answer me.

When You said, "Seek My face," my heart said to You, "Your face, Lord, I will seek."

Do not hide Your face from me; do not turn your servant away in anger;

You have been my help; do not leave me nor forsake me, O God of my salvation.

When my father and my mother forsake me, then the Lord will take care of me.

Psalm 27:7-10

Even if you have been abandoned by family, the Lord will take care of you.

Teach me Your way, O Lord, and lead me in a smooth path, because of my enemies.

Do not deliver me to the will of my adversaries; for false witnesses have risen against me, and such as breathe out violence.

Psalm 27:11,12

David is talking about the slander, backbiting and speaking all types of negative, cutting things. Verse 13 is the key verse:

I would have lost heart, unless I had believed that I would see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

In other words, "I would have fainted, I would have quit, I would have given up if I had not believed I would see the goodness of the Lord."

It's no time to quit! It's time to run with the vision God has put in your heart. He will remove each obstacle you face as you simply obey Him!

10
God Wants To Put a New Song in Your Heart

Sometimes we think of healing only in terms of a physical repair, an improvement, the removal of a disease or a disorder, but healing covers all areas of our lives, including abuse and hurts inflicted by other people.

A Russian young man saw video reports of our crusades in St. Petersburg, Russia, and said, "The greatest healing for me was to see the older Russian women dancing in your crusade services. They don't dance, because they have been so beaten down, disappointed and discouraged for over 70 years." To see their hearts healed was his greatest joy.

God wants to heal you, help you, give you hope and put a new song in your heart. He can deliver you out of the deepest pits!

It is His will that you be whole. Healing, help and hope are available to you in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth.

I pray for a release of God's mighty healing power into your life right now in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth. I pray for sickness and disease, a spirit of torment and oppression and the foul works of abuse to be removed from you in Jesus' name. Be healed and set free in your heart, mind, emotions and in every part of your being.

I break the power of iniquity and perversion from your life. Be healed and made whole in Jesus' name.

I command darkness to go from your mind and pain to go from your heart. I command the years of bitterness and resentment to be gone. Let it come out of your own lips, "Lord, I forgive."

It's a new day for you in Jesus' name. Amen.

Personal Prayer of Commitment

Father, I need healing, help and hope in my life, and I now understand that Jesus Christ is the avenue to this new life.

Lord Jesus, I believe You are the Son of God and that You were crucified, buried, resurrected and ascended. I renounce every work of darkness, and I accept You, Lord Jesus, as my personal Lord and Savior.

Thank You, Lord Jesus, for empowering me with the Holy Spirit so I will be strengthened and equipped to live an overcoming life in You.

I forgive and release those who have abused, hurt, or offended me, and I bless them in Your name, Lord Jesus. I totally release the past, and I take hold of new life in You now, Lord Jesus.

Signature _____ Date _____



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