

NEW BEGINNINGS

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Special Prayer Needs:

- Please continue to pray for Ann Campbell, our prayer director in Albuquerque, who is in the late stages of cancer.
- Pray for Diane Thompson, our Austin, TX, prayer director who lost her father recently.
- Ask the Lord to provide new prayer directors in areas of the country where we have none.
- Pray for the financial needs of Philippian Ministries and for Lana's support.

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Regret...One of the Enemy's Greatest Tools!

I've talked to a number of people lately who struggle with this great debilitator! Regret is a king-sized enemy, isn't it? I know I have experienced it in the area of my children. I know it can strike in many areas, but there doesn't seem to be anything more painful to parents than looking back and wishing they had done things differently...wondering if the mistakes they made caused their children to be less than they could have been, spiritually or otherwise.

Wondering whether their struggles are because of emotional woundedness on the part of a parent or issues like poverty requiring poor child care, marrying a spouse that wasn't good for the children, or simply not knowing how to really love them. Wherever it strikes, regret can creep up on the heart, like a stalking beast that latches on and won't let go.

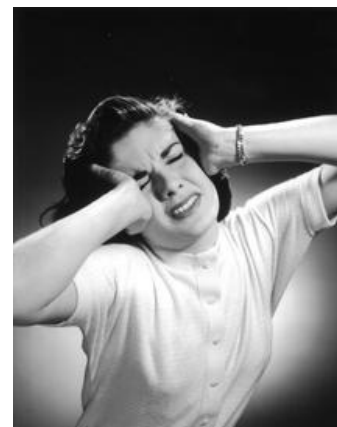
I was in the midst of one of

those attacks when the Lord spoke to my heart. He spoke into my thoughts with a few of the most profound words I have ever heard. I hold on to them like life itself. He said:

"The salvation of regret...is sovereignty."

I was stunned. I had to sit and think about it for some time. I believe He was saying that He allowed my life to go the direction it went and that I must rest in His sovereignty...even for my children...and especially in the ways their lives were affected by those earlier choices.

Does that mean that he caused me to raise them out of my woundedness in the ways I did? No, but He knew. He knew, given certain situations that were presented to me, how I would respond and what the resulting repercussions would be in the lives of my children. He knew the ways a sinful world



would touch my life and because He is sovereign in it all...I must now trust Him with the results in the lives of my children. Could anything take greater faith? He is about that in our lives you know.

He handed me a plate when I was born. On that plate were carefully measured the right amounts of joy and laughter, struggle and ease, and even pain
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God's Oath to You...

When you are sad...

I will dry your tears.

When you are scared...

I will comfort your fears.

When you are worried...

I will give you hope.

When you are confused...

I will help you cope.

When you are lost...

And can't see the light

I shall be your beacon...

Shining so bright.

This is My oath...

I pledge till the end.

Why you may ask?...

Because you're my friend.

2 Cor. 12:9 The Lord said, "My grace is enough for you, for in weakness, My power reaches perfection. Verse 10... Therefore, I am content with weakness...for the sake of Christ; for when I am powerless, it is then I am strong."

Song of Solomon 8:1-5a

Oh, that You were like my brother, Who nursed at my mother's breasts! I would kiss You; I would not be despised.

I would lead you and bring you into the house of my mother, she who used to instruct me. I would cause You to drink of spiced wine, Of the juice of my pomegranate.

His left hand is under my head, And His right hand embraces me.

I charge you, O daughter of Jerusalem Do not stir or awaken love until it pleases.

Who is this coming up from the wilderness leaning on her Beloved?

I awakened you under the apple tree.

A BRIDE FOR CHRIST...PART XV

The Bride now boldly expresses partnership in a public ministry.

Oh, that You were like my brother...She is speaking this in the form of a prayer to Jesus. It was improper to express public affection to members of the opposite sex unless they were a member of one's immediate family. She couldn't even touch her Beloved even to hold His hand. She longs to boldly show her loyalty and love for Jesus in public.

Who nursed at my mother's breast...This speaks of a full brother instead of a half-brother. Children from the same mother is meant here as contrasted to children with one father but different mothers. She could not be familiar in public with a half brother, only with a full brother.

If I should find You outside, I would kiss You. I would not be despised. (8:1c,d,e)

If I should find You outside...If she could experience certain manifestations, liberty or revelations from God and find Him outside or in a public place where people would watch but not understand her experiences in God.

I would kiss You...She would express the fullness of all that God had put in her heart. She wishes that life in this fallen world was such that she would not have to draw back. Her first prayer was to know His kisses (1:2) Now she understands that these kisses can not be fully expressed in public. There are appropriate settings to express these more personal experiences in God.

I would not be de-

spised...She knows that she will be despised if she is too bold or too intimate in public. She would not be despised if all the people had an understanding of Jesus as her brother. She could kiss a brother in public and not be despised.

She is praying for help in 3 distinct areas that concern how she relates to Jesus in public.

1. She desired to fully express her faith. She wants the boldness in her public ministry to overcome fear of rejection and persecution.
2. She desires to fully walk in love. She wishes that she never had to show restraint of her liberty or of the manifestations of the Holy Spirit. However, she knows that on some occasions in the wisdom of God, it is necessary to have some restraint because of love for those who do not understand.
3. She desires to fully walk in wisdom. She wishes that she never had to show restraint in speaking about precious revelations that Jesus gave her. She does not want to conceal Him in any way.

I would lead You and bring You into the house of my mother, she who used to instruct me. (8:2a,b,c)

I would bring You...speaks of bringing His presence to others through anointed ministry. She is still praying to Jesus.

I would lead you...Jesus actually gives some of the decision making of His kingdom to mature believers. He will bless some of what they decide in the outworking of His purposes. This reveals some of

the dignity and honor He has given His Bride in their partnership together.

In the house of my mother... She is interceding for the fullness of God. Then she commits to resist all compromise especially in the midst of familiar relationships. The church is 'my mother'. Familiar relationships here are relationships among those of the church.

Into the house...She wants to bring a deep revelation of Jesus to the church to stir them to passionate obedience and risk taking faith. She is praying for grace to bring the new thing God has given her to the church.

She used to instruct me...She will stand for her deeper understanding of Jesus in the midst of her long-term relationships. Also, she continues in gratitude toward those who helped her in her beginning days in the Lord. She does not forget her roots in a time of blessing. So she honors the people that first trained her by seeking to serve them.

I would cause You to drink of spiced wine, of the juice of my pomegranate³. (8:2d,e)

I would cause You to drink...She promises to serve Him and attend to Him as the hostess of a party where she diligently serves her honored guest. She promises faithful service to His every desire. This is what she commits to give Him when He comes to visit as He promised.

Of spiced wine...Wine mixed with spices is more expensive and enjoyable. In other words,

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she is committing to give her best to Him, as she finds the manifestation of His power in the place of service. She commits to serve Him extravagantly and humbly as He blesses her with the release of His power.

Of the juice of my pomegranate...The graces she experiences to be inwardly pure in her secret life are the foundation out of which she ministers. A person who has power to live clean in their private life is useful to the Lord in ministry to others.

His left hand is under my head, and His right hand embraces me. (8:3a,b)

His left hand...speaks of God's indiscernible activity. It is the hand you cannot see. We will never know how many interventions of God have taken place in our lives. We can't begin to be aware of the schemes of Satan that were cut off by the Lord.

Under my head...speaks of the activities of God that cannot be seen.

Embraces me...speaks of the manifest activity of God. The embrace of God blesses and tenderizes the heart.

His right hand...speaks of the visible blessings of God that are obvious.

I charge you, O daughters of Jerusalem, do not stir up nor awaken love until it pleases. (8:4a,b)

I charge you...The Lord is speaking with authority and purpose to others in the Body of Christ. This is the third time He charges them in this way.

O Daughters of Jerusalem...The immature members of the Body of Christ who might interfere with the Lord's work in the fervent Bride.

Do not stir up or awaken...Don't disturb her in this particular season of her life. The human heart is so prone to distraction. That is why Jesus has to guard His purpose in her life.

Love until it pleases...She must not be distracted from the working of God's love in her midst by the religious reasoning of the carnal, insensitive daughters. This is an abundant release of the grace of God blending together intimacy and sevanthood.

Who is this coming up from the wilderness leaning on her Beloved? (8:5)

Who is this coming up from the wilderness...This is the ongoing question of the Holy Spirit. "Who is this that has persevered through tribulations into a mature Bride?" She has experienced each season of the progression of holy passion. He prophesies the Bride's victory.

From the wilderness...Her times of testing, temptation, and difficulty in this life. The wilderness is this fallen world.

Coming up...She isn't descending, she's ascending. She comes up, she didn't quit in the wilderness. Coming up speaks of her victory. The Holy Spirit brought her up in victory by the power of God in the midst of divine testings first to spiritual maturity and then to the eternal city.

Leaning on her Beloved...She is leaning, fully

dependent upon Him. He Himself is now her life goal and source of supply. She, like John the Apostle, resting in the Lord's embrace (8:3).

The Lord's strategy has been to produce in her an attitude of total dependency on Him. God promised His Son a loving leaning Bride. The heart of fallen man is not prone to lean but to stray away from God. The Lord promises His Son a Bride with a leaning heart of loyal love that does not stray in seasons of prosperity or adversity. Throughout history when God prospers people, they often end up losing their heart for God. Therefore, the Lord works on us in the wilderness so that, when He releases the greater promised blessings, we end up leaning and loving instead of being independent with idols in our hearts.

Her Beloved...Her confession is, "I love You!" Divine love revealed and imparted is the only way that we won't quit in the wilderness. Anybody can quit except a person in love. The grace motivation of love is the motivation behind her diligent life of obedience. It is not religious motivation or shame, fear, or guilt, but gratitude.

I awakened you under the apple tree...Jesus reminds her of her past journey. The Lord is responsible for sovereignty initiating all of our spiritual progress. He awakens us and then we respond in obedience. Under the refreshment of the apple tree is where she received a life-changing revelation of His great love for her. Under the apple tree she first tasted His love for her and began to feel a love welling up in her heart in response.

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Regret, One of the Enemy's Greatest Tools...con't

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and sorrow. That plate reflects all that God knew I would pray for regarding my journey with Him and all that He desired for be to become for His kingdom.

All that has happened in my life was on that plate, along with all that is yet to come.

He knew! God's friend Job said it well. “Shall we accept good from God and not adversity?” After all that Job went through, it is quite a miracle that He could go on to say, “Yeah though He slay me, yet will I trust Him.”

That is what we must say to the enemy when he comes to stalk us with regret. “We will trust our God no matter

what.”

He can be trusted with the outcome of our children, our struggles, and even our bad choices...for He has promised to work all things together for good for those who love Him and are called according to His purpose, therefore nothing will be wasted. Remember, we are called according to His purpose, not our own. Be assured that His purpose in our lives is deeply touched by our children and He can be trusted with them as well. All that touches us is His very great concern.

So when the enemy comes whispering in our ears that we have failed...just look at the results...we must remind Him

of God's word for it is a word and a promise that will not be broken. Satan is the father of lies who has never spoken the truth. Our God is the Father of truth Who has never spoken a lie. Lift to Him that person or situation over which you are feeling remorse and allow Him to reveal His sovereignty that your heart might be released at last.

It doesn't honor the cause of Christ for His little ones to drown in remorse when He paid such a great price for our freedom. We were saved from a life apart from God and we were just as surely saved from regret. Believe it!!!



Meet One of Our Board Members

You will find Cheri Fitzsimmons these days either in Israel or running a fast-paced office for Morning Star Tours.



I first met Cheri when she traveled from Kansas to Dallas to go through emotional healing prayer in 1985. Now, I'm happy to say she is a member of the

Philippian Ministries board of directors.

Cheri lives in Dallas, TX, with husband Mike. Together, with daughter Mikele, (who graduated from Texas A&M) they run Morning Star Tours, a

travel agency that takes groups to the Holy Land.

A second daughter, Brie Ann, graduated from Moody Bible College and is now married and living in Chicago with her new husband, David, who is a pastor.

Cheri brings a whole new dynamic to the BOD. She spent a number of years as the director of women's ministries in the churches she has attended and she is a business woman who can add a great deal in the area of financial wisdom to Philippian Ministries.

Cheri and Mike have also graciously offered us their lakeside cabin on Cedar Lake for future retreats for our prayer directors. What a sweet gift from God and from the

Fitzsimmons family.

We are delighted to have Cheri with us in leadership and are grateful to Mike for lending her to us as we endeavor to make decisions for this ministry.

We hope that many of you will have the opportunity to meet Cheri in the future.

PRAYER REQUEST...

Ask the Lord to bless the very large numbers of believers who will travel with the Fitzsimmons this year to Israel. There have never been so many and large trips can be quite stressful, so lift Cheri, Mike, and Mikele to the Lord and ask for order, safety, peace and whatever the Lord might move your heart to pray.

Sharing Our Walk

I first learned of the ministry of prayer for emotional healing 3 to 4 years ago when I was given a copy of *God's Crippled Children* through my future prayer director. I had just come through a divorce, an experience in which God magnificently revealed Himself to me.

His presence was a great source of comfort at that time and I was led into an intimacy with Christ that I had never known possible. Consequently, I was well aware of the great power of Christ in emotional healing and already felt His leading me toward ministry in that direction.

Before reading Lana's book, I was unaware of the scars that could be present from childhood even though one had grown up in a seemingly stable family. In fact, that is what stood out to me more than anything else. I had never given myself permission to consider that I had anything to grieve over in my childhood. My family was intact, I have never been hungry or lacked clothing, my mother never worked outside our home. Compared to the many tragic situations I had heard of, I'd had it great. However, something leaped inside of me as I read Lana's account of her life. She, too, had had a 'normal' looking family. I began to wonder if maybe my inner feelings were correct. Had there been some rain on "Cherry Blossom Lane?"

From here, the Lord used many things to reveal that my past had been less than perfect. When I had accepted the Lord,

I'd thought that I could finally leave that old "unlovable me" behind and be a whole new lovable person with a whole new wonderful life. Through past oral counseling and attending some co-dependency meetings, I had realized that I had hidden anger and a "little child" within that I refused to love or accept really existed. The counseling and meetings helped put me in touch with emotions I'd been unable to feel. That's about when the paper work from Phillipian Ministries fell into my hands. I don't know why, but I kept stalling. You might not believe it, but it took me two years to fill out those simple papers.

The time finally came, and I spent two days, that's 17 hours with the prayer director from Phillipian Ministries. I was amazed at all that was uncovered. For instance, I had no idea of the many strongholds of Satan that had bound me since childhood. I couldn't believe how the same patterns of warfare reoccurred again and again through out my life. Another eye opener was seeing what a pretense my life had been, prior to salvation. I had built a whole life around covering up the real me!

By the second day, I felt extremely vulnerable. The walls had come tumbling down and I had no place to hide. This was very painful. However, it allowed me to truly go back into my childhood again where I re-experienced some very tender moments

Probably the most profound healing came for me as I was

able to picture myself as a child of 3 or 4. I was able to recall my face exactly. As I stood looking at this child I suddenly had a wonderful sense of her innocence and lovability! I loved her immediately, this poor sweet child I'd fought so hard to reject and disown! Suddenly I scooped her up in my arms and we have been one ever since!

Recently, I lead a weekly prayer group at my church in which the emphasis was on creating a "safe" place for women to come and be honest about problems and struggles within and at home. We encourage and comfort and pray for one another. I believe God is doing a great work among us and because of the healing He brought me through emotional healing prayer, I am no longer overwhelmed by the problems of others. I can minister to their hurts in a whole new way.

Last Fall, the Lord opened the door for me to return to school to finish my Bachelor's degree with the intention of obtaining a Master's in Counseling. Being a single mother of two children, this seemed an impossibility, but through grants, I have received more than enough to cover books and tuition!

Thank you, from the bottom of my heart for your faithfulness in performing a difficult work. You dealt with my pain as 'holy ground' and through your obedience, you helped make a way out of a prison of denial. Your work is one of God's great gifts in my life, and I am forever grateful.



"I'd like to share my testimony in the hopes that others living in denial might begin to see the way out!"

Lesley Campo

Please Pray for Lana's Travel Schedule 2006



February 22-27	Ft. Lauderdale, FL	August 3-6	St. Louis, MO
March 29-April 2	Shreveport, LA	August 10-13	Hartford, CT
April 6-9	Houston, TX	August 17-20	Ft. Wayne, IN
April 20-23	Spokane, WA	August 24-27	Dallas, TX
April 27-30	Columbus, OH	September 7-10	Anaheim, CA
May 8 -14	Bakersfield, CA (PM)	September 14-17	Philadelphia, PA
June 1-4	Omaha, NB	September 21-24	Denver, CO
June 8-11	Rochester, NY	September 28-Oct. 1	Sacramento, CA
June 15-18	Fresno, CA	October 5-8	Oklahoma City, OK
June 22-25	Atlanta, GA	October 12-15	Portland, OR
July 6-9	Chicago, IL	October 19-22	St. Paul, MN
July 13-16	Cleveland, OH	October 26-29	Charlotte, NC
July 20-23	Washington, DC	November 2-5	Vancouver, BC, CAN
July 27-30	Calgary, Alberta, CAN	November 9-12	Orlando, FL

Philippian Ministries Training Seminar in Bakersfield, CA

Please let the office know if you would like to hold a small training seminar in your home or church.



Back: L to R...Gwen Mairs, CA, Fred Green, CA. Middle row: Lana Bateman, TX, Wendy, CA, Edith LoPresto, FL. Front row: Gary and Nancy Keller, CA.



Ministry Services

BOOKSTORE:

Philipian Ministries maintains a supply of teaching tapes as well as copies of the book, *God's Crippled Children*, by Lana Bateman. The cost of the book is \$14.25 which includes shipping and handling. If you are a Texas resident, the price will be \$15.49 which also includes tax. You may request an order blank for Lana's other books and tapes including the books: *Bible Promises For The Healing Journey*, \$13.25 (plus \$.90 tax in TX), *The Heart of Prayer*, \$15.50 (plus \$1.07 tax in TX), and *The Heart of Prayer Journal/Workbook*, \$15.50 (plus \$1.07 tax in TX).

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER:

The Philipian Ministries' Newsletter is available free to those who have given a yearly gift of \$100 for the support of the ministry. Others wishing to be placed on the mailing list are invited to make a tax-deductible gift of \$8.00 along with a request to subscribe to our newsletter publication.

MINISTRY OUTREACH:

Philipian Ministries has been blessed with growth and expansion to many cities throughout the United States and Canada. For the prayer director nearest you, please write the ministry office.

SPEAKING REQUESTS:

If you desire information about Lana speaking for your church, conference, retreat, or seminar, contact our office at the address below. We will be glad to send you sample brochures of some of her past speaking engagements, promotional materials, speaking topics, fees, etc.



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