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COME ON TO GILGAL! — by Pastor Larry Martin

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If there is one thing God wants to do, it is to bring us into a place of blessing. Jesus paid a tremendous price for us to be set free from Satan's bondage.

In the book of Joshua, we have a record of when Israel finally began to go into and take possession of the land of promise. God had plans for them to go and possess the land over 40 years earlier, but Israel refused to go in faith and possess it. God's plan was to deliver them from Egypt, cross the Red Sea, and march into Canaan and take the land that was theirs. God was with them to help them, but they saw the strong opposition and were afraid.

How many times have we missed out on something God planned for us but we were afraid to step out and take it? Well, here is Israel about to cross the Jordan into the Promised Land.

Joshua 3:1-4 And Joshua rose early in the morning; and they removed from Shittim, and came to Jordan, he and all the children of Israel, and lodged there before they passed over. And it came to pass after three days, that the officers went through the host; and they commanded the people, saying, When ye see the ark of the covenant of the Lord your God, and the priests the Levites bearing it, then ye shall remove from your place, and go after it. Yet there shall be a space between you and it, about two thousand cubits by measure: come not near unto it, that ye may know the way by which ye must go: for ye have not passed this way heretofore.

You need to read the entire third chapter. What a miraculous thing when the priests carrying the ark of the covenant stepped into the Jordan. The waters began to heap up, way up the river, and all the water ran away toward the Dead Sea. Israel crossed the Jordan on dry land. The priests stood in the midst of the Jordan. God had commanded twelve Israelites to carry twelve stones and stack them in the middle of the river bed.

Joshua 4:9 And Joshua set up twelve stones in the midst of the Jordan, the place where the feet of the priests which bare the ark of the covenant stood: and they are there unto this day. These stones are still stacked in the Jordan today.

Joshua also commanded twelve Israelites to get twelve stones out of the midst of the Jordan and take them where they were to lodge their first night in the Promised Land.

Joshua 4:3 And command ye them, saying, Take you hence out of the midst of Jordan, out of the place where the priests' feet stood firm, twelve stones, and ye shall carry them over with you, and leave them in the lodging place, where ye shall lodge this night. This stack of stones that came out of Jordan was to be a sign for them and their children.

Joshua 4:6-7 That this may be a sign among you, that when your children ask their fathers in time to come, saying, What mean ye by these stones? Then ye shall answer them, that the waters of Jordan were cut off before the ark of the covenant of the Lord; when it passed over Jordan, the waters of Jordan were cut off: and these stones shall be for a memorial unto the children of Israel forever. Israel camped the first night in Gilgal and the twelve stones were stacked up in Gilgal.

The word Gilgal means "wheel, to roll away, or remove." *Joshua 5:9 And the Lord said unto Joshua, This day have I rolled away the reproach of Egypt from off you. Wherefore the name of the place is called Gilgal unto this day.*

In Gilgal, God rolled away the reproach from Israel. Reproach means "disgrace, shame, or scorn."

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Come on to Gilgal! – Pastor Larry Martin (continued from page 1)

What was the reproach of Egypt that was on Israel? They had been their slaves to serve and labor for Egypt! They had been in bondage. They had a lower class mentality. When things went wrong during their exile and they ran out of water or food, Israel complained about how much better it was in Egypt eating from the flesh pots. Oh, how we have settled for so little when we should realize we have been made kings and priests, a victorious Body of Christ.

Gilgal was the place God rolled away that shame and disgrace forever. Israel was no longer slaves, no longer in bondage, but were free people. People of Almighty God. People that made the hearts and strength melt in their enemies.

Friend, come on to Gilgal! Come on and let God roll away the reproach of your past life. You are no longer the old man or woman that did those things if you've been born again. If you have not been born again, it's time today. God wants to roll away all the reproach of the past. This is the day of salvation. Today is your Gilgal! Shout the victory because all the work has been done. All you have to do is receive it by faith.

Come on to Gilgal! The stones are stacked as a testimony of a miracle working God that brought us out of Egyptian bondage into a land of promise, a land flowing with milk and honey.

Jesus Christ is the Chief Cornerstone that cannot fail us. Come on to Gilgal! God has rolled away the reproach!

— The Preacher

PRAISE YOUR WAY THROUGH! - by Christen Manley

On November 28, 2018, I was headed to my 10-week baby appointment. My husband had to work and get our other kids to school. So I went alone.

The ultrasound tech seemed to be having issues getting a decent scan. After about the third time trying something different, she said, "Mrs. Manley, I'm sorry. I don't see a heartbeat."

I felt like someone punched me in the gut. I couldn't breathe. I called my husband to come be with me. I started crying and asked myself, "How did this happen?" Instantly in my spirit, I said, "This is not God's fault. He gives life. Was it that awful stomach virus I had? Did I get too dehydrated?" I said to God, "This sucks, but I don't blame You! I love You!"

Throughout the day, my heart shattered. My husband and I had to call everyone and tell them we were not expecting anymore. My three beautiful children cried and cried. My husband and I cried. Then I saw that the more I cried, the more they cried. I told myself that I couldn't keep doing this to my kids and my husband. I knew I had to deal with my grief but I didn't know how. So I said, "God, please walk me through this."

I had been loving the song "Surrounded." *"It may look like I'm surrounded, but I'm surrounded by You. This is how I fight my battles."*

One Sunday morning in January, the dance team was about to dance. Mrs. Lisa gave a word about being complacent. Then Mrs. Pam stood up and said how Pastor Mike had told her to worship her way through the cancer, even when she didn't feel like it. Then Mr. Frank got up and read a couple of scriptures and talked about turning the page.

After service, God spoke to me and said, "I gave you the directions on how to get through this." So, He literally laid a specific song on my heart every week. The first song was "Way Maker." The next song was "So Good to Me." I feel like that song was written for me. Some of the lyrics are *"You are good in the fire, You stay beside me. Good in the valley when fear surrounds me. Good on the mountain. Good through the victory. You're so good to me. You take the pain, I take the promises."*

I began to feel God heal me through worship, but some things were still painful. Baby announcements, pictures, seeing baby clothes and knowing my baby was not coming.

A few weeks later, Pastor called my husband and I and our kids up for prayer. He said, "Y'all have been through a tragedy. God wants to take away the pain." I have not felt the pain since that day!

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PRAISE YOUR WAY THROUGH! - by Christen Manley (continued from page 2)

I continue to drown myself in worship. A song came on the radio called "Every Little Thing" by Hillsong. I knew God was telling me that everything was going to be okay!

My husband and I decided to believe God for another baby. My three sisters-in-law are also believing God for babies as well. I had a friend of mine make a onesie that said "Promise Keeper."

In early March, I felt like I needed to test. I knew it was going to be negative. It was 10:00 at night. To my surprise, it came up positive. Fast forward to now: I am almost 16 weeks pregnant and we recently found out we're having a boy! And he's due in November when our other son went to heaven.

God truly is a promise keeper!

My Cardboard Testimony by Pam Stapler

The front side of my cardboard testimony says "Husband sent to prison. Hurt. Angry. Fearful of what would happen to me." The back side says "Marriage restored. Forgave. Know God holds me in His hands." Now, here's the back story!

My husband was sent to prison. My life as I had known it was over. I was afraid and scared. We had two small daughters at the time. I knew that I had to focus on me and my children, so while he was in there, I got more involved with my church. I began to feel myself getting a little stronger each and every day. Still not understanding why things were happening the way they were, I divorced my husband and continued to pray and seek God.

After four years, my ex-husband was released from prison. I was determined not to have this man back in my life. When I dropped our girls off to see their dad for the first time, I saw a man standing in the kitchen, but it took me a few minutes to figure out who he was. It was my ex-husband! See, he went to prison for drugs - he manufactured them along with being a dealer. When he went to prison, he was 290-300 pounds. I am standing here looking at this man who is around 175 pounds that I had never seen before.

While I was out here wondering and pushing forward, God had taken this man, the father of my children, and saved his soul and changed his life. He turned him into a truly wonderful man of God!

I watched as the days went by and slowly we became friends. Then God moved and completely restored my family. We were remarried and we now have a wonderful life.

When he was in prison, he met Ye Visited Me Ministries. God use the wonderful people in that ministry to minister to my husband - to encourage him, to love him, and to give him what he needed at the time. God put them in his life when he so desperately needed them.

He told me all about them and one day in 2017, I got to meet them myself. We were finally able to find the Pastor, Larry Martin, and his church, Souls Harbor. I was skeptical the first visit. But we went back and I had never experienced more love and kindness before in a church. These people truly loved us. They didn't even know me, but they loved us.

We joined the church and I have begun to go into the prisons with the team and help minister. What a wonderful ministry to love and encourage people that feel so unloved. To help show them a better way.

We are so honored to be a part of Souls Harbor and Ye Visited Me Ministries!

You are Loved by Shawn Manley

Hey! Hey you! Yes, you. Did you know that you are loved? Now, I know what you are thinking. You may be thinking that nobody loves you or that you aren't worthy of love. Those thoughts couldn't be anything further from the truth. I love you. You may be thinking that I don't know you or that I'm just some weirdo! This may be true, but I love you!

But more importantly, God loves you! This is something that is of far greater value than any worldly possession. Did you know that you are the apple of God's eye? Before you were even born, our Father in Heaven knew you, formed you, and had you on His mind! In Jeremiah 1, the Lord lays this out for us. He says He chose us even before He formed us in our mothers' womb. He set us apart.

Now, have we all arrived? No. No one is or was perfect, except One, and He laid down His life so that you could have everlasting life! This is how much God loves both you and I, that even while we were dead in our sins, He sent His Son Jesus to die for us. Romans 5:8 (NKJV) *But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*

So, what does all this mean? It means you are loved! No matter where you've been or what you've done. You are loved. You are worthy of love. Did you know once we repent and ask God to forgive us, He remembers it no more? Hebrews 8:12 (NKJV) says so: *"For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more."*

That being said . . . you are loved, you are forgiven, you are worthy! When the enemy comes at you and tells you that you are not, and that you are a nobody, remember who God says you are! You are loved!

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PRAYER OF SALVATION and PRAYER TO RECEIVE THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

"Heavenly Father, I stand before You in the name of Jesus." Acts 2:21 says, 'Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.' Lord, I'm calling on Your name. You also said in Romans 10:9-10 that if 'thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus and shall believe in thine heart that God has raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.' Father, I do that now. I believe Jesus is the Son of God and You have raised Him from the dead. I also confess Him as my Lord. Jesus, You are now Lord of my life and live in my heart. Praise God, I am now saved, a born-again Christian, a child of Almighty God. Thank You, Lord. I am saved." Now, the Bible says that if you believed in your heart, then a supernatural transformation took place. You must now begin to read the Bible and pray. Just talk to God as you would talk to your friend. Welcome into the Kingdom of God!

"Father, In Luke 11:13, it says: If we being evil know how to give good gifts unto our children, how much more shall Your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask Him?" I'm asking, "Lord fill me with the Holy Spirit." You also said in Acts 2:4 that "they began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." Father, as I praise You by faith for my infilling, I know the Spirit will give me utterance". Now, you have to speak with your voice the syllables and words you receive, not in your language, but the heavenly language the Spirit is speaking in your heart. God will not force you to speak. I encourage you to worship, speak out your heavenly utterance in other tongues. You need to pray in tongues daily. Jude 20 says we are building ourselves up on our most holy faith when we pray in the Holy Ghost.

DAILY CONFESSIONS

Joel 2:25 - God has poured out His Spirit on my household. My sons and daughters prophesy. The elders in my life dream dreams, and the youth see visions. I am a servant of God and full of the Spirit.

Mal. 3:3 - God is a Refiner of His people. I am His! He refines me like gold and silver until I am pure.”

Luke 10:27 - I love the Lord my God with all my heart, soul and mind. I love my neighbor as myself.

Acts 4:29 - God has enabled me to speak His Word with great boldness. He has stretched out His hand to heal and perform miraculous signs and wonders through the name of Jesus. I speak the Word of God boldly.

Matt. 18:20 - When two or three of us gather in Jesus’ name He is in our midst. I commit myself to faithful attendance to church with other believers.

1 Peter 2:24 - By the stripes of Jesus, I am healed.

Isa. 35:10 - Gladness and joy has overtaken me. Sorrow and sighing is gone.

Ps. 45:7 - My God, our God has set me above my companions by anointing me with the oil of joy.

Ps. 91:1, 10-11 - I dwell in the secret place of the Most High. No evil shall befall me and no disaster shall come near my tent, because He gives His angels charge over me.

UPCOMING EVENTS 2019

JULY

5	Dodge State Prison	Van leaves on Thursday	Service: 7:30 - 11:30 (Check-in 7:00)
7	Dooly Prison service	Van leaves at 1:00 pm	Services: 5:30 - 8:30 (Check-in 5:00)
12	Jackson Diagnostic Center	Van leaves at 2:00 pm	Service: 6:30 - 8:30 (Check-in 6:00)
13	Burrus Prison	Van leaves at 3:00 pm	Service: 6:30 - 8:30 (Check-in 6:00)
14	Metro Prison Service	Van leaves at 3:00 pm	Service: 5:30 - 7:30 (Check-in 4:30)
21	Wilcox Prison Service	Van leaves at 2:00 pm	Service 6:30 - 8:30 (Check-in 6:00)

AUGUST

2	Emanuel Women’s Facility	Van leaves at 6:00 am	Service: 12:30 - 2:30 (Check-in 11:30)
4	Dooly Prison	Van leaves at 1:00 pm	Services: 5:30 - 8:30 (Check-in 5:00)
9	Jackson Diagnostic Center	Van leaves at 2:00 pm	Service: 6:30 - 8:30 (Check-in 6:00)
10	Burrus Prison Service	Van leaves at 3:00 pm	Service: 6:30 - 8:30 (Check-in 6:00)
11	Metro Prison Service	Van leaves at 3:00 pm	Service: 5:30 - 7:30 (Check-in 4:30)
18	Wilcox Prison Service	Van leaves at 2:00 pm	Service 6:30 - 8:30 (Check-in 6:00)

SEPTEMBER

1	Dooly Prison	Van leaves at 1:00 pm	Services: 5:30 - 8:30 (Check-in 5:00)
6	Dodge State Prison	Van leaves on Thursday	Service: 7:30 - 11:30 (Check-in 7:00)
8	Metro Prison Service	Van leaves at 3:00 pm	Service: 5:30-7:30 (Check-in 4:30)
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15	Wilcox Prison Service	Van leaves at 2:00 pm	Service: 6:30 - 8:30 (Check-in 6:00)
29	Whitworth Prison Service	Van leaves at 2:00 pm	Service: 6:30-8:30 (Check-in 6:00)

All God's Promises - by Pastor Faye Martin

I remember many years ago when I became a single parent. I was so afraid! Here I was responsible for myself and two young children! I let my fear steal the Word of God from me.

One particular time, It had been a really bad week. I had two flat tires in one week, which is really scary for a single Mom. I was lying on the floor crying, saying, "God, don't you care?" He interrupted my pity party with James 4:2 - you have not because you ask not. How much pain and fear do we endure because we don't ask according to His Word?

God is speaking to us today about whatever is wrecking our world. Get up out of the floor! You are God's child. He loves you. He has promised all good things to us.

II Corinthians 1:20 *For no matter how many promises God has made, they are "Yes" in Christ. And so through Him the "Amen" is spoken by us to the glory of God.* His promises are true and they are for His people. Find those promises and agree with them. You will receive comfort, strength, wisdom . . . whatever you need. I made it through my years as a single Mom and many other things that came at me in this world.

God's plan is for us to get strong in His Word, and then we will have the strength to comfort and strengthen others. So bring the promise to the Father, in the name of Jesus, knowing that the Father loves you so much, He sent Jesus to pay the price that all these promises might belong to us. What a Savior we have! Amen!

I AM

By Donald K. Goodpaster (2005)
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I Am the Thunder in your footsteps,
The Lightning in your eye,
The Flash of your mettle,
The Creator of your skies.

I Am . . . Who mends you,
Through your sorrows and pain.
I am the Maker of your dreams,
The Creator of the rain.

I AM your heartbeat,
Your river, your flow.
I AM your God, Jehovah,
Who loves you so.

"I AM that I AM" Exodus 3:14

DAILY BIBLE READING

July

1-5 Acts 11-15
8-12 Acts 16-20
15-19 Acts 21-25
22-26 Acts 26-28, Rom. 1-2
29-31 Rom. 3-5

August

1-2 Rom. 6-7
5-9 Rom. 8-12
12-16 Rom. 13-19, I Cor. 1
19-23 I Cor. 2-6
26-30 I Cor. 7-11

September

2-6 I Cor. 12-16
9-13 II Cor. 1-5
6-20 II Cor. 6-10
23-27 II Cor. 11-15
30 II Cor. 16

Healing Keys to Rejection - by Reno Olds

What does rejection mean? Refusal to take; discarding or throwing out as useless; or a denial of acceptance, love, care, etc. to someone. Regardless of how one defines rejection, one thing is certain - the person on the receiving end is hurting. Rejection isn't pleasant!

Rejection is hard to handle. People in counseling and psychiatric professions maintain that it is one of the most difficult problems for the human personality to adjust to. I agree! Rejection can leave scars that are embedded deep within our emotions and thought processes. Rejection can mar our self image. Praise God that He offers healing to everyone who has known rejection. Jesus came to mend broken hearts!

I don't believe anyone can say, "I've never been rejected." All of us have been rejected on one level or another. It may have been by a mate, a parent, a teacher, a friend, an employee, or an employer. Perhaps they were people you liked and wanted acceptance from, but they turned their backs on you. Regardless of who or why, rejection hurts!

Some people feel that rejection takes a long time to heal, or that it can never be healed. According to the Word, it doesn't take long at all. All we need are some answers - keys that are able to free us. I am going to give you a few simple keys that you can use to take care of rejection in your life. Then you will also be able to use them when ministering to others who come to you feeling rejected.

One of the first keys to healing from rejection is having strong faith. Sometimes when we first hear faith teaching, we are so busy confessing, we are not always honest before the Lord. Sometimes I think this is an error and a device of the devil. We need to go before the Lord and say, "This is a mess! This is a problem!" David let it all hang out, yet he was a mighty man of faith. He was called a man after God's own heart. If you are a person after God's own heart, you can please Him by being a person of faith. So, walk in the light of the Word and be a doer of the Word and not just a hearer. And have faith.

The next key is the anointing. There are times when you will face difficult situations and circumstances. You will need a special anointing just for them. You need special anointings to "put you over" during hard times. There is another man in Genesis 37 named Joseph, who had favor with his father. Jacob gave him a coat of many colors, but his brothers were jealous of him. Verse 11 said they envied him. Listen, sometimes there will be a spirit of jealousy creep in when it comes to family, but you have to notice it when it does because when he shared his dream, . . . well, you know the story. He was thrown into the pit, then sold, then went to Egypt. He went from prison to being Pharaoh's right hand man in all of Egypt. Read Genesis chapters 37 through 43. God restored him and his family because Joseph did not give up. There was an anointing on him for dreams and for his healing.

Key #3 is: It is God's will to set you FREE! I want to establish this in your hearts. Psalm 147:2-3 tells us *"the Lord doth build up Jerusalem: He gathereth together the outcasts of Israel. He healeth the broken in heart, and bindeth up their wounds."* Basically, what are rejected people? They are outcasts. God is concerned about people who are outcasts. He gathers and restores them. He loves to gather in outcasts and heal their wounds. When you say, "I'm a wounded one, my personality has been hurt, I have been rejected," God says, "I just love you. I will set you at liberty."

Remember, it's God's will to set you free from the feelings of rejection. In Luke 4:18, we read that Jesus came to set at liberty those who are bruised. "Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty." The Spirit of the Lord will set you free.

Do these three things and you will live a victorious life from rejection:

- 1) Praise. Why do we praise the Lord? Praise sets us free, because healing comes while praising the Lord.
- 2) Be baptized in the Holy Ghost. Be filled and pray in the Spirit an hour or two every day.
- 3) Sometimes just repent. Psalm 41:4 says, *I said, Lord, be merciful unto me: heal my soul; for I have sinned against thee.* You have rehearsed the problem and rehearsed the problem long enough. So, instead of rehearsing the problem, repent of your murmuring.

Psalm 23:3 *He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.*

Jeremiah 8:22 *Is there no balm in Gilead; is there no physician there? Why then is not the health of the daughter of my people recovered?*

Romans 8:26-27 *Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.*

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Sunday Worship: 10:00 AM and 6:30 PM
Tuesday Intercession: 5:45 pm
Tuesday Service: 7:00 PM



Sr. Pastors Larry & Faye Martin

Jesus' Future Plans For Us by John Parker

John 14:1-3 *Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. In my Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.*

No matter where you are in life, or what is happening now, Jesus has given us this promise. He has gone on before you to prepare the way and the place He wants you to be. So, regardless of how it looks at the moment, there is something better waiting for you. Something only Jesus could prepare for you.

Now look at verse 3. Not only has He prepared the way and the place, He's going to come and take you there Himself! He's going to personally escort you to the place He has prepared for you!

Hebrews 13:5b confirms it: *He Himself has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you."* No matter what it looks like, He is going to be with you every step of the way!

The three things that stand out are: (1) Let your heart not be troubled. Don't worry, don't fear! 2) Jesus has prepared your way and end place! and (3) He's going to take you there personally!

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