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## A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR RAYMOND

As I said last week, there is only One who can heal a broken spirit. Our spirit is the strength that endures when our spirit is low and weighed down with the trials of life, it affects our whole being. During the early times of covid many suffered because of being unable to see family, being unable to 'get outdoors', lack of socialising, and now as the war in Ukraine continues a sense of fear can be building in many peoples lives as we are constantly reminded of what is going on, and what could be planned now in relation to the spirit and our bodies. The human body when it is weary, weakened or afflicted is supported by the spirit which enables and sustains the body to bear up.

Take a moment to think about this. Your body is suffering constant affliction, pain, or maybe at times, your body feels weak or tired. Where do you get help from? A medicine cabinet or the strength of your spirit which will enable you to endure under the afflictions. However, if your spirit is weakened, grieved, overwhelmed or broken, the body has no resource to fall back upon and therefore the body succumbs to the pain and pressure that you are under. So when you wake up in pain, go to sleep in pain, or any kind of disease, if your spirit is weak or tired you are unable to 'fight it'. Hence the reason why I am taking you on this road to encourage you all to have a 'strong spirit'.

To have a 'strong spirit' we need to be healed of all our past hurts and the things that may well have damaged us as a person. Our natural spirit, the spirit that is within, and be strong in itself. It has the power to enable a person to overcome a lifetime habit of drug or alcohol abuse, or over-eating, or other such things. Also we have been able to overcome what has appeared to insurmountable odds through the power of 'positive thinking' but in all possibility this is limited to the natural realm which places all the importance upon ones 'ability', ones strength, and ones mental power to achieve such results.

Comments such as "don't think about it", or "put it to the back of your mind", are comments which in the long term don't really help, as it is burying it into your deeper realm, hence these things are never really 'overcome' in your life. But equally unhelpful is, if you constantly talk about such things as this, neither enables you to overcome as you are constantly living in that realm. So we need to look upon God' supernatural ability to enable us to receive healing and to overcome such areas in our lives rather than trying to deal with it ourselves . We need now to look at the natural spirit within us to see how this has been infused and empowered by the Spirit of God.

The 'spirit of man' (our individual spirit) is the quality of life that God gives to us. It is the part of us whereby we are able and can communicate with God and we can worship Him, bringing us close to our Creator. *John 4 v 24* tells us, - "*God is a Spirit and they that worship Him must worship Him in Spirit and in truth*". We are able also to understand that in *Zechariah 12 v 1* we read that - "*God .... formeth the spirit of man within him*". So God has formed each of our spirits within us. Now throughout our life we either live in the ability of our own spiritual strength and its ability, which I have previously explained, or we can live by the power of God's Spirit within us. When we accept Christ as our Saviour, or to some, when you 'accepted' Christ as your Saviour, today if you have yet to accept Jesus as your Saviour, now is the time, ask Jesus to simply "come into your life". Believe He died for your sin and accept that He has forgiven you and that Jesus rose from the dead. He will come and live within you and He will place His Spirit within your spirit and give you the new spiritual birth which we all need to become His children.

It is now that your spirit will have been strengthened and empowered by God's divine Spirit. And so Paul told the Christians in Corinth, as the Word of God speaks to us today. "*Know ye not that ye are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you*". - *1 Cor, 3 v 16*. Paul also said, listen to this Word and hear what it is saying to you. Paul said - "*But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ he is none of His*" *Rom. 8 v 9*.

In and by Jesus Christ our spirits have been 'made alive' who lives within us by 'His Spirit'. Meaning that the very life of Jesus has been placed within us. This tells us that we (you and I) are no longer living our lives according to our natural man, or should I say, natural spirit, but hear this, living our lives according to His, Jesus Christ's spirit, which is now within us.

So let us take a quick look at what this really means to each of us. Because of His Spirit which is LIVING WITHIN YOU you are MORE THAN ABLE to endure and overcome every trial, every circumstance, even the tragedies which may come, or the sicknesses which may come into your life. Isn't this good positive news, the ability to overcome in the natural realm that we struggle. Some do achieve a way through but with Christ it is always achieved in VICTORY. AMEN. In Jesus Name . . . AMEN