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Jesus said, “Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” (John 20:17 NIV)

Jesus Is Our Brother

By Keith Bird

One of the most awesome revelations in my life was to realize that Jesus is my **brother!** While it was indeed life-changing to accept Him as Saviour, Lord, Healer and King... and yes even my Friend... it was revolutionary to experience a new level of growth that came with also accepting Him as brother.

In our spiritual journey, Jesus draws us to Himself and opens the way at Salvation to a personal relationship with Himself and with Abba Father. Until last year, the penny hadn't dropped for me yet to realize that in doing so... that made Him my elder brother!

“Go instead to my brothers and tell them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” (John 20:17 NIV)

Am I the only one? Have you struggled with this issue?

When I accepted Jesus as Saviour I received forgiveness for my sins and I invited Him to come and live in my heart. What an experience it was to begin a relationship with Father and Son! Within a couple of years, and thanks to the Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship, I was drawn to receive Baptism in The Holy Spirit with the glorious adventure of speaking in tongues... and discovered a deeper, intimate relationship that continues to grow!

Then came the revelation that I was actually a “son” of God... awesome! Sometimes the journey from the head to the heart can be a long one. Suddenly to realize -- and then to acknowledge - Jesus as **brother**... was not only challenging and confusing... it seemed almost sacrilegious. I felt accused of attempting to lower Him to a human level, or perhaps trying to elevate myself.

Our enemy, the accuser of the brethren, never quits! **“Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.” (1 Peter 5:8 NIV)** What a defeat if I could have been dissuaded. Holy Spirit is faithful and so gentle!

At first it was most uncomfortable to even think of Jesus as brother... and yet, that is what He proclaims. Hard to believe - harder to accept and own - but that's the reality. The creator of the universe and beloved member of the Holy Trinity not only came to save the lost, but draws us to New Life and when we receive Him, makes us His brother!

We cannot hold Jesus at a safe, theological distance. Our response can only be to receive the love He offers and accept with gratitude the relationship He has established for us. That includes our family position of being his brother, and of being seated with Him in Heaven places. **“For he raised us from the dead along with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ Jesus.” (Eph. 2:6 TLB).**

Jesus is encouraging us to grow into the image He and our Father hold of us.

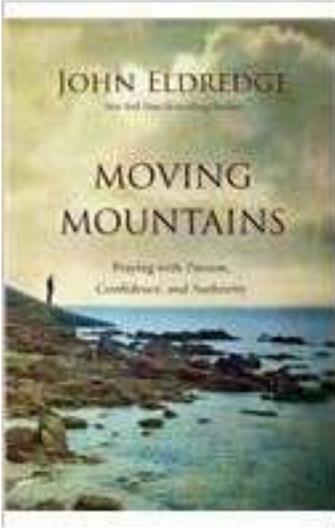
What divine healing for our self image... and encouragement for life and ministry!

In Romans 8:29-30 (WEB) we read why this is so important to (our Father): **“... That he (Jesus) might be the firstborn among many brothers. God's eternal plan has always been that we would one day become part of His family. Not just servants working in our master's house, but His actual sons and daughters. In His love, our Father has called us to this glorious position in Christ.”**

Jesus is alive... He is our Healer... our King... and He is our brother! Thanks, be to God!

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Moving Mountains



Some prayers work. Some prayers don't. Why?

Why does it surprise us when our prayers don't bear fruit? Some diets work, but most don't; some investments produce, but others don't; some schools are effective, but others fail. With most things, there is simply a way they work best. And so it is with prayer.

We want it to go like this: *God is loving and powerful. We need his help. So we ask. The rest is up to Him.* But the uncomfortable truth is that this is a naïve view of prayer that ignores a simple fact. Namely, there is a way that prayer works best. And it isn't like that.

In *The Way It All Works*, John Eldredge lays out the truth about how effective prayer works and debunks the myths that are keeping you from the successful prayer life every Christian wants. If your prayers don't seem to be working, it might be time for a tune-up. Everything is more effective when you understand the way it works, even prayer.

Moving Mountains by John Eldredge (also Study Guide and DVD) are available in print and Kindle edition from <http://www.amazon.ca> and in print and Kobo edition from <http://www.chapters.indigo.ca>



Beula Cooke launches Blog

“Pearls of God's Love”

<http://pearlsofgodslove.blogspot.ca/>

Beula Cooke is a long-time member of OSL and one of three counselors in North America available to encourage Lone Members by phone and email. Beula is a seasoned Christian, providing cross denominational service in various churches offering healing prayer, teachings, music, lay leadership and preaching. Her special interest is in inner healing. She has launched a writing career, and her first project is the online blog. Many will want to pass her blog onto others as a loving encouragement. Beula enjoys spending time with her great-grandson, Aidan, who began walking at age 9 months. She may be contacted at 613-253-2756 and beulac@storm.ca

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Healing a Life Through Friendship

By Carol-Anne Foty

An on-going story of God's saving grace in the Redemption of an addicted street person who is learning to walk on God's path in the process of Transformation.

The simplest way to describe how God put two women together to learn in a real adventurous (and sometimes scary) journey through His grace, is to say, "Wow, that's awesome!"

I met B. for the first time when I was volunteering at the intake office, receiving clients at a downtown Christian food bank and community center. I had not met this person before, nor did she know who I was. Nevertheless, one day she walked up to me with a shy smile and said, "Let me give this woman of the Lord a big hug!" Who would refuse that greeting? We exchanged a warm hug and I asked her how did she know me. She confessed that she didn't know why she said that, and started to apologize for being so forward with me. As I reassured her, I felt the Spirit's nudge to ask her if she'd like to meet up with me for coffee and a relaxed chat sometime soon. Even though she seemed to welcome the invitation and agreed to meet me, I could see an instant shock of fear in her eyes which revealed her vulnerability and sense of unworthiness. Not to press her, I suggested we talk about this opportunity at subsequent food bank visits.

Over the next months, with weekly opportunities at the food bank for her to learn to trust me with her story, B. revealed how badly she had been neglected by her parents as a young child and suffered abuse from relatives and a family "friend" over many years.

The only respite she had was being sent as a two-year old to live overseas with her godly Orthodox grandmother until she was 6 years old. She told me that while she was there, she remembers seeing an individual outside the church who she perceived as a large angel, and she remembers her devout grandmother praying for her. Being brought back to Toronto at age 6, the abuse and drunken neglect by her parents continued until a court case put her in the custody of her mother, who was the most neglectful of all. B. ran away from home and into the streets when she was twelve years old and lived somehow not being murdered, but addicted to heroin and cocaine, until the time I met her when she 47 years old.

She told me that all that degraded time living on the streets, she cried out to God and often raged at Him for abandoning her, even as she yearned for His rescue. When we first met, she was off heroin, enrolled in a methadone (replacement therapy) program, and was fighting to get off cocaine and out of that life. God had begun the rescue before I came on the scene, and B. was struggling in her loneliness and isolation to cling to sanity and some kind of hope for the future. Thank the Lord that the right time had come for B. to feel desperate enough and yet courageous enough to risk taking hold of the life-line He chose in me to give her. Thank the Lord that His compassion overrode the fear that I was getting in way over my head in caring for this person with overwhelming social and emotional

issues, and, who did I think I was to risk perhaps doing her more damage by inviting her into my life. God revealed to me that I was to offer her real friendship, not therapy; the real community of believers, not political correctness of appropriate social methodologies.

Slowly, slowly (over the past 5 years) we came to the mutual agreement that God had put us together for His purpose, and we committed together that we would walk alongside, always in His direction. Both of us received courage, hope and His grace, to learn how to deal with each other in forgiveness, compassion and love (despite personal foibles and vulnerabilities), because He was bringing something bigger than the both of us into being.

More than 4 years ago, B. accepted my invitation to make Jesus Christ her personal Lord & Savior, and in her walk out of isolation since then, is taking steps toward growing into community at a charismatic, bible preaching church where we attend weekly 2-hour bible teaching sessions together. She is so hungry for His word! Does she have hope? Yes! She wants to serve Him and doesn't know how yet, but understands His love is transforming her life forever. Does she have poverty and health issues? Yes, but God doesn't expect me, or need me, to fix all the things that aren't right in

her life yet, all at once. Does she ask for and receive healing and interceding prayer? Yes! Does she need to find an affordable place to live, rather than the depressing, drug-infested neighborhood that is part of her old life? Yes, but she and I are believing together that the Lord's grace is sufficient in all these things, having brought her into His new life thus far.

May I recommend one of the most significant lessons for me in this learning adventure with the Lord: that you enthusiastically embrace "Friendship Evangelism" and walk out the purposes of God alongside someone who needs Him desperately, with whom He has privileged you to be a friend.

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OSL Canada Network



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Divine Appointment For Henry With Jesus

By Denise and Fr Brian Kirby



We arrived in Boise, Idaho for the North American OSL conference on Wednesday afternoon. It was hot and we had been traveling in the heat for hours. We had our Miniature Schnauzer named Isaac with us and he was also hot. After settling into our room at the Holiday Inn, Denise took Isaac for a walk. The pavement was too hot for Him to walk on (Isaac sweats profusely from his pads) so Denise picked Him up and carried Him across the street to a grassy area.

I (Brian) will set the context of this divine appointment into the message Denise shared with the OSL Conference group, which in itself is a miracle because Denise never speaks to a group.

We have been married for 26 years – she told me, “I will be your wife; I will pray for you and support you but don’t ask me to do anything in the church.” I said I wouldn’t ask her to do anything; all I will ask is that you do whatever the Lord puts on your heart to do. I prayed asking the Lord to put on Denise’s heart whatever he wanted her to do in the parishes in which we served... and as a result all sorts of things have happened.

Denise’s Story

Every time Isaac had to go out I diligently carried Him across the street. I noticed a man sitting on a chair in the grassy space watching me. I always carry a bag to pick up after Isaac so I wondered on the second day why he was

walking toward me. He said to me, “You are blessing me by seeing you carry your dog across the road.” I was really taken back by that and I just stood there. He called me by name (I was wearing my nametag) and he said his name was Henry. He told me a year ago he was hospitalized with West Nile for two months. During that time his ten-year-old Cocker Spaniel died. He was so moved by the care that I was giving my little one that he had to tell me.

I asked, “Henry, would you like me to pray for you for the West Nile?” He replied, “I am a sinful man and I need forgiveness in my life.” I said, “God forgives and God can heal. You not only received a blessing but you blessed me. It was not just a coincidence that you saw me walking and carrying my dog but I believe that God had a plan for you today.” Henry and I prayed for healing and asked for forgiveness. I told Henry that God forgives us as we humbly repent, and he said, “I sure hope so!”

Now Isaac had just turned 5 years old, two days before we arrived in Boise. He was supposed to be put down at 6 months of age because he was a bitter. We had prayed for Him and all kinds of wonderful things have happened. The interesting thing about this scenario was that Isaac was very afraid and Henry was very afraid. God met Henry in the midst of all of this. While Henry and I were talking, Brian arrived. Brian never comes with me while I’m out with Isaac. I told Brian what was happening and he joined in the conversation.

After Denise introduced Henry to me (Brian) and they shared a bit of what had transpired, Henry again said that he was a sinful man. I told Henry that he could be forgiven and know the assurance of God's love for Him. I asked Him if he would like to be forgiven for his sins. "Oh yes", he said, "I need to be forgiven." I led Him in a prayer seeking God's forgiveness and then I assured Him that he was forgiven as I gave Him absolution from Almighty God for his sins. I then put my arm around Henry and I said, "Henry, I have a message for you. God loves you and you are very precious to Him. Would you like to receive Jesus Christ into your life as your Lord and Saviour?" Henry said, "Yes!" and it was my privilege to stand out there on the sidewalk and lead Him as he committed his life to our Lord Jesus Christ as his Lord and Saviour and asked the Holy Spirit to fill Him with His Presence. We praised God that Henry became a new creation in Christ Jesus. We invited Henry to come to the evening session but he felt that it would be too much for Him.

The next day I (Denise) was looking for Henry but he was not around. Late in the afternoon I saw Him again sitting in his chair and I took Isaac over to see Him. I had been worried about Him and wondered if he was not feeling well. I asked how he was feeling and he said he was a little tired but was ok. We talked for a while and I again assured Him that God had forgiven Him. He was still afraid that God would not forgive Him and he shared some of the things that were very hurtful. After sharing, Henry said, "I had a phone call last night. My church called and I told them that you had invited me to come to the healing conference. The lady who called said, "Henry we want you to come to church." And so now Henry not only knows that Jesus loves Him but that his church is also looking out for Him. I praise God for that.

That evening Brian and I were invited by keynote speaker Fr. Josh Acton to share with members of the conference about our Divine

Appointment with Henry. After we shared Josh prayed for us, and Brian asked if he would also pray for Henry, which he did. We thought our sharing of this story on Friday evening was the end... but there's more!

After the closing Eucharist on Saturday morning, we were packing up to leave and I (Denise) just had to say goodbye to my new friend, Henry. I rang his doorbell. When he opened the door, I saw that he was no longer stooped over, but was now standing upright without the use of his cane. Henry had been walking with a cane and was stooped over. When he opened the door he beamed and gave me a hug. The first thing he said was SOMETHING HAPPENED. I said, "Henry what happened?" "I don't know," he said, "but SOMETHING HAPPENED!" I told Him we had prayed for Him last night at the conference. By this time Brian had arrived with the car (Henry had asked to see his friend Isaac one more time). When Brian heard the story he asked when this change happened. It was at the time Brian and I were sharing, culminating with the prayer that Josh offered for Henry and us.

God met Henry where he was, and not only came into his life as Lord and Saviour but also healed Him not only of his sins but also physically! Praise be to God!

We said our goodbyes and I (Brian) told Henry we would be praying for Him. Denise added that she would be taking memories of Henry back home to Canada and she would not forget Him.

Who would have thought that a troubled man would have been drawn to Jesus by a troubled dog? Remember, Isaac was supposed to have been put down. Who would have thought it? Praise God!

It's not about us: It's ALL about Jesus!

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In 2005 he had Open Heart Surgery and was on Long Term Disability from the Anglican Church of Canada until retirement age. He considers Himself to be a walking miracle even though with three collapsed vertebrae and extreme pain down his leg he is unable to walk very far or for very long. His life expectancy has been surpassed by over 40 years.

Following his heart operation the surgeon asked what work he was doing. Brian replied, "I am an Anglican priest." The doctor stated, "You WERE a priest and if you return to work you will be dead within a year." Brian is happy to report that he has been back preaching, leading bible studies and visiting the sick for 2 years now, so he proclaims with thanksgiving, "Praise be to God!"

Rev Brian Kirby will be guest speaker on November 20, 2016 for the OSL Telephone Conference Call.

PRAISE REPORT AND THANKSGIVING FOR PRAYERS FOR OWEN

The following report was submitted by Rev. Brian Kirby's brother.

Owen Thompson was driving on a country road in Ontario and hit a patch of ice. The car was demolished and Owen nearly killed. He was rushed to Sunnybrook Hospital in Toronto where his skull was removed because of swelling in the brain. He was touch and go for a month on a respirator.

The swelling has gone down and Owen is now off the respirator. A tracheotomy tube allows Him to talk. Doctors are planning to re-attach the skull at the beginning of April. Considering that he was not supposed to survive, Owen's progressive healing is a great testimony to the power of prayer, and to how Great our God Is: His miracles are never-ending! Praise The Lord!! Thank you to all who are praying!



**Seven Days Without
Prayer
Makes One Weak**



On The Calendar

Saturday, May 14, 2016
Region 8 Conference and Annual General Meeting

Circle your calendar and plan to attend this important event at St. Simon's Anglican Church in Oakville.

All who are interested in healing are invited to attend. OSL Members will want to reconnect with friends, and all will receive teaching and encouragement for their healing journey. Bring a friend and a bag lunch. Refreshments will be served. Worship will be led by the team at St. Simon's.

Online registration, church poster and suggested announcements for Sunday bulletins for you to share are ready now. Click the link at <http://www.oslRegion8.org>

Rev. Murray McColl will open the day with a talk on Forgiveness, followed by a healing workshop by Dr. Colin Campbell, Director of Region 8. After the Annual General Meeting during lunch, Keith Bird will lead a healing workshop on Forgiveness, followed by Holy Communion to end our day. The format of the day would make an excellent model for chapters to consider for a one-day event.

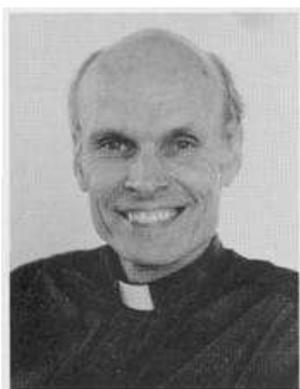


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[The Rev. Bob Hartley](#)

**Dreams, Inner Healing
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May 15



[The Rev Dr Mark Virkler](#)

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Oct 16



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**Forgiveness: A Powerful
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Nov 20



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**Inner Healing for sexual,
physical & emotional abuse**

INTRUSIVE THOUGHTS AND HARD TESTING

Colin C M Campbell, PhD



In the Lord's Prayer, we ask God, "Save us from the time of trial." It is curious that Jesus did not tell us to ask God to save us from having trials. Another translation is, "Save us from the time of hard testing."

St Paul would surely understand why, when he writes, "We also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope."

The Christian life includes "hard testing" and, if Paul is correct, it is only through hard testing that we can truly become fully Christian.

The ever-present obstacle to living in the Spirit is intrusive thoughts – anxiety, anger, pride, reluctance and so on. As we all know, hard testing is required to overcome them.

Without God's grace, we cannot do it but without our participation, God will not do it. Those who are unaware of this may become angry with God, blaming him for not healing them.

God's part is to break the power of the intrusive thought. This frees us to play our part; that is, to choose between "death" and "life." Living the abundant life is a choice that enables God to live *in* us, not *for* us.

An example may help to make the point. A woman deeply wronged, despite praying for peace of mind for months, could not forgive.

I asked her if she could at least try to say the words after me. When she did, God's grace was instantly released and she found the peace of mind that she desired.

Chronic intrusive thoughts are a sign of a need for deeper healing. We have been created in the image of God; that is, to love and be loved. However, it is the acceptance of our love that brings happiness. Its rejection is a sure path to unhappiness. Dwelling on that rejection is frequently the basis for intrusive thoughts.

We are born with the capacity for love but not with the ability to sustain it. That only comes through the hard testing of Christ-like suffering and forgiveness. As Peter says: "To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps."

In closing, there is a false contradiction that those of us in OSL are sometimes faced with. When we say that Jesus does not bring us to mature healing without our cooperation, some object that Jesus never refused to heal anyone.

This is a false contradiction. It is indeed true that Jesus never refused to heal anyone. He did not advise the "sick" to bear their suffering in order to build their character.

However, he certainly did advise the "healthy" to do so!

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Alleluia!!



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