

“Behold”

**“I give unto
you Power”**

Luke 10:19



“But you shall receive power”

Acts 1:8

“The Kingdom of God is not in word..... but in power”

1 Cor 4:20

“I came not with excellency of speech but with demonstrationof the spirit and of power”

1 Cor 2:1-4

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This book is a testimonial of the amazing power of God in our current world.....that will encourage you to find your potential in the extraordinary power of Our Heavenly Father

We must realise that..... Its just false humility to think that God dose everythingHe has given us a job to do.....and equipped us...and we need to get busy.....

He has anointed us.....

Appointed us.....

Empowered us.....

And Equipped us.....

“Greater works you shall do” ...Jesus said...I have empowered you with many many gifts...working of Miracles...gift of Faith, Healings,....supernatural vocal gifts....gifts of Service.....everyone has their gift....and anyone can literally move a mountainJesus very words

So.....

Its time to get busy

Prologue

Dramatic confronting future events

As we dramatically race towards the ¼ century mark of the 21th Century,.... this world is rapidly confronting us withwhat is known as..... “Spirit of the Age”.

A world where values concerning all things are being dramatically and brutally questioned.

We are confronted daily with gender issues,...race issues,...moral issues,...religious conflicts,...political correctness,...questionable values,...atheism,...and an upsurge of violence , corruption and ethical dilemmas

As the world population grows more and more, and idealism continues to expand,.....minority groups with the loudest voices, and religious zealous groups with the greatest determination and idealism will eventually turn this current age into a completely unfamiliar world, for many of us who were brought up with traditional life values....

Life as we traditionally know it will crumble before our eyes,.....and even though we may interject, and reason, and confront, and even oppose this “Spirit of the Age”,.....all mankind will eventually be swept into a world of compromise, mediocrity and unfamiliarity

Yes,.....even though this world is rapidly collapsing into a world of misguided idealism and unprecedented godlessness,

it is also a time for unprecedented hope,.....A time for unprecedented Faith,.....and a time for unprecedented Power.....

Yes,.....unprecedented power

The forgotten issue in our current world of...."Gods got it all under control,....and all things work together for good,....andGod is allowing you to go through what you are going through to make you a better or bigger person",.....is.....that Jesus passed the batten on to us,...."**Behold I give unto you power,...to tread upon serpents and scorpions",.."**and if **you say to this mountain"**(Mark 11:23)

Jesus clearly puts the ball in our court and encouraged us to step out in faith,.....believing what we say,.....linking...faith with our words,...."**and you shall have whatever you say"** (Mark 11:23)

And as I said,....this clearly puts the ball in our court,.....and this world,....and everything in it,.....according to the Bible, ...is,....subject to our words.....faith filled words,....and faith-filled words have no choice,....but to be obeyed,....and the result is,.....

unprecedented power

However,in the Church of the new millennium,.....even though we know this truth,....we have tended to rather,focus more on the state of a persons closeness to God,...our relationship with God,....and the process of being moulded and shaped by our creator,.....

And of course, there is nothing wrong with that,.....we all need to continue building our relationship with God,....and that clearly has been the message for the last 25 years,.... Worldwide....

You know,...the message of,...."God is allowing you to go through what you are going through to make you a better person"that type of thing.....you know what I mean!!

However,.....I believe the time is drawing close for the Church.....in these Latter days,.....to,....up the notches,(so to speak),....to increase the dramatic,.....to wrong the sceptics and their closed thinking,...and to open a door of.....

Demonstration ,.....rather than just words alone....which of course is very scriptural....the whole of the Bible is really a compilation of testimonials...a compilation of miraculous things that happened in the past....water into wine....calming storms....feeding 5,000....you know what I mean!,.....

And why were all these 100s and 100s of miracles done in public.....of course,....so that people would believe.....Jesus even said "**if you don't believe me ,....believe the very works that I do**"(john 10:38) (John 14:11)

You see, the gospel is not only just about convincing people by words ,...but also by demonstrations of power

Demonstrations of power,.....so that people will believe,..... is very scriptural.....

Public display of Gods power is right throughout the Bible

And then..... the batten was passed on to us

“Behold I give unto **you** power to tread upon serpents and scorpions and over all the power of the enemy and nothing shall by any means hurt **you**. (Luke 10:19)

Then He arose and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea “**Peace be still**” ...and the wind ceased and there was a great calm,....but He said to them,....” **Why are you so fearful...how is it you have no faith**” (Mark 4:40)

“Most assuredly,....I say to **you**, he who believes in Me ,...the works that I do ,...he will also do,....and greater works shall he do, because I go to The Father” (John 14:12)

“Why could we not cast it out”so Jesus said to them...” **because of your unbelief...for assuredly, I say to you, if you have the faith of a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, move from here to there , and it will move , and nothing will be impossible for you” (Matthew 17:20)**

Then fear came upon every soul and many signs and wonders were done through the Apostles (Acts 2:43)

There is an appointed time in history (before Jesus returns)where the Church will shine,.....with all its magnificence and glory,..... but before that hour comes.....there must be an adjustment made.....

And this adjustment must swing away from our current continued personal pre-occupation with the state of our Christian walk,...and with our pre-occupation with our endless hunger to be a more upright person in our relationship with God,....with the intent of giving our greater attention to Him, and Him apparently wanting our greater attention.

All these things are bound up in....."God is allowing me to go through.....in order to make me a better person....to get closer to Him"preaching,....that most all, including myself, have focused on for many years.....but I believe the time is ripe now for an escalation of action....for demonstration,....not just enticing words,....but demonstration as well....(to quote the Apostle Paul)

Apostle Paul..."I came not with enticing words...but with demonstration and power"(1 Cor 2:1-4)

I believe we have come to a time where the Church will fulfil its mandate.....and that mandate is,....and always has been,.....a demonstration of power

“That we might know Him..... and the
Power of His Resurrection”

(Phil 3:10)

Jesus was resurrected by the power of God,...and we are encouraged to understand this world of resurrection power that is able to create life in a person again after being clinically dead for several days.....this is an extraordinary responsibility that the creator of all things would give this empowerment to human beings.....but that's the extreme avenue that a loving Father is willing to take to rescue His beloved creation....and we need to honour that commitment

Of course we must encourage people to get closer to God...of course,....but also with the added incentive of more comprehensively pursuing faith and the spiritual gifts, which are part of our inheritance as well as further validating our Christianity

Faith coupled with extraordinary power has always been the signature of God,.....

However, the Church over recent years....has consolidated...and been self focusing ...to a degree...in order to confront the future....with solidarity and confidence...

And also the love of God is clearly very tangible now in the Church, and also the focus on family is very rich....and of course, there is nothing wrong with that...that's great....

However, the Church was also founded upondramatic power and the world sat up and looked upon these demonstrations of power with great awe

“Behold I send the Promise of my Father upon you,....but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high”

And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind.....and it filled the whole house where they were sittingthen there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the spirit gave them utterance

.....and when the sound occurred the multitude came together.....Partinians....Medes.....Elkamites.....visitors from Rome , both Jews and Greeks and Proselytes,....Cretans and Arabs.....hearing them speakingin our own language....the wonderful works of God (Acts Chpt 2)

The Church was founded upon demonstration to the world and it should be no different today

“And extraordinary miracles were done by the hands of Stephen and Paul”

And Stephen, full of Faith,did great wonders and signs among the people (Acts 6:8)

Now God worked unusual miracles by the hands of Paul (Acts 19:11)

Bear in mind...this does not necessarily refer to healings...but profound miracles of a different type.....remember there is the “Gift of Healings”,....but also “the gift of Faith”and the “working of miracles” ...so Faith and Miracles are not necessarily associated with physical ailments,.....one could regard turning water into wine,.....as the Gift of Miracles....so these gifts that God has given us open up a whole new playing field.....and that’s what this book is about (by personal testimonial).....its about.....”nothing will be impossible for you”

Faith is associated with power.....great or small.....but Faith is always associated with another world beyond ours....another dimension if you like....another world of power

Our 3 dimensional world is subject to a greater world....the world of another dimension

“The world of The Spirit”,.....as the Bible puts it...

“If you walk in the Spirit.....” Is a prerequisite and should be the goal of every Christian.....we submit to and operate in a spiritual world as a believer ...

However,....surprisingly... the Spiritual world must also bow to our 3 dimensional world as well...”Resist the Devil and he

will flee from you” ...is the Spiritual world submitting to our 3 dimensional world (so to speak)....we speak it out in our 3 dimensional world and the Spiritual world obeys us....isn't that true?

The world of the Spirit must bow to this 3 dimensional world we live inas well as visa-versa...

God said “let there be light” ...and a 3 dimensional world responded and obeyed this 4th, 5th, 6th or whatever dimension that God lives in....

However it was also true, and Jesus clearly demonstrated to us,...that the worlds beyond ours are also subject to words voiced in this 3 dimensional world as well....for instance angels who live in another dimension are subject to words from this world to do our bidding.....”are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to minister for those who will inherit salvation” (Hebrews 1:14)

We have authority over Angels,.....who live in another dimension...they are to obey us

The spiritual world and the natural world seem to operate in tandem...they seem to work in parallel...

Jesus spoke spiritual words (like we can).....”the words I speak are Spirit and life” ..(John 6:63)....and the natural world obeyed Him.....He calmed the storm

He raised the dead....

He healed people.....

Even fish obeyed Him...

Jesus demonstrated this extraordinary world of power,.....not so much that we could look at him and say,....wow!!...what an amazing person.....

No,....He also did it for our benefit,....that we might step into His shoes and experience the same extraordinary power that He experienced....'as He is, so are we in this world' (1 John 4:17)

In fact,....He went one step further and empowered the Church with many many gifts,....and among these gifts,...were the outstanding vocal gifts, ...prophecy, tongues and interpretation,...gifts of service,....Helps,...and of course....the Power gifts,...gifts of Healings, gift of Faith, and the working of Miracles

Essentially the preaching gifts,.....or 5 fold ministry gifts (Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists Pastors and Teachers) are for the instructing and equipping of the saints for the work of the Ministry (Eph 4:11)

But we also know that the extraordinary vocal, helps and Power gifts have been found at some stage to be on many of those 5-fold ministry gift participants as well.....but I must add...NOT exclusively,.....and many many ordinary (so to speak) saints of God have been ordained with those same vocal and power gifts,....but have yet to realise their potential

In fact,....the extraordinary world of supernatural power is actually available to all,....and the Bible clearly talks about the

extraordinary workings of Power and Godly interventions by the hands of many (so called) ordinary people and it will be prolific going down through the corridor of the Church age....

“And these signs will follow those who believe.....” Jesus said

“And they went out.....and The Lord working with them and confirming The Word through accompanying signs” (Mark 16:15-20)

The Bible says that there were clearly extraordinary workings of supernatural power by the hands of Paul and Stephen and that Jesus performed so many outstanding miracles of all descriptions,....that even the world itself could not contain the volume of outstanding supernatural events that He performed (John 21:25)

Which brings us to the conclusion of this prologue,....and the reason for this book.....

Many, many peopleincluding you,....will enter this world of demonstrating Power in these last days, and the activation of this power is at our fingertips,.....you just need a little help to step over the edge....into this world of extraordinary power and the exciting world of Christianity.....as its meant to be

We have to realise that this world today....and all its anti-Christian behaviour.....and its hostility.....is.....subject to your

very words,...as I will clearly demonstrate in this book by my personal past involvement in the extraordinary world of Gods power (via testimony)

‘they overcame him by the blood of the lamb and the word of their testimony’ (Rev 12:11)

It is my endeavour ...in this book....to encourage you to start to take big steps forward into the operating of the extraordinary power and miracles of God before you finish reading

This book is all about first hand miracles that I have witnessed or been involved in over the years,...and as the writers of the New Testament gave testimony and the book of Revelation encourages us to give testimony (to the Glory of God),....so have I written testimony of the localmodern day supernatural power of God in operation....and hopefully to usher in those miraculous experiences into your own life and those around you

Happy reading

Chapter 1

Mikes Story (the early days)

I began my early years in a good Catholic home and eventually found myself at a Catholic school (naturally enough) at 5 years of age and eventually doing all the good things a Catholic boy does.....like,....being an Alter boy and Choir boy,.... and of course, learning the Catholic ways and all of their many rituals and traditions.

Amazingly, as a young person, I had no idea about there being any sort of God, or even any idea that there was in fact, a dimension beyond our 3 dimensional world....that idea was totally foreign to me and something I had never considered.....I somehow did not relate God as being outside of our 3 dimensional world

The idea had never occurred to me or even entered my mind....that there was another world beyond ours....it was totally missing in my thinking....even though I was a good Catholic Alter boy and Choir boy

I thought everything was just what we did for some nice guy called Jesus, and we were honouring Him and His mother Mary.

I had no idea about the extent of Jesus significanceHe was just a nice guy to me

However, my young innocence of any other dimension,...other than our 3 dimensional world was severely challenged when.....at the age of 7,.....i went with my Mum out to stay with my Grandma at a place called Otahuhu in Auckland New Zealand for the first time.....

I had meet my Grandparents before,....but staying at my Grandmas house was a new experience for me.....and this new experience was.....later in the day.....severely heightened, when my Mum takes me aside as we prepare for our first evening there.....and continues to say this to me.....very calmly

“Mike,....you will be sleeping in the lounge on the sofa tonight....which faces the front door”

I said“OK”

She then(‘matter of factly’)..... said to mepausing for a moment....not being sure how I would take it.....continues to explain to me

”that at exactly midnight.....a loud knocking will be heard on the front door directly in front of you, and you will see the door shaking.....but don’t be alarmed.....this happens every nightand has done for years”

When I think back now nearly 65 years later....i am amazed at my 7 yr old response.....

which was one of the most defining moments of my life....but one that I took with a somewhat unconcerning attitude....which consequently.....I put down to my Mums non-alarming way that she presented it to me,....as though this was normal.....nothing special....and I have to admit.....that's how I responded....nonchalantly thinking....."what's the big deal""this is more intriguing than frightening"

.....and sure enough.... as the clock struck midnight....there was a loud knocking on the front door and it began to shake.....as Mum had said it would

I ran up to the side window to see the front door.....and could see it plainly.....but.....there was no-one there

I could hear loud knocking....and watched the door shaking.....but there was no-one there....

The next night I waited up by the window.....thinking that somehow...it was a trick of some sort....and that i could figure it out....

Sure enough,....as the clock struck midnight.....a repeat of the night before happened in identical fashionand so the 3rd and 4th nights.....

can you believe....on the 4th night....it barely woke me up...as I was over itand wanted to get to sleep.....such was the non-alarming way in which my Mum instructed me.....

but one thing that it clearly did to mewas identify to methat we live in more than a 3 dimensional world.....that there are dimensions beyond our dimension.....unseen worlds....

and I give testimony in this book,.....that as a 7 yr old kid.....i encountered a world beyond ours....and regardless of how anyone would like to disprove or mock my encounter....i experienced it firsthand.....and no one can take that away from me.....

And this was to become the catalyst for my future, even though I would take many paths

Chapter 2

Growing up

Now.....continuing the story.....

At the age of 8.....we moved from Auckland to a place called ..'The Brynderwyn Ranges'2 hours north of Auckland where my Dad built a tearoom (on the top of those Brynderwyn ranges)....a Restaurantwhich had the most magnificent views one could ever imagine.....

On a clear day...you could see both coasts of New Zealand....remarkable....50 miles in every direction....

We lived in somewhat isolation up there....the nearest home being 5 miles away,.....Apart from our immediate farming neighbour,.....who owned the 6,000 acres on the top of these Brynderwyn ranges that we were perched on (and had acquired the ½ acre from)....

The farmer was a single man in his late forties and lived with his 70yr old Aunty.....both were extremely hard workers and treated me like a son....beautiful people

I had a horse.....and spent most of my time (apart from school)...riding the ranges with my farmer friends, mustering

sheep, drenching, shearing.....and riding those 6,000 acres at my leisure

My brother and sister were at boarding school in Auckland

...and my Mum and Dad worked daily 7am til 11pm (16 hours a day)....364 days of the year in the Restaurantso consequently I lived a very self-contained....self motivating existence....and naturally enough...at age 15....was completely independent.....

and left home the day I turned 15

My Mum and Dad were beautiful people, generous, hard working people,.....but circumstances caused me to grow up quicker than normal and by the age of 16....was hitchhiking around Australia....with a surfboard under my arm...and making my own way in life....

The most astounding thing about living on the Brynderwyn Ranges for mewas the.....how I could only describe as ...spiritual experiences.....and now know....by personal experience....what the word Euphoria means.....and im'e sure you would have experienced the same level of Euphoria that I experienced, if you were in my shoes.

I remember once where there was this solid cloud blanket that you felt like you could walk on.....and the only thing you

could see was this solid blanket of cloud...and the only thing above the cloud.....was our house.....

Here was this solid white thick blanket of cloud right across the entire county.....and the only thing that was stark and strongly visible above this cloud blanket.....was our house

.....amazing experience.....you felt like you could walk out the front door and walk straight across that thick cloud blanket

It was sensational living there and often I would either walk or ride my horse to the adjoining summit of those mountain rangesalone.....sit on the edge of the waterfalls and then turn my head and see 50 miles in every direction.....

mountains in the distance (Mt Mania)....

huge stretches of beaches (Bream Bay)....

rivers, valleys and miles of native bush, which incedentlyyou could sleep overnight in (which I did regularly...in my tree-hut).....why?.....becausein New Zealand in the 1950s....nothing could harm you in the bush....no spiders....no snakes...nothing...

to meit was paradise

And it was here.....surveying that amazing creation....that I would have these amazing mountain-top experiences and I

distinctly remembered for years.....what that Euphoric feeling felt like....a transcendence of sorts....a levitation of your mind....where you appear to be beyond yourself...

And so...from the age of 8, through to age 15...I experienced a certain enlightening of sorts....and coupled with my memory of the door knocking events as a 7 yr oldlife ...to me ...was more than just a ho-hum daily routine.....life was clearly more than a 3 dimensional world

And so....at the age of 15....i left my incredible mountain-top experience and entered another world.....a world of hard work, travel, and survival.

And as I mentioned earlier....i was...in many waysmature for my age....and very independent at 15.....but also very influenced,.....and even though I pursued a life of surfing and fun....former values quickly slid out the door....and a godless world surrounded me and I began to take on that mantle

All I wants to do was surf, surf, surf,....live at the beach....and enjoy life....and for the very formative teenage years of my life....up to the age of 19.....i lived a totally godless existence and probably even thought that way....with all sincerity

“life is what you make of it” ...and it seemed as though life was up to me...I was the master of my own destiny

Chapter 3

Spiritual hunger

However,.....an amazing thing happened as I hit my 19th year (1966).....there was a new movement starting world-wide....that really grabbed my interest.....the world of the Hippie.....self contained....self sufficiency.....living off the land... considering others...community...self-awareness..

and I found that all the attributes that were deep inside mewere starting to work their way to the surface again....as I embraced this new way of life.....and the spiritual platform that was hidden deep inside of mestarted to rise to the surface again...and (as also with many others as well)...at the age of 20...found myself sitting (lotus fashion ...yoga) on the main street in Auckland,....handing out Hari-Krishna tracts,.....chanting and singing Hari-Krishna songs alongside my other surfing friends who went all the way and were courting shaven heads, beads and orange robes...

I was very sincere in my Hari-Krishna conversion, but after several months of hard-core fanaticism of Hari-Krishna ways...found myself leaning towards other forms of religions....as many of my friends were pursuing quite different spiritual avenues than myself....and it made me question whether there is more than one path to enlightenment....and perhaps the world of Buddhism was the true avenue, and so my quest for enlightenment broadened

to encompass any possibility or religion....even found myself embracing Buddhism for a time.

However,...the excitement for surf and natural adventure tended to put any spiritual advancement in the background,.....

and when I got married in 1971.....the quest for world-wide surfing adventure overrode all other desires and my wife and I began to travel the world....eventually driving from London to Capetown....across the Sahara and through the jungles of Africa in a kombi...my wife falling pregnant on the way

(By the way....if you are interested to see that trip,...I have created a 40 chapter book of that trip in video form.. <http://saharaandhostileafrica.com/>)

At the time ..we were both heavily entrenched in Transidental Meditation.....and so as we travelled the Muslim countries of Morocco, Algeria, Niger, Nigeria, Cameroon and so forth (for several months)....my interest in Islam was heavily stimulated as I was impressed by their dedication and commitment.....

The prayer towers would sound out 5 times a day....and the people would respond....

Initially,...i found this dedication very stimulating, but became very disappointed as we reached the month of the Fast of Ramadanand many of the stalls and markets

would close down for day (when you are supposed to fast...daylight to dusk) and opened during the night.....

The people would sleep all day and stay awake at night....that really disappointed me, (even though.....I knew there would have been genuine people there),....

but in general,....personal commitment seemed to be no better than the “twice a year” Christian Church-goer who labelled themselves as Christians.....but lived quite differently...

Chapter 3

Spiritual Hunger Part2

Human reality

However.....as we continued our trip though Africa.....the harsh reality of human nature was sorely exposed to us when we reached the more central African countries where human life was sadly..... heavily de-valued.....and genocide and murder was virtuallya way of life

Our first encounter with human atrocities was as we reached the border of Uganda....

Approaching the border...driving on a long narrow track through the jungle.....we were startled to see a white couple walking along this deserted track.....looking very distressed.

Being as we hadn't seen any Europeans in several months,
...this turned out to be quite a novelty for us

however.....

that very quickly turned to anxiety as they explained their
situation.....

They were a Norwegian couple who had travelled up the East
coast of Africa.....with a quest for adventure.....however,
harsh dictator Idi Amin had recently taken control of Uganda
and was brutally expelling all non-Africans including this
couple that we encountered.....

Idi Amin's brutal regime kicked this young traveling couple
out of Uganda....confiscating everything of theirs.....van,
clothes, food, money.....everything.....including
passports.....

And fortunately.....after being threatened.....escaped with
their lives

This of course.....was a heavy wake-up call to usand
naturally we by-passed Uganda.....taking this young couple to
Catholic mission that we found as we continued on down
through the Congo.....

However.....shortly after....a similar scenario happened again

This time it was a young Australian guy walking through the
jungle(in the middle of the Congo)....looking also very
traumatised...

I asked myself.....why was a young European guyall alone
.....walking through such a very dangerous
environment,.....

as there were also regular encounters here with wild animals
(just the day before, as we drove along a jungle track, a
leopard ran out in front of usthen just disappeared into
the jungle again)

But we were very soon to find out the reason for this
unusual behaviour.....

And so..... we picked up 'Lee' (the Australian) and he
continued with us for the next couple of months.....sleeping
under the Kombi every night (rather him than me) and telling
us of his reason for this unusual behaviour (of walking
through the jungles of the Congo alone)

'Lee' had been conscripted to Vietnam....and had only
recently finished his tour of duty.....and as he eventually
began to tell his story to usthe atrocities in Vietnam he
was involved in, and witnessed, drove him to want to get as
far away from reality as he could getand found himself in
the jungles of central Africa

The stories he toldmade you cringeand often made
you ashamed of being a human being.....lifeas he
explained.....in Viet nam....had the same lack of value-ness
about it as we had heard from the Norwegian couple

When your searching for truth....or a god.....these atrocities
really tend to shake you.....and your faith in human
nature....and a supposed creator.....severely rocks your

foundation in there being some sort of a greater loving power

And this brutal side of human nature glaringly exposed itself once again as we headed down towards the countries of Rwanda and Burundi....

We had heard over 'short wave radio' (that we listened to every day) of a chilling disturbance currently taking place in the country of Burundi.....

And as we found ourselves nearing the border of Burundi as we travelled through Rwanda to hopefully see the Silver-backed Gorillas (in their natural habitat.....'Gorillas in the mist'.....if you remember the movie).....we find ourselves 5 kilometres from the Burundi border...and can clearly see the Gorilla inhabited mountains close-by

Being so close to this Gorilla infested jungleno more than 10 or 15 minutes drive away was very exciting.....but our excitement came to a sudden abrupt end.... when we heard that violence had erupted in Burundi..(no more than 5 kilometres away) ...and genocide had taken place, and more than 500,000 people had been butchered.....women, children....everyone.....mainly with machetes

It was a horrifying report and to make matters worse, as we were contemplating driving on down that track to the mountains..... to see the Gorillas.....we abruptly stopped as we rounded a bend and saw a couple more travellers parked on the side of the road who hailed us down and began to

explain to us, that their friends had gone down that road for a 2hr squiz at the Gorillas,..... and that was 2 days ago and no trace of them since.....

And so...Naturally,....we abruptly did a U-turn and gave it a big miss

And so, as we headed towards Southern Africa...many more times we would be confronted by inhumane and confronting behaviour....

We assumed that as we reached the southern countries of Rhodesia and South Africa, that inhumane treatment of people would be somehow different, but when we heard that the road to Salisbury, that we had just driven on, had taken the lives of another travelling couple as they ran over a land mine (just 2 days after us)....and when we saw the massive apartheid division that was present in these countries and the escalating violence.....it just seemed that there was no escape geographically from any intolerable human behaviour.....and my (and countless others) shot at the 'hippie revolution' to improve the world....seemedsomehow....meaningless

....and something beyond our human endeavour seemed the only answer....

And so, ...we finally reach Capetown in 1973.....my wife 6 months pregnant, and us fully committed to Transidental Meditation and practising Macrobiotics (yin-yang).....we wereno doubt,....on the road to Enlightenment.... to “Nirvana”

We were chanting our mantras constantly throughout the day and felt that we were close to the answer of life...

and my so-called enlightened world up to that point consisted of

Catholic Alter and Choir boy

Confrontation with another dimension as a 7 yr old

Euphoric mountain-top experiences

Atheism and egotism

Dedicated Hari-Krishna

Buddhism

Transidental Meditation

Macrobiotics (yin-yang...positive-negative)

And Islam

All these enriching experiences that I had encountered over the years left me in no doubt....that there was more to life than this 3 dimensional world we live in...

However, the only disappointing thing i found regularly,.....was the inconsistency of these various methods of trying to find Nirvana or perhaps finding a higher being and I was fed up with the hypocrisy of these so-called enlightened paths and their inconsistent followers, which I found....i also regularly became

I needed something that really made sense to me and somehow tap me into another world beyond ours ...with powerful and positive resultsa connection with another world would stimulate me, enlighten me , empower me, and be more than real....not just mere words....i wanted an encounter...

And now that I think about it.....i guess that's what most people really want.....

reality...."why are we here"

"what's our purpose"i think that's what most human beings cry....

"what's my purpose""what's it all about"

"how did we get here"

And perhaps this resonates with you as well..

”why am I here”

“Is there another world beyond ours”

Chapter 4

A new way

And so as we settled into our new South African world (as a couple of hippies with a new baby daughter)...and eventually of course, made friends with many of our Apartment neighbours (who were struggling in life, just as much as we were)

Also, I found that Capetown city and family life and all its regular demands, began to make me acutely aware of all my inadequacies ,....as this fathering thing was a whole new experience.....and when one day, we were invited to attend a Christian Church service....the idea of finding a like-minded community was always part of the hunt for me....and so.....

And so.....as we were instructed.....went to a massive downtown Cathedral one evening to have this new

experience and find common community.....that we were also informed....we would enjoy...and feel comfortable around

When we arrived and walked into this massive Cathedrali was pleasantly surprised to see inside was less than conventional....in fact.....there were no pews or seats at all.....just an empty hall.....an empty Cathedral...apart from..

Apart from.....a group of long haired hippies.....perhaps 30 of them....sitting lotus fashion on the wooden floor in a circle with bongo drums and guitarsand with big smiles on their faces, singing songs and apparently..... having real fun!!!

Of course, I had seen this before as a Hari-Krishna....but unlike the Hari-Krishna's who's spirituality seemed so serious and contemplative and unemotional.....these people were laughing, singing and having real fun.....

Of course, I later found out that night, that they were new"born again" Christians, and naturally invited us along to one of the local Churches (close to where we lived) the following Sunday

Harfield Rd, Assembly of God Church in Claremont, Capetown.....andof course....because our interest was stimulated.....the next Sunday...we did attend.....with somewhat of a little apprehension too....i might add

I had seen first handso called enlightenment, and god consciousness and so forth....and many times was unconvinced.....

The question was,.....was this experience going to be any different than the let-down or incomplete experiences that I had encountered before.....that was the question!....

Anyway....our first sermon was onwhat he called,...."The Power of God"well that's the part I can remember , and I determined that day,.....if Christianity was real....then demonstration was required and some sort of supernatural proof...that if they preached power....then power must be in operation in this Church

I could only be convinced if I saw it in action.....because I clearly believed in a supernatural world.....but finding that conduit into that supernatural world was a fixation.....and could I find the answer in Christianity....that was my question....

When our first Church service drew to a closethe Pastor of the Church.....a lovely fellow....Pastor Noel Cromhoutheaded for the main door and proceeded to shake the hand of everyone of the 700 people....as they were leaving

The thing that totally blew me away.....was that he knew everyone's name.....can you believe that!!....he knew everyone's name.....what they had done this week.....who they fellowshiped with.....what difficulties they had

encountered....even the kids....he knew all about them....he knew everyone's name....700 people....i was truly amazedand when we arrived at the doorhe said "welcome to Church Mike and Paula and little Bree....how are you finding your apartment"i was astounded

remember this was 1973....no internet....no mobile phones....i was truly amazed

We had never met him before.....and yet he knew all about us ...(obviously, someone had mentioned in his ear about us...yes).....but I tell you what man.....that really caught my attention.....it had all the makings of "Supernatural" all over itto me

Come on...be honest....most of us have trouble just remembering the one person we just got introduced to 5 minutes ago....isn't that true!!!

But remembering 700 peoples names!!.....in fact it was more like 1,000 peoples names if I know the regularity (or irregularity) of most Church goers

It was truly amazing to meremember..... back nearly 50 years ago there wasn't the information available then like there is today...and we had never heard of mind-mapping or mind reading or de-coding or unscrambling or anything else like that....i was just.....very very impressed to say the least

Pastor Noel continued that policy (of shaking hands at the door) for the next 2 years that we remained there.....and I never saw him slip up once....a truly remarkable man

I did contact him 40yrs later....and he was still going strong....amazing!!

And so my introduction to Christianity was very compelling....but if Christianity is a world of (not just words).....but “Power”then that is what I expected.....and I was not going to be short changed in my expectations.....

Anyway.....the following week we naturally attended Church again....and this timethere was a man from England called ‘Ian Andrews’, who apparently moved in....what was called “Word of knowledge in healing”

of course we had no idea what this was all about but wereonce again.....naturally very intrigued.

He began to point at people and remark on some ailment they had and then said...”God is now healing you”and the person would shake a bit ...and suchlikeand then the people would start saying things like...”Praise God”and “Hallelujah” and all these catchy religious phrases that Christians say.....

(Anyway that’s how I remember it in my mind....at that time)

Then suddenly.....he points at me and tells me that the lower part of my back is damaged....and that I was having pain.

Of course, this was entirely true, because.....2 days earlier,....i had been to Groote schuur hospital (where Dr Barnard did the first heart transplant) to have an X-ray of my lower back.....as I had severely damaged my lower back in my short time in the building industry, and the X-rays returned a clear damage of my L5 vertebraein fact it had broken in 3 places and had healed in odd positions and the scar tissue was very noticeable and squashing my nervous system....

I saw those X-rays....2 days before.....and they were going to try and remove the scar tissue.....a very delicate and scary operation

Anyway....there I wassitting there in this meeting....and Ian Andrews is being persistentpointing at me and saying "would Iplease acknowledge"and I have to admit.... i was terrified.....2nd week in Church and everyone's looking at me....aaaahhhh!!!!.....and then my wife whispering to me...."just put your hand up Mike...let him know you acknowledge him""Mike put your hand up"well I can't blame her.....because everyone was looking at us as Ian Andrews became more persistent....i was terrified and

embarrassed too...like Paula...I had no idea what was going on

But eventually I thought..... what the hell....if I die , I die...ha!!

So i slowly lifted my hand ...and suddenly I began to shake as this tremendous burning sensation moved all over me....i began to shake uncontrollably and breathing heavily....i was so embarrassed but couldn't stop it

Paula was also freaking out and majorly embarrassed too... the way that I was conducting myself and in a loud whisper kept saying to me..."stop it Mike....stop it Mike" ...

The last thing we wanted....2nd week in Church was 700 pairs of eyes looking at us...and im'e not sure if we were even Christians yet either!

When suddenly Ian Andrews moved on to another person...and I completely collapse against the wall....totally exhausted...

Two days lateri had a prearranged 2nd X-ray that needed to be done.....and guess what.....yes,....you guessed it!

I had a brand new L5 vertebrae in my lower back.....courtesy of our Heavenly Father....i was so overwhelmed that I made extensive enquiries to get back both of the X-rays as a memento....but Groote schuur's hospital policy was very strict and removal of any material like this was forbidden

Im'e not sure how long they keep records.....but those X-rays may still be there...with dates printed on them.....an extraordinary miracle

And so ...this set me on a path for the next 30 years that was truly astounding....and hopefully by the end of this bookyou will be experiencing.....the Power of God..... like you could never imagine ...as I could never imagine

Chapter 5

The miracles continue

One other major issue that I hadwas.....i had contracted Malaria on our trip through the steamy mosquito ridden jungles of the Congo and Central Africa.....and regularly.....like clockwork.....would have a Malaria attack approx. every 30 days

I would have excruciating headaches.....shake uncontrollably for 24 hours and sweat so much that we had to put the mattress out in the sun the next day to dry it out....

You would become delirious and light would also affect your eyes...I would lay there with a towel over my face for 24 hrs in agony as my whole body would ache and shake.....

Anyway ...this particular evening.....after we had now been going to Church for several weeks, we were invited to go to awhat was calleda 'Homegroup'

This apparently consisted of a gathering of a few of the local Christians.....run by this person called 'an Elder'who was one of the more senior people in the Church

And so we begin to attend this 'Homegroup'as a way of getting to know people....

However.....i had forgotten what time of the month it wasand as we sat around in a circle,.....I began to feel a little woozy.....started to breathe heavily and began sweating...

The room started to go all hazy and felt myself starting to lose consciousness very quickly.....i heard my wife say to the people in the room in a somewhat panicking fashion..."Mikes having his Malaria attack"and all I heard after that was something about the Elders praying and laying hands on the sick and they will get better.....

And so....that is exactly what they did.....and to everyone's surprise..... including the Elder....as they laid hands on me

This wind type of feeling went over my body ...and then what I can only describe as..... like a vacuum cleaner..... starting at my feet and working its way up my body....it was like something was being sucked out of me.....

This happened for about 30 seconds....when suddenly I just collapsed in the chair ...and shortly after woke up....and to

my amazement ...all the pain had left me....my skin was dry
....and I was in my right mind

That happened 45years ago.....and I have never had one
single symptom since.....in fact,.....I gave blood about 10
years later.....and one of the questions was....by the
nurse....."have you ever had malaria"and so I said to the
nurse..."yes I havebut a Christian prayed for me 10 yrs
ago and I've never had it since"

She just went..."ok"..."well""uh""ok" "so ..ok
then"..."well that's ok then" ... "ah yes""have you had
anything else"it was very funny...

It is so hilarious the way people will do anything to avoid
talking about it.....even today.....i find it comical the way that
people quickly go on to another subject when I explain what
happened.....such is the faithless and stone-hearted world
we live in today

I would have to say at this point....it was demonstration that
took me over the edge....and not just mere words alone....

The words that I had been listening to in the Church were
seemingly meaningless to me ...except at one point when it
was mentioned that Jesus Christ rose out of the grave after 3
days.....that pricked up my ears majorly....because non of the

other religious leaders or prophets could testify to that.....and when it was brought to my attention....that this....risen from the dead Jesus Christ was just a door to somewhere.....a gate.....a pathway.....a way to somewhere else....which was the 'stargate' to me.....a portal to another dimension...that I had been looking for....

and when that other world.... a land of 'Narnia'was called 'The Fathers World'i knew I had hit on to something significant.....as I had just become a father for the first time myself.....and all the responsibility and protection and provision that seemingly was required of me at that time as a father and husband resonated with me(my wife was a full time Mum for 15 years)

That there must be a figure-head of this other dimension or dimensions..... all this must have started somewhere....with someone or something.....and I felt like....i may have hit the jackpot

Of courseas the years went on, I began to understand the role that Jesus would play in my Christian worldbut in those early days He was proclaimed to meas a door....a way to somewhere else....and I still see Him that way today.

That's why I wrote the book "The Second Revelation"

.....About a door into another world

http://thesecondrevelation.com/second_rev/

And so....embracing this “Born again” Christianity.....for mewas ...not just a dimensional portal to go somewhere else...to embrace another world beyond oursbut this other creative world could somehow manifest itself,...in our 3 dimensional world.....if the sequence was right....and the platform was correct.....

We could bring another dimension into our static and conventional 3 dimensional world.....I found this so exciting and feasible....there appeared to be this interaction between a 3rd and 4th dimension.....fascinating!!!

Chapter 6

Angels

In fact....as the weeks and months went on.....and we began to see extraordinary things happening in our lives and others....your faith begins to grow legs, and as you witness astounding unexplained events happening around you....you begin to believe that anything is possible and this proved to be the case time and time for us....and hopefully for you too!!

Also, we had never heard of the “prosperity teaching” at that time....but we were familiar with the idea that all our needs were ...at least....to be met.....

we were familiar with the scripture “that God supplies all our needs” (Phil 4:19)....and this particular scripture played itself

out for us in spectacular fashion one evening as we followed the rules of engagement....so to speak

Being sincere.....(as we were still young hippie parents....well I was anyway....Paula reformed somewhat quicker than me)...and praying correctly....to The Father.....in the Name of Jesus...and making declaration as we had been instructed.....a significant miracle took place for us one particular evening...

We had just moved into a little cottage in the suburbs of Capetown with 2 little children....

I had started a little garage business making stereos (Hi-Fi's) with a partner (timber speakers...timber turntable plinth and so on)...several months earlier and my partner messed it up for us and I was now unemployed....

There was no welfare available in South Africa at that time,....and we were down to making flour pancakes with tomato sauce topping for a week or so...(my wife didn't remember this...but,...as a man...I clearly remember it...Ha!!)

Also....a months rent was due...a real dilemma...

We had never mentioned this financial predicament to anyone, and even our new little cottage was unknown to most everyone as we had just recently moved in.....but as a months rent was now due,....and because we had no money

and no job.....the likelihood of us getting kicked out on the street was clearly inevitable.....unless something drastic happened to change our circumstances right away

And solike all good Christians do.....we knelt down beside our bed....and said “HELP” ...”please God we need one thousand six hundred dollars (in todays terms)tonight.....please God please”ha!!

“We need a months rent now please....pretty please Jesus.....please”(you know what I mean...that’s right, the way you pray sometimes...☺)...

“yes.....we need \$1,600 dollars right now...thank you”

This was early evening and it was getting dark outsidearound 7.30pm when we prayed.....when.....

shortly after we prayed (in less than ½ an hour).....there was a knock on the door

We thought....that was odd....we weren’t expecting anyone.....and most no-one knew where we lived

However.....when I opened the front door.....there was a middle aged man standing therewho we had no idea who he was.....a mysterious looking figure....who only said this one sentence to me.....

“The Lord told me to give this to you”that’s all he said.....there was no formal greeting or introduction..

Just....stern facedly said.... "The Lord told me to give this to you"

He was very unemotional.....and then just held out his hand

And yes ...you guessed itthere was one thousand, six hundred dollars in his hand....in less than ½ hour after we prayed I was standing there with \$1,600 in my hand....i was speechless.....and as I was lost for words, he just turns around and strides off into the darkness...no car....just walks off into the distance until he disappeared out of view

I was absolutely astoundedand even though I eventually did get myself a job a couple of weeks later as a taxi driver down on the Capetown docks....we found ourselves in exactly the same predicament again...one month later....

And soin desperation once again.....copy-cated what we did a month before.....and can you believe it.....

got exactly the same result once again

However,.....this time it was a middle aged woman who knocked on the doorless than ½ hr after we prayed.....

Same scenario....."The Lord told me to give this to you"

Held out one thousand, six hundred dollars and gave it to me and disappeared in like fashion like the man did a month earlier.

Astounding...absolutely astounding.....

Everything I wrote in this book is the truth in the way that I remember it and God is my witness....that you may be encouraged

When I think that scenario through...there is no question in my mind....that they were angels....("we entertain Angels unaware" ...scripture says)..(Heb 13:2)

I mean...you think it through.....1/2 an hour after we asked for specifically ..one thousand six hundred dollars....there was someone at the door with that exact amount in their hand.....twice.....twice....same scenario....

Would you go and knock on a complete strangers door and give them \$1,600...and just say..."The Lord told me to give this to you" ...and then just leave.....i would have to say...highly unlikely....maybe \$50 for someone you know needs it....but \$1,6001/2 an hour after they prayed for itlets give the glory to where its due.....and your Heavenly Father loves to do things like this for you

Now im'e not about to suggest some proven formula that is going to work every time.....but I am going to prompt you regularly in this book"to have a go"you know,i think the most successful people in this world are people that....."have a go"success is not whether you win or losemake millions or go broke.....success is"having a go"your business failed....so whatyour a legend ..."you had a go" ...and that's all that matters.....maybe your

parenting skills are severely lacking.....well guess what....in your Dads eyes....your a total legend....why?....because you had a go...that's why!!!

They should give out awards for people who....just... 'had a go'shouldn't they!!!!

There is no proven formula for constant spiritual success eitherbut you know what....your Dad just loves when you "have a go"doesn't always turn out like we would want sometimesbut make no mistake ...your Heavenly Father adores His children ...just stepping out and "having a go"

However even though there appears no steadfast proven formula that will work every time....and give us the answers in the way we want them.....i will prompt you in this book to "have a go" in the world of the supernatural... if you want to experience incredible unbelievable things in your life

....and one of the most powerful things that you can have in your life that works "that works" is testimonials... "they overcame" "overcame" "by the blood of the Lamb and the Word of their Testimony"(Rev 12:11).....

When things start to happen in your worldbecause you had a go (and I'll elaborate on how to "have a go" spiritually a little further down the track).....you begin to have a portfolio of testimonials.....and when the Devil comes against

you...you don't feel so dis-empowered...but rather feel spiritually energised and confident.....so....hopefully the following testimonials will prompt you to “have a go” if you haven't already.

That mantle of supernatural power is on all of us in Christ....and I know that in these last days ,....Christian supernatural events will increase everywhere around the globe ...and they will happen on you as well,.....the same as we experienced nearly 50 years ago now and the same as we see documented for us in the early Church

Chapter 7

Zealous for God

I was particularly zealous for the Lord in those days as all these supernatural events began to happen in my lifeas I believed that I had stumbled on to the pathway of supernatural life that I had been so looking for....even in my earlier days (in the 60s) my friends always associated me with a music group called “The Fifth Dimension” who were my favourite music group.....i guess the title of that band just tells the story for me...ha!!

We became (my Christian employees and i) so zealous for the Lord thatat one point when I had a little bricklaying business going on in New Zealand.....that we would make sure that we got on the job before any of the other tradesmen (building a Retirement village).....and the reason for that wasthe first person on the job in the morning had the (unofficial) right to choose what music station that everyone was to listen to all day.....it was an unspoken rule that whatever the first person on the job chose for their music choice that day, everyone one else must comply and not compete, but just listen to that music (we were civilised back then ...Ha!!)

This particular week as we arrived first on the job, I bought along my loud cassette player and I had a whole box full of cassettes.....and so I put on these cassettes and played them all day every dayloud as anything so you could hear them all over the complex...non stop ...all day long.....

Anddo you want to know what we played!!!

The New Testament on Cassette by Alexander Scoby

All they heard every day ...all day long was a guy reading out scripture....they would be working awayand coming out loud the loudspeakers would be.....”and Jesus went around doing good and healing all who were oppressed of the devil” ...and so on ...Ha Ha!!!.....you could just about see the daggers in everyone’s eyes’Ha!!

Anyway, back to the story

In my job as a taxi driver on the docks in Capetown South Africa...most of my clients were merchant seamen....tough as nails...and lived that way!

Most were Norwegians or Russian seamen and would hire my taxi out for the day and do a pub crawl, then in the evenings...wanted to go to the local brothels...

Of courseinstead of sitting in my taxi all day as I waited for them...i would sit at the Hotel bar and drink soft drinks while they drank whiskey.....and when we were at the brothels...I would sit with the girls (prostitutes) in their lounge and preach Jesus to them....

I tell you man.....did I get some compassion for those girls....when you heard their stories (abused, raped, beaten-up, destitute...oh my goodnessjust be a little thankful...that wasn't you)...and to see the lifestyle they now had was heartbreakingdrugs, sex and rock and roll....as well as knife fights against one another as they accused one another of stealing their clients...and I tell you...it wasn't just a casual fight.....they became enraged and ready to kill one another....tough girls ...oh my goodness!!

And the merchant seamen were no less tough....in fact murder was an everyday occurrence during that period (of Nelson Mandela's ANC uprisingon both sides!!) and often the police didn't even bother investigating

Yes,all these people were tough cookies all right

But when you got to their hearts....they were just like..... little lambs....both guys and girls.....soft as butter

Anyway.....I remember taking this very tough Norwegian seamen around one dayhe was a very muscular man...unshaven....bottle of whiskey constantly in his back pocket....talked about all the scary incidents he had been involved in.....and you wouldn't want to meet him in a back street.....that type of guy

However.....on the glovebox of my taxi there was a little sticker that said'Jesus loves you'

And as we were in deep heavy conversation.....i said to him....

"Well clearly your one hell of a tough guy.....so it would be easy for you to repeat that sticker that is in front of you....wouldn't it""because nothing intimidates you does it""come on...just for me...what does the sticker say"

I just kept badgering him....."come on Hans....what does it say""he just kept staring at it.....I just kept goading him more and more....."come on tough guy.....nothing intimidates you""he just kept staring emotionless at that sticker.....'Jesus loves you'"and then suddenly

Burst out crying.....and I prayed for him for salvation

Soft as butter.....

Supernatural events take place in our world when we are ready for them....when we do our part, and be in a ...'state of readiness'(which I will elaborate on later)which is one of the pre-requisites to operate in a supernatural world....'a state of readiness'

Living a life of expectancy ..a life of readiness

Chapter 8

Back to NZ

As I began my job as a taxi driver in Capetown, we suddenly decided to make a change in our future plans.....

we had taken up permanent residency in South Africa

but at that particular time in South Africa (in the mid 70s).....there was an escalation in violence.....and when I confronted an African taking off the security bars on my kids bedroom window with a screwdriverand as I was aware that many tourists had been killed downtown by screwdriver wielding thugs.....this suddenly got a little to close for comfortand so we decided there and then,... that,...we didn't want to bring our kids up in that sort of environment.....

But we were broke.....and our fares by ship,....back to New Zealand were several thousand dollars (in today's terms)

And there was no way we couldon one wage.....(Paula was a full-time Mum with 2 kids)...save up that sort of money.....

If we didit may well take years....and so.....

We....once againdid our old trick of kneeling down beside the bedand began to pray again

Immediately after we had asked Our Father for the deposit on a cruise ship back to New Zealand (for the 4 of us)....which was about \$2,000.....I immediately walked outside and was standing at the front fence , when our neighbour next door says..."Hi Mike""how's things"

I walk over ...and start a conversation....

During the conversation.....I say to him....

"you've got 3 cars parked out in front of your house"... "you better do something about that quick" ...(because, if you had more than 2 cars parked out in front of your house in those days ...you could be arrested for holding an illegal gathering).....

you could only do a temporary gathering for 2 or more cars if you had a permit (like a kids birthday party for instance...you had to have a permit.....sheeeesh!!!)

and he said to me “oh yes” ...”I was going to ask youyou only have one car (our old 1959 Kombi)...can I park one of my cars in your driveway”

“sure I said””no problem”

He then just drove it around on to my driveway (a VW Beetle).....and can you believe it....

He then gets out of the VW Beetle.....walks over to meand said

“what the hell.....i don’t need 3 cars anyway””here”

“you can have it “

And gave me the keys.....I was flabbergasted...

And sold it 3 days later for \$,2000

Always be expectant and ready....you never know in which way your miracle will come to you....and always give thanks that you have experienced the supernatural intervention of God.....

declare it as a supernatural event....a heavenly provision from another world....

Speak this out and give testimony of supernatural provision, as you continue to remind yourself ...and othersso that your expectancy increases

Chapter 9

Back in NZ

We arrived back in New Zealand on the 12th of May 1975...Bree's second birthday.....with only \$100 in our pockets and eventually settled down at my Mum and Dads little cottage type home2 hours north of Auckland, at a place called Ruakaka...

Our last \$100 enabled us to buy an old car that I quickly got roadworthy and then drove 20 minutes into the local smallish city of Whangarei (about 40,000 pop) and registered with the employment bureauexpecting either a jobor some sort of assistance...I then drove back to Ruakaka

However,.....3 days later when we had not heard anything from the employment bureau.....i decided that I would drive into Whangarei again.....and perhaps.....walk the streetsto find some employment, because things were getting difficult in that tiny little cottage house where we were living with my parents and 2 little children.....and I now realise what a big ask it was for my elderly parents...and they did mention several times, how squashy it was.....

So we needed immediate multiple miracles to change the situation....

Money.....

A house of our own.....

A job for me.....

A house full of furniture..... washing machine, fridge, beds, table and chairs, sofa etc etc etc.....and we really needed it all in the next few days

And soon the Monday I started off to Whangarei to try and find a job somewhere.....

And of coursewas acknowledging God as I was driving along and reminding him of our situation, when I suddenly found myself pulling over the side of the road.....and felt prompted to pick up my Bible and read it... (“be ready in season and out of season” 2 Tim 4:2.....always be ready)

I started to read my Bible.....

The world of the supernatural often seems really weird to usand why would I do some of the things I do.....but of course.....we don't know the end result do we.....but if we are prepared to 'listen to that little small voice'....

Let me pause here and say that I've found that the way for me to recognise that 'little small voice' is not by intellectual means.....but ratherby being obedient to.....(what may seem silly to us)but you judge it by..... do you feel the Peace of God, or do you feel disturbed by it.....because Satan will try and trick you...('he goes around like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour'.1 Peter 5:8)...and Satan cannot counterfeit the 'Peace of God'

And so the way I have found to judge 'that little small voice'

(1)....immediately....deep inside do you feel a peace...rather than feeling disturbed

(2)....is it fine or can it produce positive results ...even though the pathway may appear weird

(3)....act on it almost immediately or you will talk yourself out of it.....if you delay, and God is not into persistence....He will not nag you and bully you...He's a gentleman....and nagging you and constant pressure is the Devils domain

And so.....as I pulled overby this little thought that dropped into my head (to read the Bible)

(1)....do I feel a deep contentment about pulling over the side and reading the Bible ...or do I feel disturbed....no....there's a peacefulness about it

(2)....will ...or can it produce good results....'absolutely'..... for example....stabbing someone is not going to produce

good results is it!..we know that don't we....our conscience is a great arbitrator here....we know what will produce bad results don't we.....

(3)....should I sit here thinking about itor immediately open my Bible.....yes..no ..contemplation’no let just read’
If I delay...what may happen!

(‘those on the wayside are ones who hear the Word...but the Devil comes and snatches it out of their heart’)

....he’s a thief... (Luke 8:12).....he’s a thief and very quick to steal from you...if you delay

And so I opened my Bible randomly and began to read.....and as I read...a portion of scripture leapt out at me”in three days you will take up office”

“in three days you will take up office”

You see....”the Word of God is quick and powerful”...(Heb 4:12).....and the Word of God itself....has the ability to quicken Faith in you....even when you read ityour hearing it in your mindaren't you”so Faith comes by hearing”
(Rom 10:17)

And God will draw your attention to something that will stimulate your Faith.....

If your Faith is not stimulated, when you are drawn to something....or feel somewhat disturbed ...or your Faith

questionedthis is the Devils domain..."did God say"(Gen chpt 3)...he said to Adam and Eve....no...he is "the accuser of the Brethren"...(Rev 12:10)....he wants to destroy your Faith.....

And so,....learn to recognise the difference.....

And so...as these words were quickened to me (so to speak)...made alive in me ..."in three days you will take up office"...and my eyes seem to be continually drawn back to those words.....i finally closed my Bible ...and started the car again

I casually turned the car around and just drove back to Ruakaka....sharing with Paula ..what I have just shared with you

Paula was very familiar with my ways by this stage and jumped on board with the prospect of something happening on the 3rd day (Wednesday)...as much as I was ...and so we waited

Wednesday...12 noon...nothing

2pm...nothing

3pm....nothing

This is when your Faith is severely tested(and not by God ...by the way.....your Heavenly Father doesn't tease you or cause you distress)...do you cause your children distress?...if you do society will remove them from you....wont they!!!

We know its wrong to cause children distresssurely my Heavenly Dad knows that too...doesn't He?

'..."Count it all joy when you fall into various trials , for the trying of you Faith produces patience"(James 1:2-3)..you have to convert apprehension into patience in moments like these

The Devil will try and destroy your Faith and circumstances will try and rob youbut God ...The Devil ...and circumstances are not working together to test your Faith.....

do you..... as a parent test your child by sending in the bully at school?....or the truck that's driving to close for comfort....do you try and rob your child of their dream....just to test them!!...of course not

So let put 'testing' in the right court

"he who overcomes" is mentioned many times in the book of Revelation.....and in verse 7 of Rev 21it is written...."he who overcomes shall inherit all things and I will be his God and he shall be my son"

He who overcomes what?....the Devil and circumstances
Part of overcomingis replacing anxiety with patience

"God has not given us a spirit of fear or anxiety"(2 Tim 1:7)

And even though I was tempted to fear....as its now 3pm on Wednesday afternoon.....

The quickened Word which I had received will carry me through...it has the power in itself to keep your Faith alive...a peace deep within.....

your fight is in your mind

and so.....3:30pm comes alongand the phone...finally rings.....and its for me,and the person on the other end of the phone is the assistant Superintendent of the local oil fired Power Station, about 10 minutes drive away

and he invites me to immediately come down to the Power Stationfor an interview....."wow"

Of course...I was ecstatic....he had gotten my phone number from the employment bureau that I had registered at a week or so earlier

And so I raced down therein my best boardshorts...ha!!

And so ...

praise The Lord at 4:30pm on the 3rd day I was given a job...in line with the scripture I had been given..."hallelujah"

"in 3 days you will take up office"

However unto my great surprise....as we were finishing the interview he states...."oh and by the way....a house is also included with the job...on the Power Station grounds"

I couldn't believe my ears

I race home to tell Paulaand we are rejoicing when suddenly we realise that we had not one piece of furniture and we were going to have to sleep on the floor...

When shortly after.....

the phones rings again....

It was Paula's sister.....

and she informs us that they had just sold their investment house in Aucklandfully furnished house by the way....and that they had this entire house full of furniture they didn't know what to do with

and were we interested in having this.....'entire house full of furniture'beds ,...tables,... pictures,...fridge ...microwave,...washing machine ,...chairs.....everything!!!

Of course we were gobsmackedand over the moon.....

But.....wait a minute.....

The furniture is in Auckland150km away...and we don't have any money for a removalist

Can you believe.....

Paula's step-mother rings up from Whangarei ...out of the bluenot knowing our predicament.....and says....

I am shifting my elderly Mum from Whangarei to Auckland tomorrow and the removalist truck is coming back empty.....

“is there anything we can do for you?”

“Wow ...we said ..yes can you pick up all the furniture we have just been given and put it in the house that we have just been given.....thanks”

And we moved in to a fully furnished house 2 days later.....
that cost us nothing.....

and a job to start on Monday...5 minutes walk from my house.....which was 50m from a great surfing beach...and my passion was surfing....how good is that!!!!!!

And soi pulled over on the side of the road....Monday morning to read the Bible and on Friday we moved into a fully furnished free home ...50m from the beach...and a new job.....how amazing is our Heavenly Father..

And from that day on we became witness to a world of astounding miracles which endlessly followed us for the next 30 years and more..

Chapter 10

Pre-requisite for miracles

Of course.....life has its up and downs....and im'e not going to preach all our woes.....but rather encourage your Faith by declaring that”all things work together for good “ (Rom 8:28).....eventually!!!.....

or a better description being...

God will eventually find some good in anything....even if it is only barely visible some times

Its quite hilarious actually....when you think of all the down-moments we've all had and some of the terrible and frightening moments that we all can have.....

during the time of the event, it becomes our worst nightmare and we wouldn't want to wish it on anyone,.....but the funniest thing is that our most frightening moment actually becomes our most treasured trophy when we discuss the pool of life later with others.....doesn't it!

“oh I remember when I nearly died from that snakebite....i had to grab its head and kill it so that they could identify what type of snake it was for the anti-serum....i fell in and out of consciousness several times and blah blah blah.....

Ha!.....You know what I mean.....our biggest night mare becomes our most treasured life story

And of course.... I realise that some stories are best forgotten But the majority of our negative life stories become“our story”doesn't it...and to some degree am somewhat proud of ourselves that we have a story like that to tell.....

Funny isn't it.....our basic nature is to turn a nightmarish event into something good.....”well do you know what happened to me.....blah blah....”ha!

Do you know why we do thatits because we are created in Gods image and He will look for good in any event....and so do we.....its part of our spirit man nature to do that...however our fallen nature wants to do the opposite.....but the Godly part of us will look for the best in any situation

Now.. The thing that I now want to get on to....is this pre-requisite for miracles.....we must get this fully to be able to move into outstanding miracles...a number of which I will share with you further on

We have to realiseits not all just God....and He runs everything.....nothere's far more to it than that

But there is two things that your Heavenly Father majorly desires for us as His children

(1)....Is to come to maturity as a Christian....and its not that hard to do...and I'll elaborate on that further down the track

(2)....and the second is attitude

Chapter 11

Attitude

Our success in life is often coupled with attitude.....as I was to find out.....

We had moved into our Power Station house right by the beach...and were very happy with the set-up.....a job...that meant money....yahoo!!.....a free house....free house full of furniture...perfect surf.... Just a 100m away ...woohoo!!!stoked...."praise Jesus"

As I began my new job the following Monday....after we had moved into our new house the previous Friday

I was unexpectedly rocked by the job description I was given.....and started my first day at the Power Station with a particularly bad attitude.....

I was taken by my supervisor out to the perimeter of this 30 acre oil-fired Power-Station to a small pumping station at an isolated perimeter of the Power Station complex and was given a drum of oil cleaning detergenta brush....and a hose

This small pumping station was totally covered in oil.....possibly no bigger than a large bedroom with about 200 pipes50 valves....a carport type coverand rubbish everywhere

Everything was totally covered in oil.....including the lean-to....all the pipes and valves, concrete floors ...and all the metal roads

As I walked my gumboots would just stick in the oily sludge on the floorthe stench was overwhelming.....and before I knew it I was covered in oil

In my ears.....up my nose.....

What do you suppose I said to God.....

“are you kidding me....son of a king....and you’ve given me this job....the lowest of the lowest jobs on all the Power Station....in fact I don’t know many jobs that could be worse than this”did a real moan to God...

Spent 4 hours just trying to clean a couple of metres on one pipe....the oil had hardened and it took considerable time to just clean that 2m of pipe.....by lunchtime I was really jacked offout there by myself in an isolated part of the Power Station....grizzling and moaning and contemplating the future.....how that....."man...I could be doing this for years"oh boy!!!!

I arrived home at lunchtime (because you could walk home for lunch)...oil all over me...stinking of oil....and had a bit of a moan,.....then trudged back to work again.....grizzling and moaning.....

After about ½ an hour on the job again I just stood there looking at this massive job in front of me and suddenly a little voice said to me "you could be here for 10yrs Mike...make your life count"

I just stood there contemplating this still small voice that kept whispering in my ear...."make your life count Mike"

It was at this point that I had a clear change of attitude and remember thinking....even if it takes me a year....i will do a good job and be grateful...and purpose to make my life count

Having a relationship with your Heavenly Dad through His son Jesus....makes this attitude ...and gratitude change possible, because it comes from a hidden corner of your world that you can never find....unless it is opened up to you....supernaturallyits the heart of your Father

And soas I began to clean that one pipe....i determined in my heart to clean this out-station up so well.....that you could not improve on it...

If you open your heart to the leading of the Holy Spirit....it may seem that you are going completely the wrong way for a season.....but do you know what!!!!

I started that cleaning job with the attitude....that I couldn't stand cleaning....

Do you know what the business is that I still have today in my 70s.....and still love going to work everyday.....

Cleaning.....

I have a house washing and water blasting business...and have had for the last 35 yrs

One of my greatest satisfactions in life each day.....is making someone's house look good....and still enjoy it today....

The very thing that I thought that I hated most in my work worldwas the very thing that I enjoy most....and I didn't know it.....my attitude could have robbed me of my vision and future.....

and I had now set myself up for ..a miracle worldwhich was about to follow...

Chapter 12

Stand your ground

In the meantime....i also decided that I wouldn't take a backward step in my Christian walk in regard to my interaction with the 240 Power Station workers either...

In facti was so motivated....i decided that.....this is a great opportunity to read the Bible right through (during our 20min morning tea break).....

And sothe next day I bought a Bible in to work and proceeded to just leave it on the 12 seater table in the smoko room.....

And when it was smoko...I would get a coffee and sit and sit there and read my Bible....

I wasn't doing it to annoy anyonei was just very motivated to read the Bible right through....

Anyway....every morning smoko.....i would sit at this 12 seater tablealone.....and read my Bible..

There were 240 workers in the Power Station and the smoko room had up to 15 x.....12 seater tables..... and at smoko....all of the tables would be full...except mine.....which was empty..

No one would sit at my table.....but it didn't bother me in the slightest.....until.....until.....

One morning I came into the smoko roomas per normal.....grabbed my coffee and went over to my table to sit down (alone) and read my Bible again.....

But noticed that it was on one of the other tables that all the men were sitting at.....

I casually walked towards that table of men ...to pick my Bible upand as I went to grab it....someone threw it to the next tablemmmmmm!...(i thought!)

.mmmmmm!...OK!.....

Went to the next tablesame thing.....threw it to the next table.....there were approx. 150 men in that room having fun that morning....

I eventually got my Bible back.....but several days later as I was in a somewhat smaller adjoining smoko room with a number of men in theresomeone started to make fun of Jesus....and of course...they all started laughing...then someone would go one step further (so to speak).....

And eventually.....as you can imagine....things got a little more crudeeveryone trying to outdo one another...

And eventually an 18 yr old new employee..... sitting at a 12 seater table....decided that he was going to be the one to take this mocking of Jesus to another level.....

I was just leaning against the wall having a coffee.....everyone in the room was laughing and spurring him on

When suddenly.....he just went totally over the top and foul-mouthed Jesus to the extreme.....

I didn't lose my cool.....

I didn't say anything

But slowly walked over to this 18 yr old ...sitting at the table

Grabbed his hair.....

And then smashed his head down on the table....breaking his nose and blood everywhere....

I wrenched his head up again...blood all over his face..

And saidin a quiet voice to everyone in that smoko room..

“I don’t want to hear anyone in this Power Station talking about Jesus like that again....do you all hear me”Ha!!

You could have heard a pin drop...guys everywhere were tip-toeing out of the room....oh my goodness!!!

Now.....that’s not exactly the way Jesus would have dealt with the situation....Ha!!!

But let me tell you what happened after that....

Firstly.....that 18 yr oldthat foul-mouthed Jesus... was dead 2 weeks later....killed in a car crash...

Secondly.....for the next 4 years that I was there....i never heard one person speak abusively about Jesus again....

In fact....from that day on....i became the unofficial Chaplain of that Power Station and spent a large portion of the next 4 years helping people (constantly)...who privately came to me for advice or prayer.....it was amazing.....

6 months later ...the empty 12 seater table that I was sitting at.....was full....

And it began a time of unprecedented miracles

Chapter 13

Outstanding miracles

One miracle in particular....was that.....my next door neighbour was talking to me about God.....but said that he didn't believe in God unless God could prove himself to him.....he wanted proof.....which is very normal...I wanted proof tooin those early days!!.....

Now the way that the Working of Miracles or the gift of Faith operates (and remember,...I was only a congregation memberlike you).....is that.....the unexpected happens and you find yourself saying something or doing something that has the potential to not work...and make you look like a fool..

Raising people from the dead could easily make you look like a fool if it doesn't work...right!!...

“Religious freak “they would say

But when words rise up in you and you so want to say those words.....and the only way you won't say those words is if you purposely deny those words coming out of your mouth...when you...so strongly want to say them.....but deny yourself the right.....you can so easily miss a miracle
.....because the Working of Miracles and the Gift of Faith are supernatural....but need a human being for them to be activated....

Nowi became very familiar with that still small voice inside me and knew that coupled with those words trying to burst out of me.....would come the Faith to believe as well...

God will not prompt you and not give you the Faith...and in the many times I have stepped outas I learned the process....God would honour my commitment...He would be faithful.....

He will not prompt you.....unless He equips you.....and enables you

You just have to recognise its Him.....

if you have any anxiety or apprehensiondon't do it
....miracles are accompanied by peace.....inner peace

Continuing on.....

And as Len Skillingmy next door neighbour was declaring to me that he would only believe if he had proof...

Suddenly.....

Suddenly.....

A supernatural confidence fell on meand you not only believe that the H/S is involved here (you sense it).....but you also go into a state of supernatural steadfastness (if you daily determine in your heart that that is how you want to operate as a Christian.....you want to be affective....somehow that must first be settled in your heart....)

“LordI determine to be effective for the Kingdom of God and I am in a constant state of readiness”

It is then (in that daily state of readiness) the H/Spirit can prompt you to say something.....even if it sounds unusual sometimes....He can rely on you to say it.....

I clearly remember saying to Len....”what are you doing tonight”with all confidence and a sense of peace.....

He replies.....”oh we are going fishing for the last time out at the Power Station cooling system buoys tonight.....one kilometre offshorewhich used to be a great fishing

spot...but we haven't caught anything for the last 12 months
.....so we are going to give it one last try"

And my response to that was.....

..."well tonight when you go out fishing at the Power Station
buoy, God is going to prove himself to you....that's what you
want and that's what you'll get.....proof"

"God is going to prove himself to you.....tonight"

A supernatural confidence comes over you....looking him
squarely in the eye.....and clearly remember not having one
moment of doubt over the next 12 hours....a supernatural
confidence comes over you (as you step out).....a cloak of the
Holy/Spirit settles on you for the duration of the miracle.....

All you have to do is be obedient to that still small voice
.....and He will keep your Faith intact

(1)....Be in a state of readiness (which require spending some
time during the day...in the Word...even just a few minutes is
all you need sometimes).....and "praying without
ceasing" ...which means you (mostly in your mind)...try to
regularly meditate or occasionally vocalise Godly things

This is not as hard as it sounds.....

You don't walk around praying out loud all the time....it
doesn't mean that.....

I was a full time employee for the Government...and my job was my first responsibility during works hours

The Apostle Paul was also a business man....a tentmaker

Jesus was a carpenter...

Peter a fisherman....

If you meditate on the Word...day and night.....in other words....keep reminding yourself....in your mindby gratitude and thankfulness.....its very easy to do!!....

(2).....just speak out the strong prompting that you feel.....

Prophecy is the sameand God will honour it and give you the Faith.....as you step out

And so.....the next morning im'e walking into work and I see "Len Skilling"walking towards me.....with eyes bulging out,and I said to him ..."God proved himself to you last night didn't He"

He nodded his head.....

"man he sure did"

"Tell me what happened" ... I said

And so he begins his story.....

“Well my friend and I rowed out to the fishing spot...in our .12 ft dinghy (tinny).....and said to one another ...if we catch nothing tonight ...this will be our last time fishing here”

“I then proceeded to put the bait on the hookand dropped the line in the water..... beside the boat”without much expectation I must add”

....”however....the moment the hook hit the watercan you believe....i hookeda 12lb snapper.....it was instantaneouswe both just couldn’t believe it”

“The hook had hardly touched the wateramazing”

“and so I removed the 12lb snapperre-baited the hook and dropped it over the side again.....

and BANG.....as soon as the hook hit the water again.....

“can you believei instantaneously hooked another 12lb snapper.....we were amazed!!”

And so I repeated the baiting again and soon as it hit the water again....BANG....another 12 pounder.....incredible

“My mates dropping his line in the water just 6ft away from me on the other side of the dinghy....and wasn’t even getting a bite.....he was so frustrated”

“I dropped the line in the water again and BANG instantly another 12lb snapper”

I pulled in 5 x 12lb snappers

10 x 12lb snappers

15x 12lb snappers

20....

25....

....i pulled in over 300lb of snapper....the boat was starting to get overloaded.....and do you know what my mate caught ...dropping his line in the water just 2m away from me.....nothing....nothing”

“he didn’t catch a thing all night”

Astounding.....

This was one of the many many outstanding miracles we would witness in the following days....and I am extremely confident that thousands upon thousands of believers are going to take up that mantle in these last daysand the world will witnessabsolutely astounding miracles at the hands of ordinary Christians.....like you

In fact I was just talking to my daughter last Xmas about the time we went to a Kenneth Copeland conference in Auckland around 1983.....which she remembers well....

And immediately after the conference we headed down to a place called Rotorua with another family and proceeded to settle into the house that we had rented.....when.....just on dusk.....

a severe thunderstorm hit Rotorua....

It was so intense.....we all got under the kitchen and dining room tables.....

Torrential rain.....

Constant ear-shattering thunder...

Endless forked lightning....striking the ground outside our house and striking the roadhousesanything.....

It was horrendousand frightening

But we (both families)had been to a Kenneth Copeland conference just a couple of hours earlier.....

And as we crouched under the table.....i was reminded how Jesus calmed the storm.....

When suddenly.....

“BANG”

Lightning hit the power transformer outside the house
.....and just blew it to pieces

There were hot bits of sparks and metal flying everywhere..

Suddenly ...I found myself immediately jumping up on top of that table ...and screamingat the top of my voice.....

“in the name of Jesus Christi command this storm to stop now””now”

The noise was deafening of the torrential rain falling on the roof....thunder and lightning exploding everywhere..... It was endless.....

When Suddenly

Suddenly.....

its deathly quiet

The torrential rain.....suddenly stopped...

No lightning and thunder.....

It all instantly stopped....you could hear a pin drop

I must admit...I was standing on the table waiting for it to start again....i waitedand waited....and waited.....amazing

It was instantly dead calm

Now don't think that this is so amazing.....this is just a pre-requisite for all believers in these last days.....anyone could of done that.....

I just happened to be fortunate enough to be at a Faith....Kenneth Copeland conference 2 hours earlier, and my Faith was at an all time high.....

but isn't that what Jesus said to the disciples in a somewhat of a disappointing tone..."**how is it that you have no faith**" Jesus said to his disciples.....(when He calmed the storm)

In other words Jesus expects this sort of miracle to be normal among Christians

"**Greater works shall you do.....because I go to the Father**"and you only need Faith....the grain of a mustard seed....."have a go" friend

Yes...my daughter remembers those days well ...as we talked about it last year...

Chapter 14

Your testimonial

You see, im'e not trying to take you somewhere I haven't been myself

...and as this book continues....you will read about possibilities from mine and others personal testimonies that will inspire you to take that bold step and end up writing your own testimonial of the calibre that are reading now...and greater...far greater!!.....far ,far, greater

....and lets prophesy now....that..."**this generation will do greater worksfar greater works...because I go to the Father**"Jesus said

My whole motivation for writing this book is to see the Church rise up in its power potential (and that's you).....and let the world see that Jesus words are alive and true.....

And His name will be glorified throughout the whole earth

People...let me tell you....when your in your 70syour motivation and priorities change...believe me!.....

You do don't think any longer think like a 40-or 50yr old.....

when you get older there is nothing more to prove.....you rather delight in seeing others do well....

i now have grown up grandchildren.....and my delight is to see their generation do well....

and if there is any way that my life story can be of help to others....then that is my passion.....

to see you reach your potential...to give it your best shot....to “have a go”

and one of the very first things I learnt in those early days.....

was

to give it your best shot and to “have a go”initially... requires a man or a woman.....

to be a man or a woman“of their word”in other words,.....

‘what you say you will do’

and it’s not that hard to do.....

Of course we can go around our daily routine and just be natural..... (even funny) in the way that we communicateand there’s no problem with that.....just be normal.... you don’t have to act “super spiritual” ...just be yourself, to be a person of your word!

but one of the requirements for moving in the power gifts
.....is vocal trustworthiness.....if you make a particular
commitment.....then see it through.....if your not
going to stick to your verbal commitmentthen don't
commit in the first place..... being a person of your
word.....is vitalfor God to trust you to stay on course
....when you step out in Faith....and see it through
.....because miracles hinge on words....

it's words that activate miracles

For example....

I lived at a Power Station (as I have already mentioned) and
directly out in front of our Power Station house was the most
outstanding surf ...that a surfer could ask for.....a secret spot
(so to speak)....totally uncrowded150m long perfect
waves breaking on a man-made sand-bar.....

I would go up and work on the 4th or 5th floor of the turbine
structure and just watch all these perfect 150m long empty
waves peeling on down this perfect man-made sandbar.....
all day long.....nearly every day.....and know that.....when
the whistle went at 4 o'clock.....im'e gonna be in that
surf...just 100m away from my house.....which I did very
regularly!!!

And the reason for that was.....that surfing was a mega driving force in my life.....and it didn't matter what else was going on.....if the surf was goodthen everything else came second place.....it had possessed me...if you like!!!!...it was surf, surf, surf....and virtuallynothing else mattered.....

However....one particular day....the surf was the best I had ever seen it6ft glassy barrels peeling 150m down this perfect A-frame sandbar.....no one out!....and mani was so excited.....couldn't wait for the whistle to blow

And as I ran home.....so excited....."oh no"i suddenly remembered what I had said to The Lord yesterday.....

And I just stopped in my tracks.....

And said to The Lord....."oh no""please Lord
....please.....i didn't mean what I said yesterday"

"please Lord....i really didn't mean it....truly" ..."honestly"

I had said to The Lord the day before (when there was no surf).....that I would spend the next day from..... 4pm til darkpraying and seeking God....on my kneesin my bedroom.....

"oh you idiot Michael...what did you have to go and say that for"you numbskullyou clown"i was coming down so hard on myself.....

And when I got homei found myselftorn between this monumental decision

Do I just say “sorry Lord.....i’ll just pray tomorrow night””please forgive me”and go for a surf!!!!

Or do I become a man of my word.....and be committed to what has come out of my mouth

I reluctantly went into the bedroomwith the intention of convincing Godthat its all a mistake ...and He would understandand just say ...”oh it’s fine Mike....go on ...go for a surf”i was waiting for that to drop into my head....

Waiting.....

Waiting.....

Waiting.....

I thought perhaps a Christian friend of mine might knock on the door and say some prophetic thing....that would let me off the hook.....

But no!!!!!!!!!!!!!!.....the only people that came to the door were my surfing friendswho were hootingand calling out to me to “hurry up Mike.....the surf is absolutely cranking””Mike I’ve never seen it this good”

I was absolutely panickingand trying to make deals with God.....telling Him all the incredible things I will do for Him
Telling Himhow much I loved Him....and if He will just let me off the hook....i will love Him even more
.....i was virtually in a state of tears....begging,
.....begging....begging.....

I kept doing this all afternoon.....begging....begging...begging

Hoping that God would somehow.....supernaturally speak to mei honestly thought that I would hear an audible voice from God

My mind was out of control.....thinking about my friends having such fun.....

However, after an hour or soI eventually looked upand it was starting to get dark outside the window

I felt so deflatedso disappointed.....

and eventually after a little interaction with the family.....trudged off to bed

However.....when I woke up the next morning.....the surf was just as good as yesterday.....but do you know what!!

The amazing thing was...

I was truly astounded.....

That.....

Suddenly.....I had no interest in it anymore.....

I couldn't believe it!!!!!!

that desperation....that claw that was on my back....that ungodly pull.....that was giving me such desperationhad completely gone....that overwhelming desire to surf ...at any cost....had left me.....and I felt an amazing peace

I went up on the sandhills that afternoonlooked at those perfect waves still there.....and just slowly walked off home and was quite happy to do something else.....instead of going for a surf....it didn't bother me in the slightest.....

I still surf 45years later.....and have surfed all over the world since....and still enjoy it (although it's a battle to get up on my surfboard these days).....but that desperation left me that day.....and never came back.....

I (reluctantly) fulfilled my verbal commitment to Godand the reward was overwhelming.....and from then on.....i

Knew.....and God knew....that my verbal commitmentwas trustworthy.....

and significant miracles were about to follow.....

Chapter 15

God is my witness

Anyway.....getting back to the story of the Power Station

There I was.....with a whole new motivation to clean that dirty oily Power Station pumping out-station.....

A whole new motivation.....and a whole new attitude

That dirtyoily...smelly pumping out-station was staring me right in the face....but suddenly I was seeing it differently

I slowly began to start cleaning that out-station on the perimeter of the complexwith purpose.....and was more determined now than everto do a good job.....no...a “great” job.....however long it took

In fact over the next couple of months ,i not only cleaned every spot of oil on all of those 100s of pipes and valves.... but repaired any broken cladding.....cleaned the carport-type lean-to.... Spotless cleaned up all the rubbish in that isolated area... cleaned all the concrete floors and metal road..... even resurfaced the road with new metal.... polished everything.....

And after 3 months it was just like... brand new

During that whole 3 months.....only twice did the Supervisor come out to that isolated pump-station to see me

I basically spent 3 months out there by myself.....until
Until.....

One day I saw 6 men walking towards me

Walking out towards that isolated pumping out-station

I really thought I was in big trouble.....

maybe I hadn't followed Power Station protocol...you know....that sort of thing...

It was the Superintendent,...the Assistant Superintendent,...the Mechanical Engineerand several other Supervisors.....I was ready for the worst!!

When suddenly the Superintendentwalks straight past me ...and says to the Mechanical Engineer”see,.....

i told you the oil flowed in that direction”(because you could now see flow direction arrows stamped on the clean pipes).....

and

“ohso that’s what that valve is for”said one of the Supervisors.....

I couldn’t believe it

The hierarchy of this oil fired Power Station.....had no idea what some of the valves were for....and even which way the oil flowed.....and so on.....i was amazed!!!!.....

They were like little kids finding a new toy.....”oh so that’s a steam pipe ...not an oil pipe”one of them said.....amazing!

They were there for ½ an hourlooking at....and writing everything down

I was just standing there watching them...when my Supervisor turns around and says to me.....

“you’ve done a good job Mike....would you like to clean another out-station for us

I just looked at him for a moment.....

Contemplating my response....

Then i replied.....

“Just give me 3 men.....any machinery that I want,trucks, ...cranes,....whatever.....and ill clean this whole 30 acre Power Station complex,

including the 8 story high generator buildings

all the 1,000s of pipes and valves.....including all the maintenance and servicing areas...

and ill build racks for most everything..... and rebuild all the roads” ...

He stares at me in disbelief.....

“Are you serious” ...he says

Looking at me somewhat perplexed....

I nod..."I'm serious"

And can you believe it.....he gives a little nod back....
and agrees

I was stunned....i had only been there 3 months...

And that's exactly what I did for the next 4 years.....including
getting a gardener in.....planting trees....shrubs.....flowers

And the Power Station was an absolute nightmare when I
arrived.....moral was low..

Production poor....

Regular breakdowns.....

Accident level sky high....

Absentee levels through the roof...

After 4 yearsthe turnaround was so
substantial.....production had dramatically improved....moral
was at an all time high....very few accidents...absenteeism
extremely low

That the New Zealand Govt 'Minister of Energy'rocked up ...with all the paraphernalia of an arriving dignitary and did a big inspection of the complex...

And shortly after....and God is my witness here.....

I was working in a maintenance area,when one of the leading hands came up to me and asked me to go to the Mechanical Engineers office (who was 3rd in command of the complex)....

I was somewhata little concerned.....

When I was ushered into the Engineers office and all the Supervisors and Leading hands were seated in a semi-circle in front of hissomewhat...large desk.....

It looked ominous

The Engineer then ushered me over to his desk...with all the eyes of these Senior figuresfocused on me

I felt very intimidated....

And then he said...."come and sit here Mike on the edge of my desk"

But what he said next....just absolutely blew me away....and
God is my witness

Looking at me straight in the eye he says.....

“Mike.....we would like you to tell us about this man called
Jesus”

I thought I was hearing things....

He said it again...

“ we would like to hear about this guy ...called Jesus”

I was absolutely flabbergasted.....

I spent the next half hour witnessing to these Senior people
in the Power Station.....

It was an outstanding moment of my life.....

And it all started with a little change of attitude

We have no idea what is up ahead of us....but the right
attitude to life will get you there.....because “He is able to do
far more than we can ask or think” (Eph 3:20)

Hearing the voice of the H/Spirit.....that ‘still small voice’
(which I will continue to elaborate on later in this book)

And responding to it can bring aboutnot just outstanding miracles...but also many other aspects of our Christian walk....like safety for instance...

Chapter 16

That still small voice (inside)

One particular day we were going as a familymyself, Paula and my 3 beautiful little girls....to the local city of Whangarei...

And on the return trip to Ruakaka....we were driving along the highway....,nobody else on the road.....when suddenly this strong thought dropped into my mind

“pull off the road Mike”

“Pull off the road Mike”

Now I had been practising and learning to hear that still small voice, and as it was repeated in my mindI decided to obey it....and so.....slowed down and pulled over the side of the road.....

There was silence....

Everyone was looking at me....and I was just sitting there

Eventually Paula says to me

“Why have we stopped Mike”

There was no one around ,.....no carswas just quiet...

I said to Paula...

“I don’t know, I just felt to pull over on the side of the road”...

“I just heard that still small voice say.....pull off the road Mike”.....”so that’s why we are just sitting here”

Nowmany people would scoff at that and say....

”aww...your just being religious Mike”

However,.....

Do you know what happened.....

Up ahead of us was a reasonably long concrete bridgeand as we sat there for a moment....

Suddenly.....

From a blind bend at the other end of the bridge4 cars came flying around that blind bend ...(and can you believe this).....

With a car doing about 140km an hourpassing all those 4 cars....and we would have met himright in the middle of that concrete bridge”

There is no question....that we all would have been killed

Head on at 140km an hourman I don't even want to think about it!!

So that still small voice can save you from terrible tragedy as wellas we tune into the H/S

I was telling some good friends of oursMike and Randa Moorehead this particular story one timeand Randa and Mike had alsonumerous times.....learned to be obedient to the H/S and related to us.....when.....

one particular nightRanda was asleep....when she suddenly sat uprightand a little small voice said ...

”pray right now for your Mum and Dad for safety”

and at that very moment.....Randa's Mum and Dad were on a dance floor with a large gathering of people and they were right in the middle of the dance floor.....

When suddenly.....for no particular reason....they both felt to walk off the dance floor in the middle of a dance and walked over to the corner of the dance room.....

The very moment they reached the edge of the dance room

The top balcony several stories above the dance floor gave way, because there were too many people on it.....

It hit the second balcony and so forth...and all the balconies crashed down on all those that were on the dance floor and many people were killed

If Randa's Mum and Dad had not moved when they did.....they would have been killed...

This is the H/S interceding for us 24 hrs a day...but also needs our co-operation....im'e sure you can see that

And pray for our children too.....that they will hear the H/Spirit.....there never too young to hear from God...

My wife and I took our kids to a local beach once when our 3 girls were about maybe 2, 4, and 5 years oldsomewhere around that age

Paula and I were lying on the beach and our kids were playing with some other kids in a small water hole....that was part of a very small fresh water river.....running into the sea...

The small water hole that the kids were playing in was about 50m from the ocean.....and looked very harmless....

Just a shallow little water hole running off a very slow moving river .(in fact the river may not have been running at all) ...all very harmless stuff

Paula and I were laying about 10m away on the beach....soaking up the sun...

When suddenly

Paula jumps up and runs as fast as she can to that little water hole that the kids were playing in.....it all looked very harmless to me....the inattentive father.....

but a mothers instinct and awarenesssuddenly snapped into action....

And as Paula reached the waterholeshe stuck her hands in the waterand pulled (from under the water).....a very distressed little 2 yr oldour youngest Leah....who had walked into a hidden deep water hole ...in that harmless looking little river pool....her head was well under the water

And if neither of us had noticed....because of the kids splashing and playing.....there could have been a terrible outcome.....and it would of happened in less than 30 seconds

or so....im'e forever grateful to Paula for her motherly awareness that day, and even nearly 40 yrs latermy legs still go wobbly when I think about it.....

And of course.....we quickly shuffled all the kids out of that play area.....and explained to our other 2 girlswhat had happened.....

We told them that Leah had just walked into a deep waterhole and nearly drowned.....of course everyone was a little distressed....to say the least

When suddenly my little 3 or 4 year old daughter Tam.....who had been playing in the same area.....said to us....

“Mummy and Daddy....i walked into that deep hole too”

We were horrified....

“you walked into that hole too”

She nodded....and told us the story....

“I was under the water too and I couldn't breath.....when suddenly..... Jesus said to mejump up and take a breath....then walk a little further.....then jump up and take a breath.....and walk a little further”and so onuntil she finally walked out of the hole.....

I was just stunned.....a little pre-schooler hearing the voice of the H/S.....amazing!!

Even during the simple things in life.....the H/S (and that still small voice) still wants to be involved in our lives.....and can guide usto make the right call in a situation

I had been witnessing to a good surfing friend of mineand for some reason.....as these words dropped into my spiriti said to him....."Greg...the reason you don't know God is because you have never experienced his power"I just reeled the words outnot knowing why I said it

Greg was resistant...as many of us are....and I decided to calm it down a bit and stop talking about Jesus.....and said to Greg

"Ohlets go for a surf"

He agreed.....

And so we took off to one of our favourite surf spots...(a river mouth)...not talking about Jesus anymore because I could see that he had had enough

The surf was magic that dayperfect waves right to the horizon.....long fast walls breaking into the river mouth ...fantastic....

Just the 2 of us out

We were going to have the time of our lives

we paddle out and Greg catches his first wave....

And Greg had a tendency to drop to the bottom of the wavethen try and beat the breaking curl, while flying along at the bottom of the wave

this was very frustrating for Greg because he found.....that going at an angle along the wave(at the bottom of the breaking wave)....the breaking peeling wave always seemed to break to fast for him as flew at angle along the wave.....

hope you understand what I am saying.....ha!

and here were these perfect hollow waves peeling along this fantastic sandbar for about 100m ...and I was having the time of my life.....

but Greg was always going to slow on the wave (because he was flying along the breaking wave.....sitting at the bottom of the wave

He couldn't stay in the peeling green part of the wave for very long because he was to slow and it would smash him on the head.....but I had no such problem...because.....when I did a bottom turn (I would not stay at the bottom of the wave like Greg).....but I would turn up into the hook of the wave....(the middle of the wave)....and would always go faster than Greg and always make the peeling wave...

I was having the time of my lifeGreg was having a bummer time.....

but interestingly Greg had always surfed like that (at the bottom of the wave)....and soi saw how frustrating it was for him.....and I wanted him to have a fun time like me....

So I eventually paddled over to Greg and said....

“matei watch the way you surf and you’ve always surfed along the breaking wave at the bottom where there is no power....why don’t you try ...on the next wave to turn halfway up the face of the wavebecause that is where the power of the wave is and it will thrust you down along that peeling wave...and you will feel the speed and power of the wave”....

And so Greg paddled out again ...turns around and paddles into an awesome 6ft barrel.....

And im’e saying under my breath...”come on Greg ..come on Greg.....turn up into the hook of the wave where the power is”

And as im’e watchinghe did just that.....

He turned halfway up the wave ...into the pocket of the wave and went flying alongat great speed...with the curl just breaking over his head.....i was so stoked

And of course ...he was super stoked too.....you could hear him hooting as he was flying along this amazing wave at great speed

But the thing that absolutely 'blew my socks off'...that made me absolutely ecstaticwas....

When Greg reaches me...and finally pulls of the wave....he yells out

“ hallelujah” ...

“Whaaat””What did he say”i said to myself!!!....

Then he yelled out”praise the Lord”i thought I was hearing things

I was dumbfounded.....what did he just say!!!

I paddled over to him....and said....”did I hear you say ...praise the Lord”

“You sure did”he said...”and I now believe in Jesus”

“Whaaaaat....your kidding me”i saidI was speechless.....

“No” ...he said...”remember when you said to me back at the house””Gregthe reason you don't know God is because you have never experienced his power”

And when I took off on the wave and did as you said and went up into the hook of the wave to find the power of the wavesuddenly I realised I had been surfing all these years and had never experienced the power of the wave

....and as I was flying along that wave (in the curl)....those words came back to me....the reason you don't know God is because you have never experienced his power"

And Greg got born again....right in the middle of that barrel.....right in the middle of that curl....he gave his life to Jesus.....

Amazing....

He was an antagonistic unbeliever when he took off on that waveand a rejoicing Son of God...when he kicked out at the other end

Hearing that still small voice....can make your life ecstatic..... as well as blessing others ..and the H/Spirit is constantly whispering in your ear.....because he wants everything to turn out great for you

Chapter 17

Extraordinary power

The only two ingredients (as I mentioned before) you need as a Christian,.....is a right and grateful attitude...and be in a state of readiness (or maturity)...and a person 'of your word'

This will give you a platform for outstanding miracles as well as the operation of the power and vocal gifts in your lifeif you so choose or are prompted to

The Church today often operates so far below its potential.....and that is why I have written this book....to help elevate you into a greater supernatural world the lies at your fingertips

During the 4 years that I spent at the Power Station...there came a point early on, where Paula and myself....and 5 other families decided that we would be involved in creating a new Pentecostal Church in our area.....

We were to call it the 'Bream Bay Assembly of God Church'

And the man to head it up was Pastor Royce Franklin.....a beautiful and faithful man of God.....who lived an outstanding life in Godand taught me many aspects of living in the power of God....

And as far as I knoweven today.....Royce would still be spending 1 hour a day (even as a full-time painter) between 6 and 7pm everyday in prayer....he never missed that 1 hour in prayer all the time that I knew him.....

Now don't feel condemned....i was never that committed either....and by the way....

Never condemn yourself.....condemnation is the Devils department.....'Blessed is the man that condemns not himself for the things that he allows'(Rom 14:22)

No.....self- condemnation is from the pit of hell....but you are a child of your Father in heaven.....

Do you want your children to condemn themselves...for the things that they allow in their lives....of course not.....

We want them to make good judgement...of course....

But self-condemnation ends in self- destruction....and none of us want that....do we!!

And so....we decided to go ahead and establish a new Church in our rural area and of course began to advertise in the local paper that we were starting a new Church....

This of course was met with mixed response....and one person in particular.....the local doctor.....made very strong protest at this proposal and publicly disapproved of it and was very vocal....

However.....we decided to continue on with the establishing of this new Church and regularly6 of us men would get together (once a week) and would pray for an hour or two.

We wanted to birth this Church in prayer

One particular week.....(as the doctor kept announcing his disapproving threats of us starting a Church)..we decided to meet (for our regular weekly prayer time) at a couples farm...called Brian and Valerie Baker.....

We were to meet in the barn on Brian's farm and pray there

This particular evening...around 9 pm.....the Pastor (Pastor Royce Franklin)....asked if anyone had any special prayer requests.....

and Brian Baker. (who's barn we were in and whose farm we were on).....was one of those who wanted a special request

Incidentally.....Brian and Val Baker...several years later moved to Perth and established Rhema Family Churchwhich is now Riverview Church....and was also the catalyst for Margaret Court Ministries.....that is also alive and well today....so they did well.....

But this was Brian and Valsvery humble beginningsjust 6 men at a prayer meeting on their farm at a place called Waipu.....2 hours north of Auckland..... in New Zealand

Now....there is a reason for me saying this....and that reason was,.....that we were to start the Church at a place called

Ruakaka.....10 minutes drive north of Waipu ...(where we were holding this prayer meetingin Waipu)

And as the Pastor had requested...."had anyone a special prayer request"and Brian had responded....

"yesi have a special prayer request"

And he explained...

"We are going through a drought at this particular time and we desperately need water for usand to run the farm"

"That's my request""we need water desperately" "lets pray for that"

And so Pastor Royce prayed a prayer of Faith....and we all agreed with him.....and finally end up the prayer meeting about 10pm....as per normal.....

Howevershortly after ...that same evening

Suddenly

There was a tremendous earthquake in the town of Waipu
.....the only earthquake ever recorded in that little town of
Waipu.....and it was only in Waipu....no where else.....

Not Ruakaka...just 10 minutes away.....just Waipu where we
held this prayer meeting

The headlines in the local paper next day.....'Earthquake hits
Waipu'.....first time in 150 years of records....

And only 2 things happening during that earthquake....

(1).....no buildings were damaged in that little town of Waipu

Except.....

Except.....

...the doctors surgery (who had been publicly speaking out
against us starting a Church.....yes...that man)

His surgery was split clean in half....i saw it with my own eyes!

Top to bottom.....the brickwork was split clean in half
.....amazing!

And the second (and only thing) that happened in that earthquake.....was

we had prayed for water for Brian's farm...remember!!!

And Brian never knew.....but.....

There was an underground spring....deep below one of his paddocks.....

And the earthquake SPLIT open the ground where the underground spring was

And all the water came to the surface from this underground spring.....

The earthquake then split the grounddirectly across the paddock to the underground water tank....

Split open the top of the water tank.....and all the water flowed out of the underground spring.....across the paddock...and filled up their water tank

10pm we prayed for water

When Brian got up in the morning....his water tank was full

..gulp!!!!!!!!!!!!

Now.....doesn't that give you goose bumps!!!....

Twenty years later,.....I was at Brian and Vals Church in Perth and I heard Val give this very same testimony that I have just declared to you

Listen friends....this is just the beginning....these sorts of testimonies will dramatically increase in the days ahead.....and you may well be the one giving them.....

Are we afraid of terrorists?.....why should we be

When I personally saw and heard a lady's testimony 25 years ago...which went something like this.....

She was caught by terroristswho tied her or pushed her in front of a tree..... and 3 of them fired at her with their machine guns at point blank range.....and guess what!!!

They all missed.....just several meters away.....they all missed!!

The angels of God are to be commissioned by us daily....to perform functions to protect and help us..... and grow the Kingdom of God

Jesus said that He could call down 12 legions of Angels (Mathew 26:53).....and we just don't realise ...'as He is so are we in this world '...as I have mentioned before

I have personally seen into the spirit world...and was not alarmed.....

I was sitting on my bed one night in the early 1980s....reading the Word....when I looked up at the light hanging above my head and sitting on the hanging light shade were 3 small monkey type creatures looking at me.....I was quite surprised at how I was not disturbed, but reallymore inquisitivelike I was as a 7 year old....

The Devils world is to be respected...but not intimidated by...

I just looked at them sitting on the light shade for several minutes and when my wife walked in the room...they just disappeared

There is a anothervery activate dimension out there

I was really surprised in those early days of my Christianity at how often I would have God-dreamsas I would call them

The more evidence I saw of Gods power...the more I would have Godly dreams.....until I began to have them nearly every night.....

and I would be fighting in the depths of hell for some good cause (in my dream).....and I would always win....Ha!....i never felt intimidated

I remember one vivid dream I had of all the Black Power motor bike gang members ...hundreds of them on Ruakaka beach ...all giving their hearts to Jesus

and significant miracles were also.....always in my dreams

I used to wake up in the morning and tell my wife.....and she would say something like.....

“And who did you slay this time Mike”Ha!!!

She was very tolerant of me.....

It was during this period of the establishing of the Bream Bay Assembly of God Church that outstanding miracles began to happenencouraged by our Pastor (Pastor Royce)....who was also a very prophetic man and moved in the Word of Knowledge and the prophetic gifts.....

When you are around this type of environment....making declaration of future events in our and others livesit starts to become common place

The more the supernatural happens around you.....the more comfortable and expectant you become.....and your faith levels rise to dramatic new levels.....

And so was the case for Pastor Royce's son in law
....'Chris'who had....that day been announced as Royce's
Associate Pastor.....

I guess Chris was around 21 years of age and I knew him well
...because he worked for me

And I was always aware that there was a level of faith on him
that was extraordinary

And that certainly proved to be the case this particular
Sunday when he was ordained as the Associate Pastor....

As he began to respond to his appointment.....he finished up
by making this public statement....to all the Church

And quite comically said

“Guess I better get myself a new car and stop being and
looking like a hoon”Ha!!

Chris had a hotted up mark3 zephyrit looked reasonably
normal...but had fat wheels...a powerful engine...and a deep
throat exhaust (sound)....that was the envy of many...Ha!!

However, as he finished his speech.....he boldly said
this.....(clearly coming from a foundation of faith)....

And as he said it.....goose bumps would go all over you...

“By tonight” “by tonight ...when I come back to Church”

(it was now 12noon and tonight's Church starts at 6)

"I will have sold my car"

Man...that's a pretty strong declaration....to all the congregation on a Sunday!.....your first day as an Associate Pastor.....man!.....what if it doesn't happen.....

He was really putting his reputation on the line.....

Howeverhe remained steadfast to his declaration.....and eventually drove off....heading for home....about 10 minutes away.....

Now this was a rural area and the Church was a country boy Church.....

Not a lot of people on the road....

Butcan you believe this.....

Chris ...driving home from Church on the highway at 100km hoursees an oncoming car in the distance....with its lights flashing.....

Chris thinks...."I wonder what this is all about"as he gets closer to the approaching car...still flashing its lights...and finally stops opposite the car.....

“is there something wrong” or suchlike Chris yells out to the driver.....

The driver gets out of his car and walks over to Chris....and says this.....

“would you like to sell your car mate”

Chris is flabbergasted....

And of course says.....

“yea sure”

“how much do you want for it”says the stranger.....

Chris reply’s.....somewhat awkwardly.....

“About \$6,000”(in todays terms)

Can you believe this.....the guy pulls out \$6,000 cash out of his pocket and buys it off him,.....right there on the spot.....on his way home from Church

10 minutes earlierhe made a faith declaration....10 minutes later his car was sold.....amazing!!!

Now I understandthat many times we may think we are walking in Faith and the end resultmay not be exactly as we imagined.....

and that's because..... there appears to be a major difference between the spiritual power gifts (Gift of Faith....Working of Miracles...Gifts of Healings etc)...

and simply walking by Faith.....

the Gift of Faith or Miracles tends to happen immediately or very quickly (ie....water into wine).....but walking by Faith and believing for a Miracle can tend to play out over a longer time....perhaps months or even years.....

For example.....in regard to the Gift of Faith.....

We were going to a Church in the city of Whangarei in the late 80s.....and we had seen considerable miracles during the previous years.....and that expectancy was always at hand (when you see someone walking on water....you have the expectation that you are able to do it too.....especially when you are prompted to.....like Peter)

I was in this frame of mind one Sunday at Church in Whangarei that had just finished the morning service.....

when a fight broke out , outside the Church.....between a couple of young guys, directly across the street from the Church building, and they were a couple of our Church members too...can you believe that...oh boy!!!

We were inside the Church.....when someone comes running in the Church.....yelling...

“come quick””come quick””there are 2 guys fighting outside”

Nowi was way past the time of getting involved in something like this.....so I yelled out to couple of the Elders in the Church.....couple of big boysand im’e sure they can sort it out

They both ran outsideto see about 30 people (Church goers) standing in a semi-circle on the edge of a street....

Being a less used street.....people who were driving past (unbelievers no doubt)just stopped in the middle of the road,....got out of their cars and became spectators too.....

And it became more disturbing when.....as the Elders tried to break up the fight.....a stray punch.....suddenly gets them involved too.....

Now it wasn’t just 2 guys fightingthere were now 6 guys involved (another 2 tried to break it up initially).....

Have you ever seen a rugby match when the team members try and stop a fight between 2 guyssuddenly its 26 guys (rugby league) going for itisn’t that right....starts with 2 and ends up with everyone going for itoh boy!!.....

I was still inside the Church while this huge commotion was taking place and was very reluctant to go out and help try and break up the fight.....because I know what stray punches can do....and I had majority grown to dislike this sort of behaviour because of what I had witness throughout my younger years....and I didn't want to get involved.....

However,.....a young lady runs over to me and pulls my hand and yells...."Mikecome and stop this fight....come Quickly"
....because by now.....it was becoming very disturbing
.....becoming very brutal.....clothes ripped...blood.....very distressing....

I ran over to the group of onlookers.....saw first handthe reality of the commotion.....and it was particularly distressing for me (and im'e sure most others as well).....

But I felt helpless to be able to do anything.....and knowing that any sort of involvement would be totally against my Christian philosophy and current Christian standards that I was determining so hard to walk in....and im'e sure many others felt the same....

I was standing there and feeling hopelessly inadequate for what for what I was witnessing.....when suddenly
....suddenly....

Lurched forward....very determinedly towards the onslaught....and yelled in a loud voice.....

“In the name of Jesus.....i command you to all freeze right now”

”freeze in Jesus name”

And as I boldly moved towards them (a supernatural boldness encompasses you)..and strongly making declarationthey suddenly..... all froze on the spot.....some of them right in the middle of a punch....they were all frozen like statues ...

I then spoke out strongly....

”i command peace on these men right now”

And they suddenly all burst out crying.....

I went to the guy who started the fight....

gave him a hug.....

and he just began to bawl on my shoulder.....just so repentant and sorry for his actions....

I have found that this is how miracles work

- (1) We walking a state of readiness (which includes being a person of our word)

- (2) And when that little thought drops in your mind (from the Holy Spirit).....you judge that thought....yes ...I can see a good outcome here...
- (3) You then act on that thought and the H/S will not let you down....the Faith will be there

This all happens very instantaneous ...(if you stall and not act immediately...you will talk yourself out of it...and you will miss the power of the Holy Spirit....miss a miracle)

Chapter 18

Public domain

And a situation like that can also happen in a very ungodly public domain as well.....

And when you are in a state of readiness....and you see that intervention is necessary....that's when miracles,.....Gift of Faith and healings manifest best.....we see that clearly in the New Testament.....(like the demoniac for instanceor the poisonous snake latching on to Pauls hand.....or turning water into wine.....or the fishes and loaves.....instant declarations or actions)

I was standing in line at a public ATM....when they first came out in the 90s....with about 6 people in front of me waiting to use that particular ATM.....

When suddenly an intoxicated aboriginal man walked up to the front of the line and very threateningly told everyone to get away from his ATM and started using very abusive and racist comments and acting very erratic and dangerous.....

Now there is one thing I have learnt about the world that we live in.....is that every threat.....abusive conductirrational behaviour....violent confrontation and everything that is ungodly in this world....has a spiritual source.....

There is a 4th....or perhaps a 5th 6th or 10 dimensions in this universe.....and there is a demon spirit behind every confrontation on this earth.....

I know there is at least a 4th dimension...when I heard that knocking on the door ...as a 7yr old.....

we are surrounded by an unseen world.....that Jesus...and the Bible proclaims very clearly"that we fight not against flesh and blood....but against principalities....against the rulers of the darkness of this world and so on....."(Eph 6:12)

I have seen demon spirits, and Angels...and we are in a warfare....and we step in the gap for all those that don't

know Jesus and fight or stand our groundon their behalf.....

The world doesn't realise ...we are fighting on their behalf.....we are fighting for all mankind....

And when this aboriginal man displayed a very violent gesture to everyone in the line ...in front of the ATM...

Naturally enough.....people dispersed very quickly.....
except me

because I knew what I was spiritually facing....and we are never to be intimidated by the Devil....

He was a big man....very tough looking....and as I stood my ground.....he came at me in an extremely threatening manner....i could see it in his eyes.....

As he aggressively ...boldly...moved towards me.....until he was about 1m from my face.....we were locked eye to eye..

I suddenly yelled out

“Devil....come out of him now...in the name of Jesus”

We were locked eyeball to eyeball and he began to go berserk,....threatening meracial tauntsfoul languageabsolutely went into a state of rage....

I just kept staring at him with the same intensity....knowing who I had inside of me.....

I then boldly stepped forwards towards him....and yelled out.....

“you shut your mouth you fowl spiritJesus Christ sets him free right now....in the name of Jesus”

Suddenly you could see bewilderment in his eyesan he began to back off....and as I approached him more and more....i could see his persona getting weaker and weaker.....until eventually he turned around and started to quickly move away babbling some incoherent things, clearly disturbed and uncertain about this encounter that had just happened to him....and clearly assessing his behavioursomehow a major shift had suddenly taken place in him....he seemed now, like a different person....

I believe he would have had a conversion that night....as he walked away looking back every 5 seconds....very subdued and looking puzzled....while watching me pray for him.....that he would come to know Jesus

I was so locked in spiritual battle with this guy....i turned around ...and what did I see.....

Lots of peopleincluding all the people that were in front of me at the ATM.....they were all like statueslooking at me with huge eyes and mouths open....you could hear a pin drop.....nobody said a word....and after about 20 seconds of just looking at me with big eyes and mouths

open.....slowly began to line up behind me
again.....nobody said a word.....

I felt like bursting out laughing.....

becauseall these people had a good story to their
friends and spouses when they got home that
day.....didn't they.....Ha!!!

This to mewas the 'Gift of Faith' in operation and
possibly 'discerning of spirits'....and it drops on you
suddenly (once again.....when you are on a state of
readiness).....God will give you the Faith to see it
through.....once you make the commitment.....

You will be unmoved until the desired results come.....you
will find yourself resolute.....unmoved and fixated with
the outcome....

Chapter 19

Have a go

And so.....when you are in a state of readiness.....the H/S can drop the answer straight into your mind....

It may seem bold...courageous....and unusual.....

But if you judge it (the thought) correctly and act on that thoughtyou will find the Faith to carry you through to completion.....

And so,.....the Power and Miracle gifts are more often than not....instantaneous.....and the vocal gifts operate in a similar fashion.....

Prophetic encouragement will fall on your heart.....you are able to instantaneously judge itin line with the Word.....and God will honour your commitment.....he will not let you down as you begin to speak it out.....

I clearly remember when that early AOG that was started in Ruakaka was in its infant stages

and our Pastor (Pastor Royce Franklin) would encourage us all to move in the vocal gifts of Prophecy and Tongues and Interpretation.....and it was so hard in the beginning....

Because we would get one phrase.....and that was our Prophecy.....

and everyone was waiting for the 2nd line or sentence or phrase.....

waiting.....

waiting.....

Waiting.....Ha!!

But eventually we started to string a few lines together...

But what I am trying to say here.....is that,.....

the world of God.....the world of Jesus.....is a “have a go” world.....

and as you follow the rules.....and also begin to step out ...maybe not immediately.....but there will come a time when extraordinary operations of Faith will become 2nd nature to youand it will become your daily lifestyle

you will make declaration.....in line with the Word.....

and that unseen world will manifest in everything you do....

Even in your home!!!

My daughter Bree was at our house once with her beautiful little 1 year old daughter “Paris”

And Paristhis particular night appeared to be having somewhat of a tantrum.....

Bree put her to bed and she was just screaming and yelling...non-stop....

You know what that's likedon't you....

A lot of you remember thatHa!!!

And Paris could not be pacified.....

I walked into the bedroom where Bree and Paris were....

And looked at the situation.....Bree trying to pacify Paris..

Paris letting everyone know that she was alive.....extremely vocal...Ha!!

When suddenly these words"Prince of peace"

.....dropped into my mind.....

I went over to my granddaughter ...and gently and quietly put my hand on her head and just quietly said "peace in Jesus name"

She had been screamingwhich seemed like forever....

When suddenly I said....."peace in Jesus name"

And she instantly stopped crying.....and just lay there...
Those big tear-filled eyes looking up at me.....
Quiet as a mouse.....you could hear a pin drop...
I just stroked her forehead ...and just said “Jesus” quietly...
And she just drifted off to sleep....

She was screaming her head off.....
Then suddenly the room is filled with peace....’The Prince
of Peace’

Do you what it felt like to me.....

Well, to use a building term....(because I was a builder
most of my life....including house washing and many other
businesses)

It was like.....when you pour a concrete path or driveway.

You don’t have any choice.....you just keep going until its
finished.....you cant change your mind ½ way through it
and decide.....im’e not going to finish this concrete
path.....and just leave a pile of concrete on yours or your
clients driveway....and then go away....do you!!!

No,the moment you order that concrete.....your committeduntil you see it through.....there's no room for second thoughts when the concrete truck pulls up.....

Didn't matter if it rained, hailed or snowed.....you finish that concrete.....you will find covers to cover it....

If it goes into the night.....you set up lights...

If its cold and it dries very slowly....you stay up all night...if need be.....

But one thing you do....is that.....you finish that concrete

When you say the words...."please send me 5m of concrete"you remain steadfast and unmovable until its finished...there is no plan B...

That is the only way I can describe the operation of the Power Gifts.....you've eliminated all choice.....your a person of your word.....you see it through....and somehow there is a supernatural empowerment to do it....once you make the commitment

I order the concrete in the natural.....and in the natural I see it to the end....no 2nd thoughts ½ way through....

The world of God operates in the same way.....

The spiritual world of God only operates in Faith....

There is no doubt in the heavenly world.....in that other dimension of God....in Gods world

Yes,....of course....there is the Devils world....but Gods world and the Devils world are 2 completely different worlds.....evil will never cross the line into Gods world....it will be forever separate.....

God is true to his Word and will see it through to the end
The Devil is a liar and the father of lies and deception

God is true to his Word and can be depended upon

“all things are upheld by the power of his Word” (Heb 1:3)
.....commitment

“In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God ...and the Word was God” (John1:1).....the origin of Words

“all thing were created by Him and for Him”
(Col 1:16)....by his Words

That is Gods worldwords of Faith....

And we have the privilege of operating in that same world

My daughter Bree....who now is 45yrs oldbut was once 5 years old.....Ha!!.....

was in real pain (as a 5yr old).... to a number of verruca's on the soles of her feet (like ingrown warts)..and was quite distressed ... as she walked (naturally enough)and of course,... your heart goes out to your kids when they are in distress....doesn't it !!

And soone particular evening..... Paula and myself agreed in prayer together and cursed those verruca's in Bree's feet and commanded them shrivel up and die.....

And guess what

Yea, you guessed it!!

All those verruca's.....were lying on the sheet in the morning....they had shrivelled up and died and just fell out of her feet that night.....as we had declared

When you want to operate in 'simply walking by faith'

The same intensity (if you like) applies....

You need to be specific, pray (or demand)...what you want to happen....and be in a resolute state of mind

(to get in a resolute state of mind....put yourself in their shoes ...or feel (emotionally)...what they must be going thru....and let indignation rise up in you.....it will put you in a military disciplined indignant state of mind.....where you will winand not be intimidated)

Did you realisewhere the scripture says “**what-so-ever you ask the father in my name ...He will give it to you**” (John 16:23)

Do you realise that the word “**ask**” in that scripture.....literally means

“**Demand as of something due**”

Which would read like this”**What-so-ever you demand as of something due....from the Father....in my name....He will give it to you**”

Nowthis is not arrogance....noit’s the complete opposite.....its desperate dependence.....and your Heavenly Dad loves you to pray like that.....

just like you would want your child to.....if that was your child in distress!!!

Your Dad wants you to pray like that....because He wants you to have what you are believing for....and we are in a battlefield...aren't we?...a fight against the enemy...and He knows that

.....we are in a hostile world that requires demand for things to change

God has given us power, and we must put demand on that power.....

"He has not given us a spirit of fear....but **power**" (2 Tim 1:7)....and He knows to activate that power...demand must be put on it

Your Dad knows your desperation about things when you pray,..... and demanding a situation to change is what He wants for His "dear little children"you and me...just like you and I would for our children

Sometimes it can help too.....

to just get a little clearer perspective on Godand His creation (us)!!

Here we are

fearful...fighting disease and to stay alive as long as we can....a Devil who hates us and trying to kill us everyday

...dependant on others...distressed...ridiculed....our presence is miniscule by the volume of the universe...we're like little antswho need to be lovedcared forwe struggle with pollution ...insecurity....death is always on the horizon....and we go to hell if we don't find Jesus

And God.....well...

Fears nothing....lives in a heavenly realm of purity...is courageous....all powerful....all knowingsits on a throne....has millions of servants (angels)...is present everywhere.....created with just his Words, billions of galaxies....lives in lovepure love....joy...peace (fruits of the Spirit.....

Are you getting it?

Don't be so 'blimmin' hard on yourself!!!!

Get things in perspective.....😊

Chapter 20

Confidence

Your Heavenly Dad wants you to have confidence

But.....the way I see it.....

Several things must come into line first....before we confidently live in this world of extraordinary power.....

There has to be a level of confidence involved...

“this is the confidence that we have in Him.....”(1 John5:14)

You may not agree with what i am about to say in regard to that confidence.....

But regardless.....this is how I have always lived and thought as a Christian....and even though life for me has not always gone to plan (like most of us).....for a period of my life it did (to a degree) and I did experience some measure of success in different things...and of course...i realise that many others could make the same statementsand no doubt also write books about their successes and achievements

i understand that

However....if you do want to knowor get a little insight into the way that I have walked my Christian walk.....then please read the following.....

Some things you may consider controversial,.....but never the less ...that is the way I have always seen it in my Christian walk from day one.....

And so firstly....as I have mentioned earlier.....there is a fixation today on getting closer to God.....you know....

'God is allowing you to go through what you are going through to make you a better person and draw you closer to Him'

Or perhaps.....'Gods got it all under control'or don't worry about it....'all things work together for good'

Nowall these are great statements.....

but also paint a very ..very...unclear canvas of the world that we live in...

All these statementspaint a very unclear picture of the dimensions that surround us

It seems that all these statements possess the idea that we have to do nothingand that God will do it all.....

(and im'e sure that's why the world hates God..... if He's the one that does everything.....and I would too!!!.....)

Now please...just think it through.....

Firstly.....God does not have Satan under control on this planet.....

‘the Devil goes around seeking whom he may devour’ (1 Peter 5:8)...and then we are told to ‘resist him in the faith’(1 Peter 5:9)

The Apostle Paul said that we.....(not God)....are in a fight

‘And to put on the whole armour of God’(Eph 6:11)

.....’because we fight not against flesh and blood.....’(Eph 6:12)

There is clear evidence that Satan is still **“the god of this world”** ...as Jesus puts it

And even though Jesus has rendered him powerless.....

unless we.....

Unless we.....render him powerless (through Jesus) in our daily world.....he will still continue to devour people.....he will still fill the world with his lies.....he will still whisper in peoples ears and deceives people....

And so,.....not only is God present in this world....through the presence of the Holy Spiritto help, guide, correct and

comfort us.....but there is also another presence in this worldthat is equally influential as the H/Spirit....

And of course.....that is the Devil and Satan

‘he goes around like a roaring lion’(1Peter 5:8)

But there is also a 3rd presence.....and that is you and i..

And we are toldto ‘cast down imaginations’(2 Cor 10:5)
.....and are told to ‘resist the Devil’(James 4:7)...and so on

And of course.....we also have a natural world that is in a fallen state..

...weather patterns....earthquakes carcinogen’s...pollution...

You know what I mean!!!....but we’ll talk about some other time

And so there are 3 major influences in this world...that make the world the place that it is today.....not just God alone.....

Gods will is that none should perish.....yet people perish every day.....

so why then if God has it all under control.....did He wait 4,000 yrs to bring Jesus in

and the reason is.....that He is subject to the same legal pathwayslike anyone else.....

If He is not subject to any legal pathway.....then why didn't He bring Jesus inthe day after Adam sinned.....

Would you wait 4,000yrs to save your children...if you could save them on the first day?.....of course you wouldn't!!...

No.... there are 3 distinct components involved in our world.....and you cannot roll them in all together and make statements like.....God has it all under control.....because He clearly doesn't

You have it all under control....not God....."If you say to this mountain"

God has control of this worldthrough you!

Even though God has ultimate control....."all things were made by him and for Him"He has put Himself in a position where He has forfeited certain control....for instance

He will not interfere or demand of human choice.....you can go to hell if you want.....He will not interfere or demand of you.....its your choice!!!

Secondly.....He gave Satan spiritual rulership over this world.....even Jesus called him**"the god of this world"**

....and of course he has not yet been thrown into the 'Lake of Fire'and as you well know is still very active on this planet....."going around like a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour"isn't he?

We are told.....yes us....."give no place to the Devil"who would you suggest who is in control there?

No, God still has to follow protocols and legal pathways ,.....that He himself implemented....and He will not go outside of the boundaries that he himself implemented and act as a dictator.....that's the Devils territory

Secondlyyou have to have the Devil under control.....or 'he will devour people'the Bible says

And thirdly.....

God....the Deviland thirdly.....us....we have to get ourselves under control.....or more to the point...'self control' as the Bible puts it...a fruit of the spirit.....(Gal5:23)

And so....to operate accurately,...powerfully and successfully in the power of God.....we need to accurately discern the playing field for each of those 3 components in our Christian world....

And this is why the New Testament exhorts us quickly to come to maturity in God

Because it will clear up this problem of discerning the influence of these 3 components in our world

Is it God?.....is it me?.....or is it the Devil?

It is very critical to understand the distinction between these 3 components in our worldif you want to experience supernatural events in your life

And...its not that hard..... and coming to Christian maturity as the book of Hebrews puts it....is simply.....making the distinction in a...or your situation...

Is it me.....God ...or the Devil

Now,.....its not that hard to know if its you (Gal 5:19)...the works of the flesh are....envy,...idolatry,....hatred,....jealousyyou know,....those types of things.....

I think its pretty obvious when it's us ..isn't it!!

But not so easy to work out if it is God or the Devil

Now you say...."oh.. of course its easy to work out" ..."surely I can tell if it's the Devil or not"

Well unfortunately ...that's not what im'e hearing preached often these days

I turn on my TV and often tele-evangelists at some point will make this statement...and seemingly everyone of those 2...5..or 10,000 congregation will say amen to itwhich suggests they agree with what they heard.....and this is what you and I will hear....

“God is allowing you to go through what you are going through to get your attention.....to take you to another level....to become a stronger person””everything that is going on in your life is for a purpose...to make you stronger at the other end....”don't resist the dealings of God...he knows what's good for you””that difficult situation this week....God allowed you to go through that to help you respond with a more grateful heart and draw you closer to Him”

You know what im'e talking about...don't you....

Sounds very harmless stuff....

However,....its very easy in our affluent Western world to go down that road when.....most all have a car,...a television,...food on the table...well dressed and orderly

But how do you get on preaching that message to Christians in a Boko Harem stronghold when your child has been

abducted, tortured and raped....or in countries where ISIS is beheading your Christian dad in front of you....or seeing your Christian family slaughtered in genocide.....

“its alright....God is allowing you to go through that to make you a better person”is somewhat of a ridiculous statement and would make me hate God....if that was my dad being beheaded....wouldn't it!!.....

If your daughter got raped in front of you and her father says to her....”God...your Heavenly Father allowed you to go through that to make you a better person...to get closer to Him”which I actually heard once in Bible School in 1990....a testimony from how God allows things to happen for his glory

A missionary and his 18yr old daughter were smuggling Bibles into China (he was telling us)..and they were able to successfully smuggle those Bibles into China (in the boot of their car).....because the border guards were distracted..... by brutally raping his beautiful 18yr old Christian daughter”all things work together for good” he said.....

I was wondering when my fist broke his nose....is that going to work for his good too....i wondered....Ha!!!...and I was serious!!!!.....his daughter is going to love her Heavenly Father more...isn't she!!!!!!.....well....Gods got it all under control hasn't He!!!!.....sheeeesh!!!.....i wonder if possibly the Devils involved there somewhere!!!!.....do you think that's possible?

Your unsaved husband sliced your face in a domestic violence situation..."but your Heavenly Father allowed you to go through that to draw you closer to him....to get your attention"

Don't worry God is working all things together for your good.....when your son was killed in a car accident....when your child is dying of cancer....while your Christian family starves to death from malnutrition....when a crazed gunman kills 50 at a rock concert...when your Christian asylum seeker family all drown on a boat tragedy...where 1000s (including Christians) are killed in air raids in the Middle East...cooked alive by incendiary bombs.....where a 6 yr old Jewish boy in 1942 watches his Christian mum and dad have their brains blown out in front of him.....where a plane accident kills everyone except the little 8 yr old who survives and has the rest of her life believing that her Heavenly Father allowed her parents to be killed in an horrific plane crash....because it will draw her closer God.....

2017 World News

"at least 43 people were killed and more than 100 injured in two separate Sunday attacks at Coptic Christian Churches in Egypt.....television footage showed the inside of the Church...where there appeared to be lifeless bloodied bodies everywhere including children"

"also at least 10 people were murdered in a shootout outside the Mar-Mina Church in Cairo district"

“a man carries a boy as he walks away from the Bethal Memorial Church after gunmen murdered many”

“Terrorist attacks against 2 Christian Churches in Lahore in Pakistan...have caused numerous deaths and injuries...families murdered.....women and children”

And God allowed all this to happen to them...because He wants them to draw closer to Him ...and love Him!!!!....

people.....this is utter madness and the Devil is laughing his head off...he just loves that preaching

.....”yea.. Gods to blame”says the Devil...”He allowed them all to go though that stuff didn’t he”

I was sitting in Church one day...years ago...and the Pastor was preaching that“we should give thanks at what we are going through at the moment because God is trying to get our attention””and He is allowing you to go through that for a reason...because He loves you”

And at that very momentwhile he was preaching this...a lady who was sitting on the front row.....and saying “amen” to what he was preaching.....saw a man come running into the Church,ran up to her on the front row right in the middle of the Pastors preaching....and whispered something in her ear.....

She just suddenly went berserk ...in front of the whole Church.....screamingfalling downs on her knee's....."why oh why God"yelling at God..."why...why"screaming.. Its was very disturbing.....and her obvious anguish was very distressing to everyone...and your heart went out to her

Because.....

Her beautiful 18 yr old son....who loved God ...and was in Church with her moments earlier.....had driven off from Church....and was driving out of the Church carpark.....

And was killed in a head on car accident.....

I felt so distressed for that lady.....whom God supposedly allowed her beautiful son to be violently and gruesomely taken from her....just moments earlier "for what reason would you allow my beautiful God loving young son to be taken so violently from me....forever"she would have said!!

Im'e sorrybut my Heavenly Father does not cause that sort of distress...and even though her son is now in a better place...in the arms of Jesus....that lady is going to need significant comfort from The H/S to get through all of that.....isn't she!.....that heartache and distress will forever

be close-by....as one of my closest friends tells me ...who lost a child 25 years ago.....(even though we get on with our lives)

Now..consider this for a moment.....the term blasphemy in the Bible ...in regard to the blasphemy against the Holy Spirit has the foundation idea that good is bad and bad is good....in other wordssuggesting that bad things that happen are actually good for us ...and the Comforter (the Holy Spirit) who has been sent to help us ...is somehow allowing evil to come into your world.....wellthe Bible regards that as blasphemysuggesting that whatever happened to us this week...good or evil....the H/Spirit allowed

The Pharisees were chastised and given warning that if they chose to continue associating evil with Holy Spirit then they were destined to eternity without God

Such does God despise the idea of being in any way associated with evil

The Devil and God are not working together to draw us closer to himself...and the idea of that is an abomination to God...

God despises the Devil for taking His children from Him...and the day of Gods vengeance is coming..."vengeance is mine" ...says the lord (Rom 12:19)

But just bear I mindits only those that wont move from the position that the Holy Spirit and the Devil (good and evil) are somehow linked and working together that the Bible says

they wont be forgiven....associating evil with God is unforgivable.....an abomination to Him.....but the forgiving nature of Jesus will work for anyone if they repent and don't go down that track.....its very simple

Now im'e sure you understand where I am coming from and im'e not trying to be inflammatory...making light of this.....im'e merely trying to bring your awareness to the fact that these sort of statements that we hear in Church are not being clarified...these are very murky statements...."God is allowing you to go through"statements

They need to be put in perspective and our daily world needs to be more accurately appraised....than just thinking everything is for our good.....because...it clearly isn't...

That's why your Heavenly Father desires ...strongly...for us to come to maturity....and the best description you can see of maturity is found in the book of Hebrews

"For though by this time you ought to be teachers...you need someone to teach you again the first principles of the oracles of God....and you have come to need milk and not solid food....for everyone who partakes only of milk is unskilled in the Word of Righteousnessfor he is a babe....

But solid food belongs to those who are of full age...that is.....those who by reason of use...have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil" ..(Heb 5:12-14)

Chapter 21

Discernment

The first principles of the oracles of God is to be able to discern the difference between good and evil

To be able to judge correctly between good and evil.....why!!

Because your week will often bring both good and evil with it.....and you need to be able to tell the difference

The essence of Christian maturity is not just necessarily doing the right thingbeing a so-called good person....giving of yourself and being generous and considerate.....

These are all great values.....but the maturity that the Book of Hebrews talks about ...is far more aggressive ...far more deliberateand that discernment is involved in our daily life

Discerning the difference between good and evil will make it far easier for you to....."have a go"

Now why does God want us to figure out if something is good or bad in our world?

If all things work together for good and God is allowing you to go through what you are going through...regardless of what it is

What then is the purpose of the so-called judging the difference between good and evil.....why are we encouraged to discern this?.....if 'all things work together for good'

Could it be.....so that we recognise the Devil in a situation...

Could it be that the thing we and our kids went through this week had a Devilish touch to itperhaps a small deception...maybe a lie....maybe it was from the pit of hell.....who knows!!

Well ...that's what we are supposed to know !!!!

If we are able to discern accurately between good and evil...

Then we can accurately use the authority given to us ...to perhaps...change a situation.....isn't that right?

But then again.....why would I want to change a situation that God is allowing me to go through!!

God is allowing me to go through that to make me a better person....then why would I want to change that?

Well...im'e sorry to tell youbut if your week has had any hint of Kill, steal or destroy in it (John 10:10).....the Holy Spirit

didn't allow that into your lifeand believe me there are millions of Christians in this world right now that are being stolen fromtheir loved ones ...their families...their possessionsdestroying families ...destroying your Faith with lies...scheming.....creating violence.....he's a ruthless killer and we need to stop being so passive as to think God is allowing you to go through everything.....

And consider this.....

we shouldn't pray for peopleif God is allowing them to go through thatshould we!!....we don't want to change what God is doing in peoples lives ...do we.....well you know what I mean.....don't you!

No...we are far more discerning than that...aren't we !!

The Bible says to give the Devil no ground...no place (Eph 4:27)..... not an inch...and discernment will provide that door for you

And so the first and most important thing we need to do is quickly come to a place of maturity as Christians.....

Discerning the difference between good and evilbetween good and bad.....

And its not that hard to do

We can mature very quickly.....

in fact your heart and conscience is able to discern accurately the difference between good and evil....

Let your heart guide you....

And when you become confident in your discernment.....the operation of Faith in your world is much clearer.....so much crisper and sharper...

Is it me.....is it Godor is it the Devil.....

If you know this....that still small voice is far easier to understand.....

If your confronted with fear....and you know that its not God ..that is.....so called ...“testing you”then you are able to operate in a far bolder way and deal with it.....

Fear will bow its knee to youliterally....because “God has not given us a spirit of fear”(2 Tim 1:7)...its very clear to you....

I was off to wash a house in New Zealand in the late 1980s,when ...as I went through the gate of this rural house and knocked on the front door ..only to realise that the owner wasn't home.....

I turned around to start the job.....when staring at me.....with crazed eyes.....and a low growling ...drooling mouth.....was a large Alsatian dog.....no more that 10ft from me.....between me and the gate.....

There were signs like.....'Dangerous dog'.....things like that posted everywhere.....but the lady knew I was coming....so I expected everything to be ok.....regarding the dog....

However,....obviously the lady wasn't there and had clearly not locked the dog up,.....and so.....as i stood there...eye to eyewith this clearly vicious doglooking very threatening....

i suddenly.....pointed my finger at the dog and at the same moment.....yelled at the dog.....

"In the name of Jesus Christ I take authority over you.....don't you dare try and intimidate me.....get down on your knees.....now.....and I command that aggressiveness to come out of you right nowin the name of Jesus and you will be docile for the whole time that I am here"

And as I was saying this.....the dog completely changed its countenance...fell on its kneesand just quietly went to sleep over the next few minutes

About an hour later...a car comes flying down this long dirt driveway and screeches to a halt.....

The lady comes running out of her car....apologising every second breath....."im'e sorry Mike""im'e sorry Mike""are you ok" "are you ok"

She comes running around the corner and just stops and stares in amazement.....

The dog is asleep 5ft away from me as I was washing the house....then says in absolute amazement....."there's one things that my dog hates more than anything Mike.....and it's a man in white overalls"

And I had on white overalls.....she was flabbergasted

The world and everything in it is subject to you....but a recognition of where you stand in the authority chain...and to be able to discern situations accurately.....will majorly heighten your confidence to step out and see a miracle

And you judgethat any intimidation...of any sort...is not of God.....God is not in thisHe doesn't allow vicious dogs to intimidate me.....God is not testing me...you think to yourself...this is clear intimidation....and fear and intimidation is not of God.....and so you are confident that you will have a good outcome here, as you spiritually take control of the situation

Knowing clearly.....is it God....the Devil ...or meoperate discernment....accurately judging your situation.....knowing this helps put you in a 'state of readiness'.....then use your authority ...in the name of Jesus...and extraordinary things will happen....

When we loosely use the term “all things work together for good” (Rom 8:28)....which I often hear bandied around Christian circlesi thought that I would mention here that.....yes it does say that

however the context of those chapters is about walking in the Spirit...and the Bible clearly states....that ‘praying without ceasing’is part of the mantle of ‘walking in the Spirit’....and yes if we are praying and agreeing with the Holy Spirit.....then we can expect bad situations to turn around and work for our good.....

but a slovenly Christian who spends little time in the Word...prays infrequently...does not adhere to their daily Christian requirements

like ‘casting down imaginations’ etc.....is easy prey for the Devil (the Devil goes around like a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour.....and that’s Christians too!!!!)

we are told to “resist him in the faith”and if we don’t resist him....what do you think will happen.....certainly things will not turn out for their good... if they “get devoured”will they?

i think that is very naive to think that everything is going to turn out good...just because we are a Christians.....things never quite ‘turned out good’ for some of my Christian friends over the years.....sadly to say

Its just silly to say....that everything is going to work out for my good.....if I go and.....“give place to the Devil” ...isn't that right!!

Im'e sure you can see what I am saying here!!!.....

Yes.... The Holy Spirit is always looking for a good outcome for us.....but we need to co-operate with Him....don't we...it's not just all up to Him....

And also....one other thing that we need in our lives to live in a bold place in God.....is to take a different view on some of the things that we have heard over the years.....and be courageous to stand your ground....and eventually it all comes down to our relationship with God and our understanding of Him....

We have already cleared up.....the‘God is allowing me to go through’ thing...and now have a platform.....

But I also must mention here.....thatyes...God is involved in changing people....He is involved in you're world....“the footsteps of a good man are ordered by the Lord”(Psalm 37:23)

In the book of HebrewsChapter 12.....Gods discipline is very clear....“my son do not despise the chastening of the Lord”but ends up saying this ...“shall we not much more readily be in subjection to the Father of spirits and live”

and

”.....but He chastens us for our Profit”(Heb 12:10)

and

“Many are the afflictions of the righteous ,...but The Lord delivers them out of them all” (Psalm 34:19)

The Lords chastening causes us to “live”...for us to “profit from” ...spiritually and physically....and ..”He delivers us out of all affliction”

not into affliction!!

He is involved in your world....yes of course!!....but make no mistakeso are you and the Devil involved in your world as well..

So just figure out who is who...that’s the key!!!

And this is the God platform in our lives that we must adhere to and use as a reference.....”every good and perfect gift comes down from the Father of lights....with whom there is no variableness nor shadow of turning”(James 1:17)

That gives us a clear distinction.....how does “good and perfect” ...fit into me , God or the Devil

We know the involvement of God in this earth.....it is not a mystery to us.....because we can discern clearly ...the sourceis it me,...God or the Devil

Our weekly passage of life now has clear distinction in it...and we don’t just let everything happen around us.....we have control of our week....

But we also have to come to a place of confidence that God will clearly act in certain situations as welland not feel uncertain about His involvement too.....

Let me explain to you.....

This what I have never bowed to, but often feel pressure toand that is in regard to the mercy and grace of God

....the word mercyas we understand itapparently means “the undeserved favour of God”that God shows mercy to us.....but He doesn't have to if He doesn't want to..

This is how mercy and grace are presented to us.....leaving us with the feeling that somehow choice is involved.....

If God is merciful to methat's because He chooses to be merciful to me....right!!!!

Now just hear me out.....

Is that what you do to your kids....when your kids are drowning.....do you choose to save them?.....or do you have a loving obligation to save them?.....after all.....you made them!!

Even when they are terrors and willingly do the wrong thing...do you have a loving obligation to save them?...or do you not choose to save them....after all....they don't really deserve to be saved now....do they!!.....

But in your gracious , merciful heart....you made the effort and saved them.....how very gracious of you!! (im'e being facetious here...Ha!!....but you know what I mean)

This somewhat unfortunately how we see the mercy and grace of God.....i didn't deserve to be saved...but God showed mercy towards me and chose to save me.....

Well, that's a little hard to understand for me.....

one day I find myself born into a hostile world...which had nothing to do with memy choice was not involvedi just found myself...one day walking around on this planet as a 5 year old ...with sickness all around me....wars everywhere...hostility...greed...incest...murder.....

and at the endI will go to hell if I don't find a way out....

“Well thanks a lot”

Do you see where I am coming from?

You see,....my Heavenly Dad and I have a great relationship (and im'e sure it is the same with you and your Heavenly Dad)

But my relationship with Him prompted me to write my other book...'The Second Revelation'....

And that's because my confidence levels in Him over the years had been steadily growing(and of course it may have been like that for you too).....

But I have found...due to my recent personal circumstances ...my relationship with Him has become more private (if you like).....more subdued.....

But I know that in the earlier years of my life.....the issue of Gods mercy and grace was very clear to me (and still is today I have to add).....

And I understoodthat what was required of me as a father.....i saw my Heavenly Father no different...

I was like Him....He was like me.....and we see Jesus having that same relationship with his Dad.....that closeness

And if we can understand this mercy and grace thing right.....our relationship with our Dad just moves to another level and our confidence in Him moves to another level....which is what He desires....

"This is the confidence that we have in Him,...is that if we ask anything according to His will...He hears us ,...and if He hears us...then we have the petition that we have desired of Him"(1 John 5:15)

Chapter 22

A fathers love

Our confidence in Him becomes more steadfast and our love for the Father , Son and Holy Spirit intensifies.....

Let me give a true life...(unfortunately tragic) example

A family went to an isolated beach here recently....and being a hot day...the 3 boys...probably in their early teens, decided to go for a swim.....the tragedy was.....that the 3 boys suddenly got caught in a rip...and the prospect of them drowning was very real.....

The dad without hesitation did everything he could to save those 3 boys....and was successful.....those 3 boys survived.....

But unfortunately.....in saving his 3 sonsthe father lost his life.....he drowned giving his life for his sons..

What do you think the fathers motivation was?.....choice (mercy).....or do you think that choice or mercy had nothing to do with it ?

Were his sons expectant that he would do anything to save them....even giving his own life (of course, that is not what any of our children want...to give up your life for them)

But there is never any suggestion in our minds that he would choose to save us ...is there?.....

And when the dad fulfilled all the expectations that the sons expected of him.....and he didn't let them down.....giving his own life to see them live.....what do you think those 3 young men think of their father now....their love for their father would be beyond words.....my dad without hesitation gave his life for me....

"greater love has no man than this that he lay down his life for his friends"

Jesus even calls the unsaved.... His friends...because many are yet to come into the kingdom...(John 15:13)

What extraordinary love....beyond words

You seeif we eliminate choice (mercy and grace)...we also end up with the same love for our dad ...as those 3 boys

It appears.....the root meaning of the word mercy....in the New Testamentis the word Covenant

Gods Covenant lovewhich has duty and responsibility attached to it

and the definition of the word grace refers to Gods favour and goodwill regardless of being deserving or undeserving....

It means undeserving....(Gods undeserved favourdoes that sound familiar?)....but.....

But.....

Grace apparently also means deserving favour.....

In other words....deserving or undeserving would appear to cancel one another out.....and it seems....whether we deserve it or don't deserve it ...apparently has nothing to do with it....

But as human beings we will always find a negative if we look hard enough.....we will always go to the negative....

Mercy = Gods undeserving favour to us.....no !!!!

Mercy = Gods Covenant obligating love towards his creationyes!

Apparently.....nothing to do with deserving or undeserving.....

And so...in my opinion....we should be going to Church on Sunday and worshipping our Dad.....

(But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth, for the Father is seeking such to worship Him) (John 4:23)

....with grateful hearts that He did not shy away from

His loving obligation to his children...his creation

It was not a choice to him...to save us ..but rather His covenant love with his creation....willingly gave his life so that we could live

The Bible seems to make clear reference , that He sees us all as little children,....and this no doubtputs things in perspective

In fact...i...for many yearshave never said,.....that I didn't deserve to be saved (I know that would get up many peoples noses)

But I believe I do deserve to be saved...because, I had no choice in being in this hostile world, and the one that made me is responsible for me....and you know what ...He never disappointed me....He did what I expected Him to do for me

That makes your love for your Heavenly Father
...immeasurable

And of course...the words mercy and grace are found regularly in the Bible,....an even though you may often see the suggestion that there is a hardness to some of those scriptures....if you come from a different perspective,....they are easy to explain....but also keep in mind ...that there will always be some hardcore people who will want to see the harshness in Gods word.....it takes a mind shift to come from another angleand then, all the Old Testament becomes very explainable...

When you begin to see the Father from a different perspective.....you also come to see the world from a Love Covenant angle.....and realise that great importance mums and dads play in our livesand particularly for me.....

(having 3 daughters)....

The immense role playing a father has in a daughters life

And even though there are many more testimonies I could give,....i will end this book of testimonies of the love of a father to his daughter....

A daughter longs for the affirmation of their father and that is what this testimony is about...

During the mid 80s...I was house washing (as I mentioned before)....and this particular day went to a couples house in the country (we will call them Mary and Joe.. because I cant remember their names....Ha!!)

A local Maori coupleand began the process of cleaning their house....

After a couple of hours...the couple who were in their early 60s..... beckoned me in for a cup of tea ...

We were sitting at the kitchen table enjoying a lovely morning tea and a chat....when I noticed that Joe was looking a little fragile.....and so mentioned to Mary"is Joe ok?"

Mary tells me that Joe has a brain tumour and has been given 6 months to live....

I tell them that I am a Christian and can I pray for him....they agree,....and I lay hands on him and pray for him.....

Shortly after I find myself leading this couple in the sinners prayer....and they both get saved that morning...

However Joes condition continued to deteriorate and 6 months later died from that cursed cancer.....

However there is a supernatural twist to this story.....

The moment after i had led the couple through the sinners prayer and they received salvation.....Mary tells me that she expected something like this to happen today....

Being very puzzled....i said to Mary..."why was that"

Her reply was ...that....for some reason she suddenly woke up at 2 o'clock this morning....and sat up in bed....

She said....as i sat up....i noticed that Joe's wedding ring was not on his finger.....which was quite alarming for herbecause he had never removed it in 40 years of marriage

Being puzzled by this ...Mary got up and made herself a cup of tea (in the middle of the night)....and went out and sat on the concrete steps at their front door....wondering why she woke up and noticed Joes wedding ring missing.....

As she was sitting there pondering this.....she looked down at the concrete step between her legs...and what should be sitting upright on the step immediately below her....was Joes

wedding ring....sitting upright on the concrete step....right between her legs

She said“the thing that gave me Goosebumpswas the narrow ring was not flat on the step...but upright”

...and then immediately said to me ...

that she knew this was somehow a sign for her.....and my actions a few hours later was no surprise to her...

Maori people tend to have a spirituality about themso I wasn't surprised either....

But it was nice to know that the circumstances had prepared her heart for me to preach Jesus to them and I realised that if I hadn't stepped out and delivered salvation to them....i would have missed a golden opportunity to lead a couple to Jesus that God had prepared just a few hours earlier

And so....i was on cloud nine realising that I had been obedient to the H/Spirit and this was a good outcome...

I then suggested to her that she find a Bible and start to read it.....because it will help her grow.....

She tells me that the only Bible she can remember being around the housewas an old Bible that her dad had given to her 55 yrs ago....when she was 7 years old.....but she had never opened it in 55yrs....it just lay on the mantelpiece

She also said that she had terribly missed her dad who died suddenly shortly after giving her the Bible (when she was 7)

And all her life...she so missed all the things she wanted to say to him and him to say to her

Even in her early 60s Mary still grieved for affirmation from her dad,...who was suddenly taken from her.....at 7 years of ageand desperately missed him.....she felt that chapter of her life never had closure...

Well,...i went home that night and returned the next morning to finish the job...and as I knocked on the doori noticed Mary crying.....sobbing her eyes out.....

Feeling somewhat concerned I went in and asked if everything was ok.....and then she begins to tell me this story

“you know how you mentioned to me that I really need to at least start reading a few verses of the Bible to help me on my Christian walk”

I said,...”yes I remember”

She said”well I took the old Bible from my dad, down off the mantlepiece.....sat down comfortably in the lounge chair....put my feet up.....and was determined to start reading the Bible.....and so,.....as i sat there...I slowly opened the Bible.....and I couldn't believe what I saw in the front of the book!!!!

“a lump came to my throat...and tears started to whelm up in me...i was shaking”she said

“Because”

“Staring at me in the front of the Bible”

“Was a letter”

“addressed to me”

At this point....as she was telling me about the letter...she begins to sob....and then says to me

It had been sitting on my mantelpiece inside that Bible for 55yrs....and I never knew it was there

“And so I slowly began to open up the letter”she said shaking and sobbingand began to read

“My dearest little angel Mary”and as I read on....

All the affirmation that I had been longing for from my dad for the last 55 yrs...I suddenly found in that letter...

All the things I wanted him to say to me for years were in that letter.....how much I mattered to him and how he love me”

I was absolutely stunned.....

And then she looked up and me and said.....

“let me read out the last thing he wrote in that letter Mike”

And she began sobbing again.....

And then she began to read

“and one day a man will comeand he will begin to preach Jesus to you....please respond to that man and give your heart to the one that dearly loves you....Jesus”

And then she looked me straight in the eye.....and said....

“thank you Mike.....you are that man”

I could hardly hold myself together.....

This was an intense moment in God.....

I was so overwhelmed that I had done what my Heavenly Father had required of me...

I had fulfilled the prophecy of her father.....

Nearly six months later Joe died and even though I had only known these people less than 6 months....i attended the funeral

It was a Maori funeral and there were nearly 500 people attending...very popular man....

I was standing at the back as the funeral procession went past....at least 5 deep layers of people in front of mei could

just catch a glimpse through the crowd of the funeral procession

And as I strained to see through a little gap of the people at the procession....Mary happened to be walking past that little gap at the exact momentand through that little keyhole gap...I could see her ...and suddenly she saw me (through that little keyhole gap) and stopped the funeral procession....lifted up her veiland gave me the hugest smile

I was overwhelmedthat of all the 100s of people there...from every part of her close family...I was the only one she acknowledged in this way....

And even as the cars drove out and we were all standing on the side of the road (as her car drove past).....she saw me again....stopped the car...lifted her veillooked up at me and said”thank you so much Mike”

I’m very moved even while I’m writing this testimony...

What an impact things like this have in your life

And so....the dramatic world of the supernatural....has been barely touched so far in this millennium.....but I believe that significant dramatic testimonies are going to increase more and more as the days unfold...

The Bible is basically a written account of the writers lifestyle and testimonies....the Power of God in their worlds and this

book is just another testimonial to the amazing intervention of God in ours and others lives

Without himwe are powerless.....

but with him “**nothing shall be impossible unto you**”(Matthew 17:20)

God bless you

Mike

Epilogue

Signs and wonders are not an add-on....because we are now Christians.....

The Church was incubated upon....not just words “oh you need to give your life to Jesus”but also demonstrations of power accompanying those words.....(out in the market placenot just in a Church setting)

The only reason that the Apostles and disciples became who they were.....was because they had proof by accompanying signs.....and we are no different today

Jesus could have walked around saying..."I am the Son of God believe in me"...and virtually nobody would have believed in himunless

They had proof.....including the writers of the New Testament

Remember.....Jesus validated who He was by accompanying signs and miracles.....and the Apostles only came to believe when Jesus validated his claims by accompanying miracles

"truly you are the Son of God"they said

Because accompanying Jesus words were miracles.....proof that He was who He claimed to be....

"If you don't believe me....believe the very works I do" ...

.....Jesus

Peter, James, John and all the Apostles...including Paul (supernatural introduction into the kingdom on the road to Damascus)...all came into the kingdom by accompanying signs....proving that Jesus was who He claimed to be.....turning water into wine....walking on water....calming storms.....feeding 5,000....raising the dead.....coin in fishes mouth.....great harvest of fish...etc etc.....

And yet we expect everyone to believe usby just telling them about Jesus.....without any accompanying signs...

Why should they be believe?.....when the Apostles only believed because Jesus validated His claims with signs following...

Isn't that what we are supposed to do ...when we preach Jesus....**"and these signs will follow them that believe..."**

"and the Lord working with themand confirming their words with accompanying signs "(Mark 16:20)

We want the world to believe what we say.....without proof!!!

And proof to the world is not just..."oh look at all these miracles in the Bible".....that is not proof enough for many peopleincluding me!!!...but immediate demonstration of power can be

If the Apostles needed proofdon't you think the lost world out there needs proof!!!!!!

I once went door-knocking with a Pastor who just wanted to let the local neighbourhood know, that we had just started a new Church.....

The response was quite cold from the public as you can imagine.....

However....I mentioned to him....”wow this is a great opportunity to prove our Christianity.....lets say few words... but ask them is there any miracle we could pray for....leave our phone number with them to contact us once the miracle has manifest”he declined the offer

For the Kingdom of God.. is not in Wordbut in Power
(1 Cor 4:20)

Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think...according to the power that works in us (Eph 3:20)

....having a form of Godliness.....but denying its power
(2 Tim 3:5)

“and these signs will follow those who believe.....in my name they will cast out demons.....they will speak with new tongues.....they will take up serpents, and if they drink anything deadly.....it will by no means hurt them...they will lay hands on the sick and they will recover”

“and they went out and preached everywhere....the Lord working with them and confirming the word through accompanying signs”(Mark 16:20)

“proving what they said by accompanying signs and miracles”

