

The Liberating Secret

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Coming Events

We are busy getting ready for our fourth annual God Unlimited week-in here in Louisville, Ky. Can you believe that it is here already? It will happen May 12-15 2005. We are expecting the Holy Spirit to move in marvelous and mysterious ways. This is what you might expect to hear at the May Conference: "There is nothing more comforting than to realize that there is only one all-controlling independent person in the universe, that is, God our Father. We will be discussing this tremendous truth, and by a special request of Jim Fowler, we will also focus on the **key** to knowing union with Christ; that key is "No-Independent-self." Then, we will move on from there to the door the key opens, which is **Christ expressing Himself as us** in a variety of manifestations and forms. One of them being the highest calling on earth which is intercession. We will discuss what intercession is; how it works out in us; the price to be paid; and the fruit and the authority that is gained." There are not many places where you can fellowship around these tremendous truths!

I have already heard from folks from everywhere—Germany, Canada, Alaska, Australia, and would you believe?: The New York Times is featuring us in an article and announcing our web-site. Everyone is expecting an old fashion Holy Ghost revival, as well as a renewal, refreshment and new commissioning in the Spirit. One of my friends says, "They got the Ghost!" Yes, that's us.

Some of the speakers are: Jim Fowler, Dan Stone, Brian Coatney, Louis Tucker, Joe Dunlap, Bill Bower, Fran Giles, Sylvia Pearce, Jim Seward, and many others.

For travel arrangements and accommodations please call Norma Mouser, at 1-800-223-7100 or e-mail her at

norma@travelloptions.net. She is our travel agent and she can find you the most reasonable rates.

DON'T FORGET Another COMING ATTRACTION!!

Steve Pettit is coming to Louisville July 29-30. You can call Norma Mouser about that too.

Ministry News

Fun on the web-site: Move your mouse over the pictures on the front page of the Liberating Secret web-site and you might get some surprises.

Brian Coatney and Mimi Anderson are continuing their ministry in the county jail in Hopkinsville. Many are the sighs of the inmates as they discover who they **really** are. Brian conducts a men's Bible study as well as a women's Bible study. Oh, yes he is the only man allowed to teach the women. I'm sure it is not a reverse Bible issue that keeps the other men teachers away—it's because he and Mimi have so much favor with the Chaplain. Like Jesus, they have favor with God and man.

What is the Song in Your Heart?

(A Day Apart Women's Retreat in the Heart of the Appalachian Mountains). by Jenny Fienning, Hilton Head Is., South Carolina.

Last weekend Fran and I were privileged to meet with women from Ashe County, NC and the surrounding counties at the Jefferson United Methodist Church. A year or so ago, the United Methodist Women of Helton UMC wanted to do something for the county...for women...to encourage them in their spiritual walk... They wanted to have a "Day Apart"...but who would come to share with the women? My sister, Kathy said, "Well my sister and her friend have a ministry where they come and share about the Lord through their experiences. They do women's retreats, preach on occasion, and travel wherever anyone wants to hear more about Christ as their life. I'm sure they would come if you

would like to have them.”

Well, the retreat was to be held last September... Any of your remember the onslaught of HURRICANES last season? Have you ever heard the phrase “Lord willin’ and the creek don’t rise?” Well, the Lord was willin’ and we went...but the day before the retreat IVAN arrived, dumped over 11 inches of rain...needless to say, the creeks ROSE and the electricity went out...and the retreat was cancelled...til spring...

It is always amazing to me to see what our Father is up to... He never fails to “overwhelm me” with His Ways!! Fran Giles, myself, Sylvia Pearce and Margaret Lester converged at the guest house on the Chefas Homestead in Grassy Creek, NC Thursday, the 21st of April... My sister, Kathy, and her husband, John gave us this home to stay in while we were up in the mountains... What a gift, right off the bat!! Sylvia and Margaret had been led to come “just be” with us...not knowing what Father was “up to” but knowing it was important for us to be together!!

What can I say? Saturday arrived and we met the women at the church. It is not often you have 60 women together and only 1 person is speaking!! The Holy Spirit electrified the whole group! Most of the time you could have heard a pin drop... As Fran and I looked into the women’s eyes it was breathtaking... His sheep do hear His voice!! The thirsty drink, the hungry eat, and they are encouraged to “BE”... to realize how unique each one is.

What we saw was God lifting burdens, freeing souls, encouraging the down hearted...Causing THE SONG (Christ) to come alive in them.

As my friend Dan Stone would say... “It was REALLY GOOD!”

In this “Love smuggling conspiracy” together... Jenny Fienning for Deep Waters Ministries

Ps: It was suppose to rain all weekend with Snow Saturday night... Would you believe God gave us Sun Shine, afternoon light showers for a little while...Then Sunday morning the snow came with 31 degree temperature... I think our Father has the best

sense of humor!! I love to see Him confuse the weather experts!! Who really is in charge of the weather!!!! ☺-- Love ya!!

Prayer Request

Pray for the May conference. It is heavy on both Scott's and my heart to ask for special prayer for this meeting. Intercessors, please hear from the Lord on this, already the negatives are flying. Oh, I know it always happens doesn't it. Pray anyway!

There is a special request for Mimi Anderson, she just had shoulder operation—it's really rough on her, but she knows that her pain pays the price for others-so while she body is in pain, her spirit sings praises.

Also, pray for Dave Hodges' brother, he was paralyzed recently and is pretty much brain dead. Pray for his wife, Valerie and their children. Dave is taking it pretty hard too.

Praise Reports

We praise the Lord for answered prayer concerning a new radio station. We are pleased to announce that we are now on WYRM in Norfolk, Virginia five days a week. Just think of it, that is where the Navel Base is, our boys will carry the Liberating Secret all over the world. Also, maybe the 700 club with Pat Robertson might tune in as well, being that Virginia Beach is a near neighbor to Norfolk.

Another leap of faith: We will be broadcasting on KXKS 1190 AM at 2:00-2:30 PM in Albuquerque, New Mexico five days a week starting April 4. For purchasing this time we will also get WELP 1360 AM at 6:30-7:00 AM in Greenville, South Carolina free. WOW what a leap. We don't have the finances as of yet, but are expecting God to wake up his people to freely donate as led. Please keep this in your prayers.

Faith is always in praise, because we do see it already done. Praise is powerful, and like Helen Overly says, "Praise removes the fear so faith can step in and declare the victory!" If you have any praise reports, please send them to me at sylviap@theliberatingsecret.com.

Testimonies

God's Love Can Move Mountains

Margaret Lester

"For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say into this mountain,

Be thou removed and be cast into the sea, and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he says."

(Mark 11:23)

I have a very precious friend that I have known for over twenty years. I first met her at a conference in Louisville, in 1974. I was just barely coming out of my great depression, and was still very socially uncomfortable, so I attached myself to the most comforting person that I could find. My friend certainly fit the bill, for being with her is like being comforted with the "balm of Gilead." After she told me about herself and her own "dark night of the soul." I considered her an expert on subject, so I asked her, "Will I have to go into anymore darkneses,' or is it over?" She looked at me with such assuring strength and said, "No, it's over." It was straight from God's mouth. And she was right, I had little mini darkneses,' but my great tribulation was over. She and I have been close friends ever since. Her great peace and love transmits to others and, I believe, transforms everyone she meets.

In the past several years she has been through an intercession in her marriage. As we have walked through it

together, her great faith and power in her “word of faith” has blessed me greatly. I have asked her to share her story in this chapter, although she wishes to remain anonymous. Here is her story:

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I was raised in a lovely Christian home. The whole community revered my parents as pillars of faith, as well as loving and charitable neighbors. Even though I had a good upbringing, I still hating myself and wished somehow I could be different. I feel like some of my self hatred came from the fact that my upbringing was somewhat regimented in all its proper religious forms which I could never really live up to. Yet, our lives are all purposed according to God’s perfect design.

After graduating from a Baptist University, I accepted a teaching position in a small town and soon met the man who was to become my husband. We married two years later. Within six years I had three children. My life was demanding, boring, and definitely not going according to my well thought plans. I could not get inner satisfaction or make my life work. All I wanted was to be a good Christian, a loving mother and a wonderful wife to my husband...but I was failing miserably at all three. I was filled with guilt and inadequacies, and my frustrations probably caused me to yell at my children and constantly blame my husband for my discontentment and unhappiness.

God, in His loving mercy had **meant me to fail** for He was showing me that the only answer was to know Him. Only He could fill the void in my heart. I thank God that I learned that at a young age, because it was then that I sought God in earnest. I began to associate myself with born again Christians and discovered that Jesus was real and that He lived inside me. At last my spiritual journey had begun.

Things seemed fine for a while. I could manage to get through the difficulties with God’s help, but the great void inside me which was only partially satisfied was starting to eat away at me again, and I was not at peace. So in my own way and as much as I knew how, I gave myself to God and ask Him to take over. I was not prepared for what came next. God took me at my word and put me in great darkness just as He had done

Abraham. Genesis 15:12b, "And, lo, an horror of great darkness fell upon him."

I thought I was losing my mind and no one had answers for me...not my minister, not my family, not even my born again Christian friends. Finally God led me to a Christian conference and one of the speakers gave me an explanation that spoke to my heart. No, I wasn't losing my mind, God was settling me into Himself and He was taking me His perfect way.

Not only was the speaker's message speaking right to my heart, but he had been a missionary to the Belgian Congo in Africa. That was amazing to me, for I had always wanted to be a missionary to the Belgian Congo. So I invited him to my home town. He began to teach me truths that I had never heard in my Christian environment. He taught me how to love myself, because he taught me who I really was. He began to tell me that I was real, and that I had validity, and that I had integrity. I had never known any of this before. My missionary friend took away all the doctrine I had thought I had to have, and all the rules and all the regulations. What he said was, "You have a person in you and that's all you need." He didn't tell me what I had to do and what I didn't have to do. All he said was "You just listen to the inner person inside you, and that's what I've been doing ever since. I didn't realize it at the time, but God was preparing me for the next dark chapter in my life.

When we become Christians and learn the truth, we learn that we are faith people. And then God makes us **prove** it. He makes us show him and prove to ourselves that we are faith people. Several years ago, my husband of 37 years decided he had had enough. I had stood in faith for him for years, because our marriage was tough from the very beginning. But, we had three children, and I was going to stick it out because I believed in marriage. I believe once you make a covenant before God and before man, you are in your marriage for life. So no matter what happened in my marriage, I wasn't going to leave even though there were many times that it was really hard. I thank God for His keeping power, because if that hadn't been instilled in me by him, I would have left long ago.

On the surface, our marriage looked pretty normal. But below the surface there was a different story. I spent many

lonely days and week-ends while my husband was busily excluding me from most of his activities. So we lived our little pretend lives, me most of the time trying to satisfy him the best I could, and him always leaving on another trip. During those lonely years, I learned how to see God in all my life's circumstances, and I am eternally thankful to God as well as my husband for those years, because I learned invaluable lessons of seeing God only. Those were my school days, but what about my husband? My heart's cried for my husband was to know God, and know who he really was in Christ.

Then one day, God started leading me to do something that I had never done in our marriage, and what He asked to do went directly against my husband's wishes. God was asking me to build a new room on our house. That, you see, would be an embarrassment to my husband because he was a builder, and he didn't want it, nor would he build it. So I contracted another builder to do the job. I knew that doing this would be risky, but God was leading me, so I did it in the courage of the Lord.

He was furious and right away he decided to leave, but as I found out later, he was planning to leave anyway and used the new room as an excuse. For a month I thought it was my fault. Then I found out about his indiscretions, and all the gaps that were unfilled began to fill up, and all the unanswered questions were answered in about 5 seconds time. I realized that he had lead a double life for 20 years or more. I had had my suspicions, but I was so naive and so trusting I never followed them through to find out if they were really true or not.

I had an anonymous phone call in the early 70's which suggested unfaithfulness. After the call I sat on the side of the bed and said, "God, if it's true, I forgive him this time and for any other time that it has happened." God made me put my money where my mouth is and walk that out this past year. One day the girl who does my hair said, "If he comes back can you forgive him?" I said "I already have. He's already forgiven." How could I not forgive him when Jesus Christ has forgiven me? We must forgive, and it isn't our forgiveness either. It's the life of Christ in us forgiving others.

When I found out about his double life, I went to his office and threw a fit. He rightly described me as cussing like a sailor,

and I did. I slammed doors and did all the things I hadn't done through the years and probably should have. But I ended by telling him who he was. I said, "That's not who you are, you're really Jesus Christ in your form." And every time I said it, he would turn his head because he had tears in his eyes.

I told him, "There is no way I can ever stop loving you because it's God's love. I don't care what you've done, it's God's love that keeps on pouring out through me to you." Of course I was in agony and experienced groanings that cannot be uttered. Just because you are a faith person, it doesn't mean that you won't have agony. The agony is God's pressure to put passion into our faith, because believing is your only release. I stood on a promise in I Cor. 13:8 which says, "**Love never fails.**" I love that, because it says that God's love **never** fails, for it cannot fail. Love and forgiveness looks like the weak way, but in fact it is the most powerful, because as God says, "It can never fail."

I would often get away and visit with Sylvia, it was at one of those visits that God gave me my word of faith, and it is this: **He is coming home for Christ's sake.** I simply stood in faith and exercised my authority of faith as Mark 11:23 says, "you **shall** have whatsoever you **say.**" Now I don't want him home until God does His work in him, and God is doing that work. What I believe as already eternally done, is being worked out in time and is in the process of being done in him.

Did you know that "the unbelieving husband is sanctified by the wife" (I Cor. 7:14)? My husband cannot have faith for himself, but I can stand in the gap and have faith for him. I am believing that he is "dead to sin, and alive to righteousness." I believed that he was really God's man and that he would come home, not for my sake, but for Christ's sake.

I began to tell him so. I told him that he was cleansed from sin, and that he was already freed from the things that had trapped him. I told him that I knew it, and God knows it, and he would know it too, real soon. You see, faith is saying to the mountain that you see a plain even before the plain appears.

God's love is so great, it will never let people go. God loves my husband so much that He would cause me to spend a life time believing for him. Yes, I have spent lonely years, but I wouldn't have it any other way, it was all worth it. If it were

possible, I would even spend another life time waiting and believing for him. That is how unstoppable God's love is.

One time when I was particularly low, the Lord gave me these verses from II Chronicles 20:15-17. It was when Jehoshaphat the King of Judah was being invaded by the Moabs. He was very afraid, but he knew who to turn to for his answer. When he asked the Lord for guidance the Lord said this to him: "Thus saith the Lord unto you, be not afraid nor dismayed by reason of this great multitude; for **the battle is not yours, but God's. Ye shall not need to fight this battle; set yourselves, stand ye still, and see the salvation of the Lord,** fear not, nor be dismayed; tomorrow go out against them; for the Lord will be with you."

This spoke right to my heart. The battle that I was fighting was too big and too overwhelming for me. Not only was my husband gone, but our family was divided in its response to the separation. God continually took the responsibility of solving the situation from me, and caused me to rest in him. Now all I had to do was to let the Lord do the fighting, and I could just stand still and watch God, and that is exactly what I did.

So I stood still and said "my word." I said it when I was encouraged, I said it when I was discouraged. I told my friends in the community, "He **is** coming home, just watch and see." Three wonderful friends and my precious daughter stood with me. The rest were unbelieving skeptics. That did not matter, for I was firmly planted on God's promise of Mark 11:23, "That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall **have whatsoever he saith.**"

As I was going through this time of intercession, I read everything I could find on it. I read every chapter my missionary friend had written on it, and I also read the Bible. But I think the book that helped the most and the one I read the most was Doris Rusco's book on intercession. In it she said that intercession is a walk the Holy Spirit takes you through. You could not go through it by your own efforts, for it is the Holy Spirit Himself laying his life down in you for the other person.

**You** never come out of an intercession the way you go into

it. You are a different person. Intercession is primarily for someone else, and secondarily for the intercessor. So God had to do a cleansing work in me and I say again, He **had** to, because I couldn't be a clear channel until He first cleansed me. Then His Word and His Spirit could go through into the situation and for the persons I was interceding for.

It hurts me to see my husband so I purpose not to. But God has had other plans. I can't tell you how many times I see him at an intersection, or getting out of his car at the office. And God told me that the purpose for this is that every time I see him, I am to say, "There goes Christ in my husband's form." And I do say it, over and over and over. And he **is** coming home, and he **is** going to know what I know, because he **is** God's man.

All these months God was quietly working behind the scenes in my husband's heart. Fourteen months after my husband walked out, and was headed head-strong into a divorce, God changed his heart, and caused him to want to come home. I was excited, but apprehensive at the same time. Was this right? Only God could show me if it was the right time.

Six months past by--it was important not to let him come home until I got my release from the Lord. All that time God was doing an all important work in his heart which could not be shortened. Finally the glorious day came when the Lord gave me the long awaited release. It was time for his homecoming. God has fulfilled His promise to me, and brought into being His own word of faith which He gave to me months earlier. This battle was too hard for me, but I, like King Jehoshaphat, put my trust in the living God, and it was not too hard for Him." I am constantly rejoicing and thanking the Lord for His faithfulness for He has caused my husband to return home a new man. He has truly **"come home for Christ sake."**

## Words of Faith

We can never stop believing the Lord for more radio time. We believe that the Lord will provide his precious people with His words of liberation which frees us from self-condemnation and

striving to become. I told the Lord one time, that I was going to be his worse wife and bug Him to pieces. I will never be satisfied until all his people know, so we will keep on believing.

We are believing God for the financial support for The Liberating Secret radio program. The prices of the programs are monumental, but God is bigger. We never ask for money on our programs--Christ, Our Life Ministries' policy is to put the heat on God, and not man. Storm Heaven with us.

## A letter to a Hurting Person

Dear Robert,

I was pleasantly surprised to hear from you. I am busy getting ready for my annual May conference which we have on our property and house. Big job, but it is always worth it blessing all involved.

Your e-mail seem typical of all of us struggling to make since of our lives. The Bible says, "after you are illuminated, you will suffer a great fight of affliction." Suffering and affliction are the way God conditions us to see that there never was a independent human self living life alone. We falsely think that we are, so we think that we are a separate person struggling with suffering and afflictions without any way of escape.

The point is not to keep you from troubles, but find God in the midst of them. When you find God in Hell, you have found him. Otherwise we fight our circumstances trying to conqueror them through our own self-means. Your problem is not that you are having troubles, you problem is that there is still a "big I" trying to cope with them, which leaves you in self-pity and despair. It is never what happens to us, but what we do with what is happening to us.

First of all, God is the Lord of all your hells, and means them for your good. Seeing only God at work in us perfecting us, stabilizes us and brings us peace. Then Secondly, embrace your negatives don't fight them. If you feel awful, then feel awful, that is soul reactions--perfectly normal and real. But renew your mind to who you really are in Spirit. The real you is Christ living. He is the one who handles, who copes, who fights your fights for you,

and all you do is rest. What is happening to you is happening to Christ, not just you.

Paul says in Philippians that he "suffered the loss of all things." Yes, that is all of our experience. We move from the tangible "thing level," to the intangible "Spirit level." But we will never move if all is well in the visible. We are sons who operates the things not seen, and have no confidence in the things seen. That is opposite from the way have operated in our fallen condition, but now as sons of God we are risen with Him and we operate and live and walk in the Spirit and not in the flesh. But until we know that, God will shake all that can be shaken so that only He as you remain.

You are in a blessed place, it is "the Holy Ground of hard knocks and weaknesses too numerous to count. Praise Him for your gift of affliction and suffering, for "He is able to keep you from falling, and present you faultless before His glory." And you will learn the hard lesson that we humans beings are nothing but weak vessels and not independent from our maker.

Paradoxically so then, that weak vessel is indwelt by the mighty conquering King Jesus, who is up to any trial, any temptation, or any affliction, and triumphs by you in them. He conquers, reigns, and rules in all your circumstances, as we see Him there in the mists of the appearance of ruins. Amen!

Love in Christ,  
Sylvia Pearce

## **This Months Poem**

### **Wisdom Has Gained Her Victory**

**By Sylvia Pearce**

There is a wound so deep  
There is a desert so dry  
There is a garden of grief

where all I can do is ask why?

Loss is etched in every man's heart  
Pain becomes our friend  
Where is the victory and the joy?  
Lord, when will my hurts end?

Release belongs to someone else  
Peace eludes my mind  
Come Lord meet my anguished heart  
Please don't leave me behind

My flesh longs for Your dear life  
Manifest yourself anew  
Fulfill your promises to Job  
Let my flesh see You

There is a time when what is good  
gives way to what is best  
God wounds us and He hurts us,  
but fire forces our heart to rest

Jesus, you are my pain, and you are my joy  
You are my life indeed  
Let patience have her perfect work  
Where opposites are freed

Is weakness your strength in disguise,  
And pain your megaphone?  
Can brokenness be your healing place  
Even when I feel all alone?

O Lord reveal your mysteries;  
do opposites fit together as one?

Does pain give way to glory; and sorrow lead to joy?  
Does confusion birth clarity;  
And does nothing contain Your all?

Can temptation be for my own good,  
And has the devil become my friend?  
Does faith rise out of doubt;  
and do sovereignty and free-will really contend?

Life swallows up death,  
and grace replaces law  
Here is my soul at rest,  
For God uses it all.

(II Corinthians 12:9-10; 13:4)

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## Article of the Month

### Christ, Our Life

by T. Austin-Sparks

**"When Christ, who is our life, shall be manifested..." Colossians 3:4**

One of the main objects of the Holy Spirit is to get believers really identified with Christ as the risen and exalted Lord, and to make His risen life real in their experience. As the age moves towards its consummation--the manifestation of Christ--two features will become increasingly evident. On the one hand things, men, movements, institutions, organizations, etc., will predominate and draw multitudes after them, and will attach the crowds to themselves. On the other hand, with a growing disappointment and disillusionment over these, a minority will turn to the Lord Himself to find Him alone as their life.

Three elements will inhere in all this. One is the unmistakable development of the principle of Antichrist; that which will definitely supplant Christ, or intend to do so. The second is the alternative to the whole Christ in man-made Christianity, an imitation life born and carried on by its own momentum. The

third, a deep and genuine quest for reality, truth, and inward knowledge of the Lord Himself. In the first case, (the principle of Antichrist) it will be the naked worship of man in human power: a tremendous overflow of humanism, the wonder and glory of man. The third (an inward knowledge of the Lord Himself) will be Christ altogether as the life. (Cf. (1) 1 John 4:2; (2) Rev. 3:14-22; (3) John 15:5-8)

If the Christian is attached to some thing, such as a teaching, a tradition, an institution, a movement, or person, the end will certainly be a limitation of life and eventually confusion and disappointment, perhaps worse. The New Testament makes it unmistakably clear and emphatic that the destiny of all is to be "Christ all and in all (Col. 3:11)" We must learn that a true work of the Spirit of God is to attach everything to Christ Himself. He, Christ, must be the life of our spirit, the "inner man", so that we are strong in the Lord: not in ourselves, nor in others, nor in things. We shall have to survive adversity by His strength within alone. Christ will have to be the life of our mind. Perplexity will find us without the power to explain and understand, but the Spirit will teach and lead (Cf. 2 Cor. 4:4-6).

Christ will need to be life for our bodies. There is such a thing as Divine life for the physical body. Not always does the Lord choose to heal the body, but He does always want to be its life, even in suffering to fulfill His purpose (Cf. 1 Cor. 6:13).

It is the Lord himself, and for this to be so, it has to be against a background of natural inability. The power of His resurrection is the law of union with Christ from beginning to end. Days of terrific pressure are upon the Lord's people. Their enemy is taking very little off-time. The only sufficiency is in the Lord Himself as our life (Cf. 2 Cor. 1:8-10).

Barnabas exhorted the believers at the beginning that "with purpose of heart they should cleave unto the Lord" (Acts 11:23). There is an utterness (intensity) about this that will be pressed upon us until the time "when Christ, who is our life, shall be manifested" (Col 3:4).

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