

MORE TO LIFE THROUGH GOD

The Price of Freedom Can Be Seen

By April Coonfare



Above a door frame to a VA home there is a sign that reads "Through these doors the price of freedom can be seen." That sign says a lot.

As you walk through the corridors you see WWII Veterans; old, wrinkled, and some barely clinging to life with various ailments and diseases.

The price of Freedom is seen.

With blank eyes as if seeing ghosts from a time before, the Korean War veterans from the forgotten war, my grandpa's war, sit in wheelchairs. Clutching scrawny arms, hands, or heads, they moan because after decades they still feel the pain and trauma.

The price of Freedom is seen.

Those who served in Vietnam are there, some with limbs missing, bodies jerking from neurological injuries, and a few wasting away because of exposure to Agent Orange. This was my dad's war. They honored their country by their service, but our country didn't seem to care. An apology is still owed to them with gratitude for their devotion to duty and honor.

The price of Freedom is seen.

Today, through those doors, the men and women of the Iraqi war are being treated, taught to use prosthetics, and shown how to live daily with scars, shattered bodies, and skin grafted wounds. Some regularly awake screaming as they deal with posttraumatic stress disorder.

I have seen and experienced the price of MY freedom, by the greatest name above all names, that name is Jesus!

I have seen the white headstones at the cemetery. I have heard taps. I have watched the rifles raised to the shoulders — I've heard the report of the weapons. I've seen the moms, dads, wives, and children stand as grief overwhelms them. I've seen them clutch that carefully folded flag to their chests in remembrance of that loved one that fought for their freedom as if they are saying "You can't take this away from me".

The price of Freedom is seen.

Now, as we all struggle with a world on the edge of insanity, the ones desperately looking for hope and peace in their lives, here, too . . .

The price of Freedom is seen.

Entering the church each Sunday and Wednesday I have heard the labored request for forgiveness, prayed with those reaching for hope, talked with those that are heavy laden, and I have seen the peace of God come down.

The price of Freedom is seen.

I see the price of freedom when I feel knocked down and I get on my knees and pray.
It is seen when the Spirit overwhelms me with peace.

The price of Freedom is seen.

I have seen the price of Freedom every time I read John 3:16, "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life."

I have seen the price of MY freedom, and his name is Jesus.

The price of Freedom has been given for you too, let the Almighty God touch your life and set you free!

JULY 2012



**PENTECOSTALS
OF BILLINGS**

SERVICE TIMES

SUNDAY
10 AM
6 PM

WEDNESDAY- 7 PM

SATURDAY
PRAYER- 7 PM

JULY 12-14: VARIETY

**JULY 29- FRIENDS DAY
AM SERVICE**

**JULY 30-AUG 2:
FAMILY CAMP**

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SAINT IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Jenae Ziegler



- 1. Where are you originally from?** I was born in Philipsburg, Montana but moved around until I landed in Bozeman when I was 8. I now fully claim Billings as my home.
- 2. How did you come to find God?** Being born into the church I always knew God but it wasn't until I was 18 that I started a full fledged relationship with Him. Instead of being my religion Jesus became my savior and best friend.
- 3. How old were you when you were baptized in Jesus Name?** I was baptized when I was 8 years old in a swimming pool in Bozeman which I found hilarious since there was a kid swimming and I prayed that he wouldn't pick up or swallow any of my sins that were then held in the water.
- 4. How old were you when you received the Holy Ghost?** When I turned 15 I received the holy ghost at youth camp but didn't start my relationship with God until three years later.
- 5. What is your favorite scripture in the Bible?** It has always been hard for me to find a favorite verse because the more I read the Bible the more I love. Each verse speaks differently to me but at this moment my favorite is Matthew 13:46 "Who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had, and bought it." This verse makes me think on how I want to live my life. Jesus is my great pearl. He is so amazing and precious to me and I want to be the person who would sell everything just to have Him in my life.
- 6. What has God done in your life, just this past year, that is a testimony to you.**
God never ceases to amaze me for what He does in my life. Every day I live and breathe is a miracle. I feel so honored that God has been there for me through so much. I was raised in a loving and Godly home which I can never even begin to show my gratitude to Him for allowing me that beautiful gift. This past year He has been present through every good and bad day. From healing my dad after his heart attack to helping me pass Geology God is always present. This year God has revealed to me many things that show His love and I know that the future is fine because of Him.
- 7. Do you have any hobbies?** My hobbies include looking for cowboys (it amazes me that I live in Montana and that they are so hard to find), eating, reading, and writing. I have recently discovered I enjoy running and crashing through shrubbery on a bike.
- 8. Favorite type of food?** I have no set favorite type of food but I do love cake, I don't know if that counts, but I would eat cake for dinner if I could and I do sometimes, just don't tell my mom!

SPIRITUAL WARFARE PRAYER

In the next coming months I am going to be adding a prayer tool for those expanded prayer times in your life that can change your life, the church and all you do.

These tools will help you to push back darkness and go push forward in your walk with God.

Mark 1:35 *“And in the morning, rising up a great while before day, he went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed.”*



WORDS OF INSIGHT

Exodus 33:2 “And I will send an angel before thee; and I will drive out the Canaanite, the Amorite, and the Hittite, and the Perizzite, the Hivite, and the Jebusite.”

Revelation 10:1 “ And I saw another mighty angel come down from the heaven, clothed with a cloud; and a rainbow was upon his head, and his face was as it were the sun, and his feet as pillars of fire.”

Warfare Praying with Angels:

We do not pray to angels-Anything you pray to, you deify
“God send forth these angels to do the job you created for them.”

Mighty Angels:These are heaven’s warriors-God’s fighters

Bind prince of my city

I come against evil-destroy it in my city

Let the economy flourish

Make it easy to do right in our city

Make it easy to get saved

Post an angel on the corners of my city.

THE KNOTS PRAYER



Dear God,

Please untie the knots that are in my mind, my heart, and my life.

Remove the have nots, cannots, and do nots.

Erase the will nots, may nots, might nots that may find a home in my heart.

Release me from the could nots, would nots, should nots that obstruct my life..

And most of all, Dear God, I ask that you remove from my mind, my heart, and my life all of the “am nots” that I have allowed to hold me back.

Especially the thought that I am not good enough.

Amen

- Unknown



CHURCH PRAYER REQUESTS



Tyler Sapp
Louie & Dale Dauenhauer
Michael Kruger
The Ehler family
Marty McFate
Carol Penrod
Galen Walter
The Price family

If you have a prayer request that you want posted for others to pray for please submit them to my email: coonfare03@yahoo.com



July 2012

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Sermons 5 year Anniversary as our Pastor!						
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				
5th Sunday Friends Day 10 AM Service Food & Fun To Follow	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> FAMILY CAMP-HUNGRY HORSE, MT </div>					



HELPING UGANDA

Don't forget July is when the Tolstads will be heading back to Uganda to resume their missionary work. Our church pledged to donate funds for a new church building to be built there for our brothers and sisters to worship God and reach out to those hungry souls in Uganda.

It only takes \$3,000 to build a church; so far we have raised \$2525!

To have funds designated for Uganda, be sure to mark your check or envelope with the word UGANDA.

UpComing Events:

July 4th- Church Picnic- 4 pm @ Poly Vista

July 12th-14th- Youth Trip - Variety

July 12th-14th- Jr Youth Camp- Wyola

July 19th-21st- Wyola Brush Arbor Camp

July 29th- Friends Day AM Service

July 30th- Aug. 2- Family Camp, Hungry Horse, MT

August 25- Secret Sister Luau



MOCHA CHEESECAKE BARS

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Ingredients:

Crust

30 reduced-fat chocolate sandwich cookies (such as Oreos)

1/4 cup(s) fat-free bottled hot fudge topping, not heated

Filling

1 envelope(s) unflavored gelatin

1/2 cup(s) cold strong coffee

16 ounce(s) (2 bricks) 1/3-less-fat cream cheese (Neufchâtel), softened

3/4 cup(s) sugar

1 cup(s) (8 oz) reduced-fat sour cream

1 bar(s) (3 oz) bittersweet chocolate, broken up and melted

Chocolate coffee beans, for garnish



You'll need a 13 x 9-in. baking pan lined with nonstick foil to extend about 2 in. above narrow ends of pan.

Pulse cookies in food processor until fine crumbs. Add fudge topping to crumbs; pulse to moisten. Press firmly in prepared pan. Freeze while proceeding. Sprinkle gelatin over coffee in a small saucepan; let stand 2 minutes. Stir over low heat until steaming and granules dissolve. Remove from heat.

Beat cream cheese and sugar in a large bowl with mixer on high speed until smooth. On low speed, beat in sour cream, the coffee mixture and chocolate until blended. Pour into crust, cover and refrigerate 4 hours or until firm.

Lift foil by ends onto cutting board. Cut crosswise into 8 strips, then each strip into 6 bars. Add coffee beans to top.



DIVINE HEALING

God is the Great Physician. His knowledge of the human mind and body is complete. He can do more for the sick and the diseased than can all earthly doctors and surgeons combined. He created us; is it not reasonable, then, to believe that He can heal us when we are sick?

The Provision of Healing

Christ's suffering and death purchased healing for us—physically, mentally, and spiritually. "Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows...with his stripes we are healed" (Isaiah 53:4-5). This promise definitely includes physical healing, for the Gospel of Matthew says this passage was fulfilled by Christ's healing of people who were sick: "He cast out the spirits with his word, and healed all that were sick: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaiiah the prophet, saying, "Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses" (Matthew 8:16-17). (See also 1 Peter 2:24).

The healing ministry of Christ did not end with His earthly life; it is part of His work in the church today. He promised, "These signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils . . . they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover" (Mark 16:17-18). Listed among the gifts of the Spirit for the present-day church are "the gifts of healing" (1 Corinthians 12:9). James 5:14-15 presents God's plan for divine healing: "Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: and the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up." Laying on of hands and anointing with oil usually accompany prayer for healing, in accordance with God's Word and to focus faith.

Faith in the Lord is the key to receiving healing. The Gospels record that Jesus healed people according to their faith. (See Matthew 9:29;13:58; Mark 2:5; 5:34, 36; 9:23-24;10:52.) By the power of God the Apostle Paul was able to raise up a lame man at Lystra because he perceived that the man had faith to be healed (Acts 14:8-10).

Prayer for healing, like all prayer, must be offered by faith in the name of Jesus, with proper motives, from a repentant heart, and in submission to the will of God (Acts 3:16; James 4:3; 1 John 3:21-22; 5:14-15). God does not always answer in the manner and time that we expect, but we must always keep our trust in Him, even when we do not understand circumstances. Moreover, whatever healing or release from handicaps and weaknesses that Christians do not receive in this life, they will obtain in the resurrection, for their mortal bodies will be glorified and given immortality, and death itself shall be destroyed (1 Corinthians 15:26, 49-57).

Healing in Bible Times

God gave the first recorded promise of divine healing soon after He brought the Israelites out of Egypt. He told them, "I am the LORD that healeth thee" (Exodus 15:26). Psalm 103:3 describes God as One "who healeth all thy diseases".

The Old Testament records a number of miracles of healing and even raising of the dead. For example, God used the prophet Elijah to restore a dead child to life (1 Kings 17:22). Through the prophet Elisha He raised a child to life and brought cleansing to Namaan the leper (2 Kings 4:32-35; 5:1-14). God healed King Hezekiah in response to his prayer and added fifteen years to his life (2 Kings 20:5).

The New Testament records many healings in the earthly ministry of Jesus, and He performed many that are not individually recorded. "Jesus went about all Galilee...healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people" (Matthew 4:23). He gave sight to the blind, unstopped deaf ears, cleansed lepers, made the lame to walk, and raised the dead (Matthew 11:4-5).

After Christ's ascension, He continued His ministry of healing through His apostles and other disciples. Working through Peter and John, He healed a lame man who had never walked (Acts 3:6-8). Many miracles occurred in Stephen's ministry, and many people were healed during Philip's revival in Samaria (Acts 6:8; 8:7). Through God's power, Peter raised Dorcas from the dead (Acts 9:36-42). And God worked special miracles of healing in the ministry of Paul (Acts 19:11-12). Comparatively few healings of that time were recorded, for Acts 5:16 states, "There came also a multitude out of the cities round about unto Jerusalem, bringing sick folks, and them which were vexed with unclean spirits: and they were healed every one."

God Heals Today

God still heals today. Many contemporary instances are documented in two books published by Word Aflame Press: *Miracles in our Day* and *God Answers Prayer*. These examples demonstrate that God's promise of healing is still being fulfilled.

The good that medical doctors and medicines do is to be appreciated, but God is the ultimate source of all healing. It is He who has given doctors skill and intelligence, and it is He who created the substances from which medicines are extracted or manufactured. Doctors and medicines, however, can only assist the human body in renewing the natural healing power invested in it by the Creator. Even when a person receives medical assistance, he can still look to God for divine healing. God can heal with medical help, but He also can and often does heal miraculously without any human assistance.

Many people in our churches can testify to being miraculously healed by God. And what God has done for others, He will do for you. Whatever your sickness or disease, He can make you whole. Look to Him today for your healing.



STRENGTH

By Larissa Timme

Real strength is doing what is right and rejecting what is wrong, even when everyone around you is pushing you to do the wrong thing. Real strength gives up what you really want the most in order to obey God in choosing what is right. Real strength resists giving in to anger, selfishness, criticism or lying. Real strength is the power to do all this through faith in and by the promised power of Jesus Christ. Real strength is continuing to stand when all around have fallen. Real strength is the ability to control your anger when you want the most to let it go. Real strength takes responsibility for the failures of life, without blaming it on God or others. Real strength is being there when you are needed even when you don't know what to say. Real strength comes from God, who strengthens us every day.

Psalm 121:1-2 Look up to the mountains; does my strength come from mountains? No, my strength comes from God, who made heaven, and earth, and mountains. (MSG)

We need to remember that the Lord strengthens us in everything that we do. Sometimes we have those times when we are not focusing on God and we let other things take over our lives like, friends or work. During those times we just need to take a break and realize that we wouldn't be able to hang out with friends or make money to support ourselves without God. He is the reason we can do those things. He blesses us with those types of things in our lives. He is the foundation of our lives. Sometimes we forget about how important he is to us when we get caught up with other things in life. We need to always try to come back to him and remember that he is our strength. God is how you have the strength to stand up against adversity because he is by your side and in your heart. God should be the one you depend on. He will never leave you or forsake you!

Youth For July :

12-14th- Variety

GIRLS NIGHT-BIBLE STUDY

Jenae Ziegler has a burden to give our youth girls a Bible Study that will help them be guided and directed in making the right choices living in today's world.

These classes will start at 7 pm on Friday nights at the church, except on youth nights they will start at 6 pm.

If you have questions feel free to ask Jenae; also, if your daughter needs a ride to the church on these nights please contact her.



Check out **SOLD OUT Youth Group Pentecostals of Billings on Facebook!**



If you would like a private Bible study simply give us a call. In your bible we will show you where the Lord commands us, that we are to be born again.



JULY BIRTHDAYS

1-Vikki Hoerner/Nathan Timme
4-Brady Trevino
6-Dusty Ruff
7-Gerard Laverdure
8-Dorothy Dauenhauer
9-Linda Ziegler
12-Melanie Kramer
15-Lois Parker
16-Florence Woeppel
18-Abraham Laverdure
20-Chris Trevino
25-Aaliyah Big Lake
26-James Gopher
30-Adree Shield
31-Chrislyn Nomee



3-Alan & April Coonfare
9-Lawrence & Becky Wittman
10-Palmer & Gretta Henrickson
27-Leonard & OkHui Woeppel

Ponder This...

“I was not born to be free: I was born to adore and to obey.”
—C.S. Lewis

“If we ever forget that we are One Nation Under God, then we will be a nation gone under.”
—Ronald Reagan

“Sometimes the most important thing in a whole day is the rest we take between two deep breaths.”
—Etty Hillesum

Spiritual Insomnia

Studies show that most Americans don't get adequate sleep. Whether an overcrowded schedule or insomnia is to blame, the short and long-term effects are alarming. It's tough to maintain a healthy mind and body when you're sleep-deprived. Likewise, we require sufficient, regular quiet time with God to stay spiritually healthy. Think how much more we need to listen for God's voice and learn from his Word!