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**“THE OLD BROWN ROCKER”**

**(FINALLY, AFTER 10 YEARS - MY NEWEST BOOK IS FINISHED!)**

It seemed that God’s inspiration and blessings did not impact any of my efforts during the last ten years as I wrote and rewrote and rewrote *The Old Brown Rocker*. However, I never gave up writing on it.

This fictional story was birthed after the end of my dear grandmother’s life. The inspiration (more of a challenge!) came from my Aunt Mildred’s saying that she bet I couldn’t write a story about my grandmother’s old brown rocker (sitting in the back of a pickup truck in front of her house). I accepted the challenge, thinking it would be easy.

Suddenly a rain storm began to pour down on Grandma’s beloved old brown rocker as it sat outside awaiting its final lonely trip to the dump. I felt some sort of connection to the old chair, but I really could not identify it.

I was to spend the next ten years (off and on) bringing the story of my Grandmother’s final days and her old rocker’s last days to life.

*The Old Brown Rocker* is now ready to share with you—finally birthed and blessed by God (I hope!). Below are some of the Reviews and a few passages from this small book I wish to share.

**Old Brown Rocker REVIEWS**

I sent advance copies of *The Old Brown Rocker* to some of my friends in the ministry, (a couple of pastors, a Bible School student, and another was a published author). I wish to thank them for giving permission for their Reviews to be included here.

“*The Old Brown Rocker* will take you back to your childhood memories of having unanswered questions about life. Although this is a fictional book, my search for help and answers at the same age was much like Leah’s. Rev. Liberty Savard has now given us an inspirational page-turner of discovery!

This book is for the reading of the young and old alike because it reveals how God can

capture and comfort the most frightened and hurting hearts of young and old through His love.” Dr. Diane Gardner, Pastor and Published Author, S. Calif.

“I finished reading *The Old Brown Rocker* this morning with tears running down my face. Very moving and inspired. I am wondering if are you adding more to the chapters or is this all of it? It is very thought provoking. Also, I love the concept of how the little girl is used as an instrument of God in the story.” Warren Wilkes, Connections Pastor at Rockin’ the Nations Ministries, S.C.

“Dear Rev. Liberty: I have just finished reading your advance copy of *The Old Brown Rocker*. I can’t even express what I feel about it. I read the last chapter with tears in my eyes. From the very beginning I understood what the divine dream (in the book) meant. The last chapter confirmed this.

This book is very anointed and the language is so rich and imaginative, I could just taste it like honey! It is a very interesting way of preaching the gospel of salvation. Just excellent and great! What a creative person you are! May the Lord continue blessing you in His special ways!” Pastor Z.L. – Russia

“Well, I’m “in bits” having read the advance copy of *The Old Brown Rocker*. (In England, “in bits” is a British colloquialism for having cried a lot!) The book is really good.”  
Deb Sokell– Bible School Student in England

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### **Excerpts from *The Old Brown Rocker***

Grandma’s house had been leased to a family named the Cowans and all her furniture had been sold or given away. Poor old Winston had been sent to live with Barbara because the owner of Denise and Leah’s small house would not allow any pets.

Everything has been “taken care of,” Leah had heard her mother tell Barbara.

EVERYTHING HAS NOT BEEN “TAKEN CARE OF,” Leah thought angrily. Leah desperately wanted to know what was going to happen to Grandma and her dog, Winston, and her old brown rocker.

No one wanted to give the old brown rocker a home except Leah. Her mother said there was no place for it in their house because it was old and worn out and of no use to anyone. It did not rock anymore because its frame was cracked. The rocker’s back was weak and the stuffing kept trying to get out. The right arm was wobbly, too.

Leah was stunned that her mother was so angry when she tried to talk to her about the old rocker. Her mother had raised her voice, almost yelling that the old rocker was not worth fixing!

Denise’s face looked strange, her shoulders were rigid, and her voice was dead and dull when she said that the rocker was going to the dump! Then she said Leah would just have to understand.

Leah did not understand! She spun around and ran out of the room, giving up trying to

talk to her mother about the old rocker or anything else.

Leah felt as lonely, lost, and unloved as Grandma's old rocker probably did.

As the old brown rocker sat outside in her mother's truck waiting for someone to decide its fate, a terrible storm blew in and rain poured for nearly three hours. The old rocker became soaked and any chance of restoring it was now gone. It had dried out some in the past few days, but it smelled funny.

Suddenly Denise forced a smile and said, "Why don't we go and visit Grandma in the hospital this afternoon and see how she is doing? I know I said you had to wait until she felt better, but I think it is time for you to visit her. Grandma would really like that.

"You will see that everyone is taking very good care of her and giving her lots of attention. She is happy."

"How can she be happy? She does not have her old brown rocker with her and she does not have Windsor with her. She does not even know what you have done with her house and her things, does she? Grandma doesn't know that you let strangers move into her house or that you gave Windsor away, does she?" Leah's voice kept rising until she was almost shouting.

Her mother gasped at Leah's anger. The color drained from her face. "Leah, no! I did not do that. This is not my fault. Grandma is so sick that she needed special care.

"Something had to...someone had to..." stumbled Denise.

Leah interrupted in a loud voice, "You even let Gramma's old chair get ruined! You gave her house away, you gave Windsor away—you

changed everything. Everything is all ruined now! When are you going to decide to give me away?" Leah shouted.

Running out into the field, Leah looked again at the sad old rocker in her mom's truck. It looked as miserable as she felt. Maybe it missed Gramma, too.

Leah went back to the edge of the field and climbed up into the pickup's bed. She sadly ran her hand over the chair's side. Maybe, just maybe, she would feel better if she sat in it for a little while.

Crawling up into the chair, Leah wrinkled her nose because the chair did not smell right. The honeysuckle and chocolate smells were still slightly there, but there was a damp moldy smell mixed in with them. She tried to ignore that and concentrate hard on the part that smelled like Grandma.

The familiar part of that smell brought a flood of memories into Leah's mind. Leah closed her eyes and blocked out the world around her. She laid her head down on her small, slender arms and the tears began to flow as if a dam had burst within her thin body.

When the tears would come no more, Leah felt exhausted and helpless. Although she seemed almost unable to move, Leah felt strangely comforted for the first time since her Grandma had gotten sick.

Pushing her tear-stained face deeper into the musty chair, Leah softly cried again, "What should I do now, Grandma?"

Leah's mind slowly became quiet. Unwilling to break the peacefulness she finally felt, she lay very still for a long time.

Then Leah felt a strange movement beneath her. Something seemed to move!

Leah did not want to leave the warm emotional cocoon she had burrowed herself into, but something seemed to move again! She raised her head to see if someone else was in the truck, but there was no one there.

A small frown crossed Leah's face as tried to pull back into herself. Feeling movement yet again, she sat up scowling—but no one was there.

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Having no bus money and afraid her mother would see her if she tried to ride her bike, Leah set out to walk the two miles to the hospital. She knew the way, having passed the tall building many times on her bus ride to school. Leah was small for her age, but she was healthy and strong and the distance did not mean anything to her.

As she walked, she began to try to form her plan. As near as she could tell, everyone seemed to think Grandma was just like the old chairs that had once held places of honor in their homes. Since Grandma was old and was not useful to anyone anymore, she had been put out of her home.

For all Leah knew, maybe there really was some sort of dumping place where they took worn-out old people and left them—just like the old furniture.

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Little Commando Leah was ready for all-out war if that was what it would take to break her grandmother out of the hospital.

Leah walked steadily and purposefully towards town, her hands shoved firmly into her jeans pockets. She was a picture of grim determination when she finally walked through the hospital's large front doors.

As she looked at the many people hurrying here and there, she became aware that the

hospital was huge and full of extremely official-looking people. She was not too sure what the official-looking people were going to think about her plan to break her Grandma out of the hospital, but she did not care. She decided the best thing she could do was sit down, organize her thoughts, and figure out what her next step should be.

That would not be an easy task because she did not have the faintest idea where her Grandma was in the big building.

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Finally arriving at her goal, the third floor, she ducked into the first room she saw open where she found an old man sleeping, snoring softly. Assured that she was in the right place, Leah said to herself, "This is definitely where they keep the old people!"

Leah watched the hall carefully and when it seemed quiet, she moved quickly into the next room. That room was empty. She slipped back into the hall, making sure it was empty, and ran to the next room. "This is not as hard as I thought it would be," she thought.

Then her heart dropped into her stomach as she stopped in her tracks. Leah was staring straight into the milky eyes of a very old man in a hospital bed no more than three feet away! She stood frozen to the floor for about ten seconds and then dropped down to huddle behind a wheelchair.

The old man struggled up off his pillow and weakly yelled, "Who's there? Who's there? I saw you. Come out!"

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As a nurse swept into the room and moved towards the old man, Leah streaked out into the hall and ran to the next room, turning her small hands into hard little fists, she lifted her chin. "I can do this because I have to!" Leah grumbled. "I'm the only one who will do it!"

The next room was her Grandma's room!

Leah slipped to the door and looked both ways. All was clear and she hurried back to the room where the wheelchair was. The old man was sleeping now and Leah swiftly backed the chair out the doorway and then down the hall and into her Grandma's room.

As she tried to rush into her Grandma's room, the wheelchair whacked into the doorpost with a sharp smack. Leah sucked in her breath and pushed it on into the room.

Leah realized she would have to figure out how she was going to get the tubes and needles out of her Grandma. "What are these horrible things," she cried softly. "I'll get them out, Grandma. I'll get you free," Leah promised in a shaky little voice.

As Leah reached for the tubes, a deep male voice asked from behind her, "What do you think you're doing, young lady?"

**"I WILL BE PRAYING FOR YOU!"**

Often people will express concern for others in difficult or sad situations by saying, "I'll be praying for you" or "I am praying for you." Do you ever wonder what they really mean? Will they pray earnest prayers for the hurt one(s) for the next several days?

To promise to pray for someone is a commitment. No actual praying ignores that commitment. This is like promising someone a gift that you never give them. These people will not know if you prayed or not, but God will. He will always know if you keep your commitments.

Television newscasters often close their stories by saying, "We'll be praying for them." What does that mean to them? Will

the newscasters really devote sincere prayer time to those named in the news story? I want to believe they do care—but then they too quickly launch into the next news story.

Psalm 15:2 and 15:4 tell us:

***"Those who obey God and always do what is right...who profess a promise always do what they promise, no matter how much it may cost (them)." Good News Translation***

I do not mean to pick on newscasters; perhaps they do pray for those people in their stories. There are Christians, however, who say they'll pray for people but never follow through on the actual promise.

We should follow through with sincere prayer or we should keep our promise of praying to ourselves. Trying to make someone feel better by telling them we will pray for them, but we never do, is like giving them a bowl of fake food.

It is not that these promises of prayer which are not followed through are meant as wrong or as ill-intentioned; they are just empty words. Perhaps they are well-intended words meant to encourage—but an unfulfilled commitment is just empty words.

**The greatest intention in the world never births a great prayer unless it is prayed!**

Proverbs 25:14:

***"People who promise things that they never give (or do) are like clouds and wind that bring no rain." Good News Translation***

Prayer is one of the high roles of being a Christian. Sincere prayer can yield peace, give perspective, and enlist God's power. To



pray and bind someone's will to the will of God is supporting them to reach out to God's will. The following is how I pray when binding someone to God's will and loosing the works of the enemy from them.

I bind the will of (whoever) to the will of God. I do so because I believe this will encourage them and strengthen his/her efforts of reaching out to God.

I bind his/her mind to the mind of Christ to help focus their thoughts on His thoughts. I bind his/her emotions to the healing, balance, and comfort of the Holy Spirit.

I loose the works of the enemy from them. First John 3:8 (AMP) tells us:

***“The reason the Son of God was made manifest (visible) was to undo (loose, destroy, and dissolve) the works the devil [has done].”***

I do not, as I pray, offer suggestions or try to tell God what I think He should do—He knows what to do!

### **Praying the Keys of the Kingdom Prayers the Wrong Way!**

Many of the e-mails I have received over the years request specific, tailor-made binding and loosing prayers to receive answers the writer believes will be best.

People are praying the Keys of the Kingdom prayers the wrong way. The binding and loosing prayers are perceived by them to be like a promise of God to resolve issues in whatever way they feel will be best.

The true purpose of the Keys of the Kingdom prayers is to realign your self-wants, self-perceived solutions, and self-desires to agree with God's solutions and will for you and for

others. The Keys of the Kingdom prayers are our best means of learning to cooperate with God's will and power as He does this.

James 4:2-3 AMP tells us:

***Vs. 2: “You are jealous and covet [what others have] and your desires go unfulfilled; [so] you become murderers. [To hate is to murder as far as your hearts are concerned.] You burn with envy and anger and are not able to obtain [the gratification, the contentment, and the happiness that you seek], so you fight and war. You do not have, because you do not ask.***

***Vs. 3: [Or] you do ask [God for them] and yet fail to receive, because you ask with wrong purpose and evil, selfish motives. Your intention is [when you get what you desire] to spend it in sensual pleasures.”***

Too many of our prayers are our attempts to bring situations and relationship struggles into alignment with what **we want**—not what God knows will be the best for us. He wants us to agree with what He knows is best.

Agreement is a principle God has instituted because of its power to draw people together in one accord to Him. He wants us all to agree with His will. To agree is to be of “*one accord, to be of one mind.*” Matthew 18:19 (AMP) tells us what happens when we agree with Him and we agree with another on earth:

***“If two of you on earth agree (harmonize together, make a symphony together) about whatever [anything and everything] they may ask (Author's note) of God:***

***It will come to pass and be done for them by My Father in Heaven.”***

**THIS is a PROMISE OF GOD!**

It is important to remember and believe that  
GOD NEVER BREAKS HIS PROMISES!

**Praying Binding & Loosing Prayers  
The RIGHT WAY!**

Binding and loosing prayers seem to some to be a “spiritually-legal” way to fulfill “prayer quotas and/or responsibilities.”

**Wrong! Wrong! Wrong!**

Binding and loosing prayers (the Keys to the Kingdom Prayers) are the means of spiritually lining your prayers up with the will of God.

Lots of questions come to me via e-mail about how many times a day (or week) one should pray the binding and loosing prayers and what should you do if you don't manage to meet that quota? People even ask if it would be all right to double up on the prayers in the following days?

**Not the point!**

The binding and loosing prayers are not a formula request to God that will result in getting the answers you want—based upon your having fulfilled or met certain prayer quotas.

The binding and loosing prayers are not prayers you can memorize and then use (by rote) “X” number of times a day as a guaranteed success formula.

**They are your means of effectively praying with the Keys of the Kingdom principles of binding and loosing to align your will and your prayers with God's will.**

Perhaps this is unnecessary to repeat, but the written/suggested binding and loosing prayers are meant strictly as examples of how to best pray with the principles and the prayer

concepts to align yourself with God's will for you. I know I sound like a broken record, but.....!

**Relax, trust God from the bottom of your heart; don't try to figure out everything on your own. Just listen for God's voice in whatever you do, wherever you go; He's the one who will keep you on track.**

**NEGATIVE THINKING  
LEADS TO EMOTIONAL AND  
PHYSICAL TOXICITY AND STRESS**

According to Dr. Herbert Benson, MD, President of Harvard Medical School's Mind-Body Institute, negative thinking leads to toxic stress which affects our body's natural healing capacities.

In other words, toxic emotional thinking wears down the brain's and the body's natural healing abilities!

Proverbs 4:23 (AMP) tells us God's Word says you and I must:

*Keep and guard your heart with all vigilance and above all that you guard, for out of it flow the springs of life.*

The *Good News Translation* says:

*Be careful how you think; your life is shaped by your thoughts.*

**Do you realize what is being said here?**

One internationally recognized, non-profit research organization that helps people reduce stress, performed a study that showed that focusing on angry, fearful, and frustrated feelings causes our DNA to change shape. DNA responds to negative feelings by

tightening up and becoming shorter, switching off many of our positive DNA codes. This is why we can feel mentally, emotionally, and physically “shut down by negative emotions.”

We cause this changing of the shape of our DNA by making poor-quality decisions when we choose to grasp and cling to toxic thoughts (for example: anger, unforgiveness, bitterness, irritation, or fears of failure).

This changes our DNA causing subsequent genetic expressions which impacts our brain’s “wiring” negatively. This immediately puts the brain into protection mode, and it translates these toxic thoughts as stress. This stress manifests in our bodies. It is almost like being on a continually rotating hamster’s wheel in a steel cage constructed of negativity.

**Here’s the great part:** Scripture tells us that we have been formed according to God’s image and according to His nature (Genesis 1:26). Any negativity impacting our DNA codes can be reversed by our genuine expression of feelings of love, joy, appreciation, and gratitude toward God and others!

Praying in tongues can break up a hamster-wheel pattern of negative and fearful stress. If you are not comfortable with this, read aloud the Bible verses below (plus your favorite verses!). Either action will effectively install a reverse/back-up gear in your negative thought patterns.

I believe the most exciting part of the results of this study is the scientific belief that demonstrates that a positive attitude and good choices have the capacity to rewire everything back to its original healthy positive state. **Just like what God says!**

## Bible Encouragement

The below Scripture verses will offer **encouragement** to you in your daily life and provide inspiration and strength as you cope with life’s challenges. God’s plan for your life is that you have joy and live life to the fullest.

If you are feeling overwhelmed, run down, and without hope, the Bible can lift your spirits and give you a fresh start! It is all a gift from God to you.

Read the below verses from the Holy Bible about encouragement aloud. Why aloud? So your soul’s tendency to rebel from time to time will be thwarted and the enemy will have to see and hear that you mean what you are saying!

### **Isaiah 40:31 tells us that God says:**

*Those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.*

### **Isaiah 43:2 (AMP) tells us that God says:**

*When you pass through the waters, I will be with you, and through the rivers, they will not overwhelm you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned or scorched, nor will the flame kindle upon you.*

### **Joshua 1:9 tells us that God says:**

*Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go.”*

### **Proverbs 18:10 tells us that God says:**

*The name of the LORD is a fortified tower; the righteous run to it and are safe.*

### **Proverbs 3:5-6 tells us that God says:**

*Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.*



**2 Corinthians 1:3-4 tells us that God says:**  
*Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God.*

**John 14:27 tells us that God says:**  
*Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.*

**Romans 8:31 tells us:**  
*If God is for us/me, who can be against us/me?"*

**Psalm 19:7 assures us:**  
*"The teachings of the Lord are perfect. They renew the soul [the mind, will and emotions]. The testimony of the Lord is dependable. It makes gullible people wise."*

It is God's will to renew our minds, wills, and emotions! His promises cannot be broken!

The next big question is: how do you engage your brain and cause it to think genuinely positive thoughts? Try this: make a list of things for which you can (and should) be grateful for and reassured by every day. Read it aloud several times a day!

**Philippians 4:6-7 tells us that God says:**  
*Do not fret or have any anxiety about anything, but in every circumstance and in everything, by prayer and petition (definite requests), with thanksgiving, continue to make your wants known to God. And God's peace [shall be yours, that tranquil state of a soul assured of its salvation through Christ, and so fearing nothing from God and being content with its earthly lot of whatever sort that is, that peace] which transcends all*

*understanding shall garrison and mount guard over your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus."*

God does not just work to change our situations to help us get out of them; He wants to change our hearts to believe, love, and obey His will—trusting that He has our backs in every way. He will resolve the situations, but He wants us to stop resisting His way and His directions whether we understand them or not!

He wants us to trust Him implicitly.

Immediately your mind may have just jumped to the time you really thought you were trusting Him and everything blew up!

Did you really abandon your human-perceived abilities to solve your problems? Or did you only dip a couple of your humanistic toes into "His way" and panic when you didn't see how His ways could possibly float anything?

When we relax our feelings of stress, our DNA loosens up and we become aware of His peace that has been right there waiting for us. We also become aware that He is slowly moving rampant chaos into more peaceful directions.

**Don't forget that He probably isn't just working on your life!**

It is highly likely that there are others involved in the same situation as you or with you whose life and faith He is also adjusting. The Lord is the Great Multitasker of all multitaskers!

We were never meant to have to solve all our problems ourselves (even when we are the ones who have made the bad mistakes). God is not a: "You got yourself into this—now you can just get yourself out!" kind of a God!

We are meant to trust our heavenly Father for the answers and solutions and we are meant to cooperate with His loving guidance and care in all kinds of situations.

He also wants us to learn from these situations! Remember that it does not matter if they are totally unpredicted or absolutely our fault.

This is certainly something to be grateful for, is it not? Don't forget:

**Gratitude leaves no room for complaining. It is impossible to be truly grateful and be filled with negativity and ungratefulness at the same time.**

#### **TWO STORIES ABOUT STUBBORN FATHERS (also in *Producing the Promise*)**

My father was always my difficult person in my family. We had some serious relationship dynamics to overcome; I was just as strong willed and hard headed as he was—go figure! We both grew older and mellowed and it became a little easier to interact.

However, he never told me I was special or that he loved me, except when he grunted back, “Me, too,” if I told him I loved him. But, back to my story.

My traveling companion, Evelyn, and I flew to New York to tour my publisher's publishing plant and possibly fulfill a few speaking invitations. We landed in New York, and the next thing I knew, we were careening through the Holland Tunnel and headed for Manhattan—Evelyn and I and four men we had never met before.

I looked at her and said quietly, “If we're not on an adventure with God here, we're in big trouble.” Little did I know, I was about to be unexpectedly thrust into a seemingly more

difficult situation, for my publisher had freely promised that I would be delighted to take on the unexpected job of teaching at the Sunday night service at the Bowery Mission for the homeless in Manhattan (NY). I was in big trouble then. I had to instantly learn exactly what 2 Timothy 2 meant: “*Preach the word: be instant in season, out of season.*”

I called the West Coast hoping to get prayer support from someone who would pray—anyone! My father was the only one I could reach.

While my father had prayed to God at rare times, he was adamant that he didn't believe in that “Jesus person.” Still, a prayer is a prayer if you're desperate enough, right? I asked him if he would pray.

Surprisingly, he said yes, and then he waited for whatever I would say next. “I mean, would you pray right now,” I asked. He said okay. I pushed the envelope a little further and asked him to pray out loud. He said okay and began to pray: “God, please take care of my daughter. She's special and I love her. Amen.”

I was completely shocked, and I burst into tears. Here I was, 56 years old, and my father had just told God I was special and he loved me for the very first time. I wailed, “You made me cry!”

My father said, “Yeah, I did. Bye!” and quickly hung up.

The next thing I knew, as I said, we were careening through the Holland Tunnel, Evelyn and I and the four men we had never met before. I decided I had better jot down a few notes for my sermon, a few ideas on how to teach the street people of Manhattan about binding and loosing.

“Lord, have mercy on me,” was all I could think of to write. When we pulled up to the Bowery Mission, I was aware of the darkness around us as I got out of the car. We walked inside and met briefly with the staff. I asked the director how long I would have to preach and he said, “Twenty minutes.”

I immediately protested that this was impossible. There was no way I could teach them anything meaningful in twenty minutes. I’ll preach two to three hours if someone will listen. All my protests were to no avail, I had twenty minutes, period!

I was informed that these people had come in off the cold streets to eat and they couldn’t go into the dining room until I was through. I would be lucky to hold their attention twenty minutes.

My soul began to snarl, “I didn’t ask for this gig, I didn’t plan on it, I can’t do it, I don’t want to.” I briefly thought again about rebelling and the little voice in my head said, “*Did you get up this morning and bind your will to My will?*” It was clear I wasn’t going to get any sympathy from God!

The next thing I knew we were in the chapel and I was sitting on the platform behind a beautiful, hand-carved pulpit that I later learned Abraham Lincoln once preached from.

The chapel itself was long and narrow with high gothic-looking ceilings. Perhaps 100 or more people were sitting in the pews.

I was clutching my little cheat sheet of notes and wondering how far I would get with them when I heard, “Now let’s welcome Rev. Liberty Savard.” I walked to the pulpit and God said, “*Throw those silly notes away. I want you to teach about Rahab the harlot.*”

“Rahab? Lord!” I urgently murmured, “I can’t preach about a prostitute in here. Probably two-thirds of them are prostitutes.” There was no answer, and I knew better than to try to question Him again.

So, I dropped my pathetic little notes behind me and began to preach about Rahab the harlot.

I shared how God saw the intent of her heart and her desire to meet the God that she had heard had been killing kings and parting seas and delivering His people out of Egypt. God marked her as His and He began to use her right in the middle of her terribly wrong environment to change the destiny of history!

I got so into the story, I forgot to look at my watch. I was only looking at their faces and the attitudes of their bodies as they eagerly leaned forward on the pews in front of them, drinking in every word I was saying.

Suddenly I looked at my watch and I had been preaching 45 minutes. I wrapped everything up quickly and gave an altar call. Over a third of the people came forward and I went down among them and prayed and cried with them. Then I walked down the aisle of the chapel and shook hands with several more people who were smiling broadly and thanking me for the message.

About half way down the aisle, a troubled man called out a rather threatening question. A big black brother turned around and grabbed him by his lapels, appearing to lift him right off the floor as he growled, “Don’t talk to the preacher lady like that, you hear!” I felt completely safe.

No one seemed to want to leave, and the kitchen staff kept peeking out into the chapel to see what was keeping the people, for it was obvious the meeting was over. The people

finally began to drift in to their dinner after I agreed to dine with them. The staff of the Mission and the four men I had gone there with all came to me and said that they had never heard a message like that preached there. One of the staff said, “I’ve worked here sixteen years, and I’ve never seen them so attentive. Most preachers come in here and recycle their Sunday sermons, but you preached what they needed to hear.”

Why was I so anointed that night? I believe it was because I had preached under the double blessing of my natural father and my heavenly Father.

Many of the things that we most desperately want to hear, or questions we want to have answered, are hidden in the darkness of God’s “yet unknown.” We will never find them on our own, but obedience to the will of God often places us in immediate proximity to them.

I’m finding many of these hidden treasures in most unusual ways, and I am very aware that to rebel against anything God has especially set up for me might mean a treasure lost. That is just one of the outcomes of binding my will to God’s will, particularly before facing something “scary.”

Some have come to me after hearing this story and said, “That’s fine for you. Your father was alive to say that. I never heard my father say it and he’s dead now. So, where does that leave me?”

I softly answer, “That is finite thinking, human thinking without any divine influence. God knows what you want to know and He can get that information to you whether your father is dead or not.

Let me tell you about my friend and his dead father.”

My friend Roland lives in Texas and is a missionary to Mexico. All of Roland’s efforts to tell his lawyer father about Christ were rebuffed for years. This important lawyer did not have time for such stuff! Then one day he had a massive heart attack and died.

Roland was devastated that he had never been able to share his faith with his father to the degree that his father wanted to meet Jesus Christ.

However, Roland went on with his missionary work for God, still filled with faith in the goodness of God, although part of his heart was broken.

A little while later, Roland’s wife was putting some boxes of his father’s things in the attic and a little booklet fell out of the box and onto the floor. Picking it up, she realized it was a worn copy of the Four Spiritual Laws.

She looked inside and then rushed downstairs to find Roland. Opening the little book, Roland saw that the salvation prayer had been filled out, every point checked off, and his father’s signature was at the bottom. It was dated a short while before he died of the heart attack.

Roland knew that of all the people who understood the importance of affixing his signature to a document, it was his father the lawyer.

Roland had never faltered from his designated assignments for God, and neither did God. He brought Roland what he needed to know most: proof of his father’s salvation after the father was dead.

God had brought forth a treasure for Roland, a treasure that had been hidden in the darkness.

You will never know what hidden treasures are waiting for you in the darkness of the unknown paths He'll ask you to walk—until you surrender and obey.

### Senior Saints!!!

Let me share what I have been discovering while still writing and ministering into what will soon become my 76<sup>th</sup> year the end of this month. God has not given us a “shelf life” that will expire before we are through with usual ministry avenues!

However, I do realize that the Olympics or Steve Harvey are not going to call me on my cell phone any day now.

I do have a little trouble sometimes with wonky balance and wobbling walking; I also dislike the memory gaps that sometimes float in and out. God and I are working on that. Praying in tongues helps, but as I previously said—if you aren't comfortable with that—reread the comforting verses listed above. **READ THEM OUT LOUD!**

This reinforces your soul's belief that you agree and intend to practice what you are reading out loud. This also scrambles the enemy's effort to discourage you.

Constantly writing and sharing this message has been very helpful to me as I am pushed to recognize certain things. Now (and sometimes in the past), I realize I have taken certain things for granted about my knowledge of the Keys of the Kingdom, His Word, and my assurance that my relationship with God is satisfactory to Him.

One preacher wrote on the Internet: “One of the occupational hazards of being a pastor is over-familiarity with God's Word. I read and study and teach it, and have for more than 30 years. But familiarity with the Word, just

knowing what is right, can be deceiving. It can breed a kind of self-righteousness, a spiritual smugness within us. *We* know the truth. *We* know what is right.

**But it is quite possible to confuse *knowing* the truth with *doing* it.”**

I say, “GOOD WORD!”

James says:

**“Do not merely listen to the Word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says!” (James 1:22).**

**I pray the binding and loosing principles and I pray Psalm 23 and Psalm 91 for myself and for my friends and for my family members and for my cat, Callie, daily.** I pray Psalms 23 and 91 for myself and my cat (Callie) every night just prior to pulling up the covers and turning out the light.

**Someone who knows my great love for cats sent me the funniest picture:**



A little chuckle about the above picture makes you feel good because it releases some of your feel good” endorphins. It is okay for Super Senior Citizens to chuckle, you know. Any endorphin release, even as small as this one, is GOOD for your mind's processes.



One day a few months ago, I felt a bit down. It was because I began to worry that I might not stay vital and strong enough to keep encouraging others about how important it is to spend time with God and prayer and the Word and others every day.

I had a “Well, Duh!” moment as I realized that I had not been focusing on praying the binding and loosing prayers for myself every day. I needed to know their effect upon the “Brain Bubbles,” “Memory Gaps,” “Wonky Balance,” and “Wobbly Walking” I seemed to experience from time to time

**Guess what? Let me remind you and myself: They do have an effect! Thank You, God.**

Speaking especially to Super Senior Christians, if any of you thinks you are too old to get tuned up for God’s further purposes for you, that is just plain silly!

You have experienced dozens of years acquiring wisdom about life and about God. Do you think God wants to waste that? You should be sharing it with others. Many Super Senior Citizens have allowed their unique and greatest qualities to be buried under layers of doubt, disappointment, fear, and unforgiveness—ugly shrouds draped over your mind, will, and emotions by your surrendered soul and the enemy.

Each one of us who is still on the Earth and still breathing—it is for a reason! God knows exactly what that reason is. He probably is the only one who knows what your end-time destiny is supposed to be—and, you know what? That exceeds what everyone else in the whole world thinks they know about you!

Praying binding and loosing prayers is not a one-time action. If you prayed these prayers

for a few weeks fifteen years ago, but not since, that is like eating a few times fifteen years ago, but not since. How do you think that would work out?

If you prayed a few times, but did not feel anything happened, start praying again anyway! You may need to pray quite a few yucky layers off your surrendered soul’s hiding places (those places where it has tried so hard to mess with your mind, will, and emotions without you knowing it). Then you can clear the way to receive some unobstructed incoming messages from God.

Your prayers give God permission to dig in, and He begins prying out the junk. I like that!

**You pray,  
God will pry!**

Pray this prayer now:

*Lord, if I am a Christian and I am still breathing, it is not important who I am, how important others think I am, or how old I am. There is some reason I am still here and You have not taken me home to Heaven yet. You have plans for my end-time destiny work for Your Kingdom, don’t You!*

*Lord, I bind my will to Your will and I thank you for Your daily strengthening and steadying. I bind my mind to the mind of Christ and thank Him for His daily dosage of clarity, fresh ideas, and wisdom. I bind my emotions to the daily emotional healing and encouragement of the Holy Spirit.*

*I loose discouragement and confusion and unforgiveness from myself. Proverbs 2:6-8 tells me that You, God, want to give the righteous (that’s me!) Your wisdom and skillful and godly knowledge with understanding straight from Your mouth. I*

*loose all discouragement and confusion from my mind—I just loose it! I am making more*

*room for Your wisdom and encouragement. I thank You for clearing the confusion of my mind today.*

*I bind myself to Your Word and Your precious assurances in it, such as Psalm 23:3 which promises You will give me new strength. Psalm 23:4 assures me that even if I go through the deepest darkness, I will not be afraid, Lord, for You are ALWAYS with me. Your shepherd's rod and staff will protect me. I bind myself to Your will and to Your promises. Thank You!*

*I bind myself to Your promises in Psalm 91 that assure me that when I go to You for safety, You will ALWAYS be my defender and protector and I can ALWAYS trust in You. Thank You, Lord, thank You!*

*In Psalm 91:9-11 You have promised that You will even put Your angels in charge of me to protect me wherever I go. Thank You, Lord, thank You! If I have slowed down a bit, Lord, that only means I have time now to see everything You want me to see! I will not miss things anymore because I think I have to hurry!*

*These are our final exciting years here on Earth, our years of our glorious preparation for Heaven. I am excited that I will always be with You, both HERE and THERE. I am excited that You still see me as important and vital to others. I love You and thank You. Amen.*

### Testimonies and Questions from Readers

**QUESTION:** I have been praying the binding and loosing prayers. I have to say, I

am a little disappointed. Why have I not seen any results?

**ANSWER:** Everyone has different baggage filled with all kinds of life experiences (good and bad), unhealed bad memories, unresolved issues, plus some deception and denial in the equation of his or her thinking. We're none of us perfect, yet!

Everyone's timeframe for trusting and surrendering to God's help is different. How determined and how dedicated a person is to surrender everything carnal to God (if one is using the Keys of the Kingdom prayer principles) is also a strong factor.

- Some people only read the B&L prayers from time to time, waiting to see if something happens. This is like reading the instructions to a computer from time to time and then waiting to see if it writes anything.
- Some focus on the "process" or how they think the Keys of the Kingdom could or should work. This is the person who is more interested in how something works rather than its end results.
- Some doubt that the prayers will work at all. This is like someone who never turns the key to start a new car because they think it probably is not going to run anyway.

**Then there are those who (God bless them) throw themselves into believing the Keys of the Kingdom will work for them just because Jesus said they would!**

**Jesus said:**

***"I will give you the Keys of the Kingdom of Heaven; whatever you***

***bind on Earth will be bound in Heaven, and whatever you loose on Earth will be loosed in Heaven” (Matthew 16:19, NIV).***

Binding’s main use is for voluntarily placing yourself under obligation to God’s purposes, whatever they may be.

Binding’s fuller explanation means to tie to, put oneself under obligation to something or someone, weave together, heal, undergird, hold, persuade, and cause fragmented pieces to coalesce and become one whole again (original Greek).

Loosing’s main use is to undo and destroy the enemy’s works, to tear up stronghold thinking, and to dissolve unforgiveness, fear, anger, deception, or whatever other negative thoughts and bad attitudes might be stored in an unsundered soul.

Many things blamed on the works of the enemy are self-created bondages in the unsundered soul that have been formed by repeatedly making wrong choices and then rationalizing having done so.

Loosing in the original Greek means to break up, destroy, dissolve, melt, put off, wreck, crack to sunder by separation of the parts, shatter into minute fragments, disrupt, lacerate, convulse with spasms, break forth, burst, rend, and tear up.

The Kingdom Key of loosing is also for self-surgery on the unsundered soul to cut away personal bondages and slash wrong patterns of thinking.

This is a valuable spiritual warfare Key as well, as loosing can destroy the works of the enemy (not Satan himself—but his works!).

**Sample Prayer for  
Loosing  
the Works of the Enemy**

*“Lord, I bind my will to Your will, my mind to the mind of Christ, and my emotions to the healing balance and comfort of the Holy Spirit. I bind my feet to the paths You have always ordained for me to walk, and I bind my hands to whatever works You have ordained for me to do.*

*I realize wrong patterns of thinking provide open doorways of access for the enemy to sneak attack, confuse, and deceive me. I loose wrong beliefs and the wrong mindsets that I may have allowed my unsundered soul to establish. I loose and destroy all the works the enemy has set against me. Thank you, Jesus, Amen.*

**Spiritual Recalculation**

God’s *recalculating* of us can appear to be:

- extreme problems
- dead ends,
- unexpected landings in junk yards,
- sinkholes, or even quicksand

God’s ways to get you to focus on His will are limitless and He will use them all if He needs to—He does this to get your attention back on track—His track. What examples of God’s *recalculating* have you ever experienced?

Sometimes God must take extreme action to get a believer to listen to Him when the believer is obstinate, stubborn, bull headed, or self-willed. Really stubborn people often refuse to learn something different from what they have already decided to be truth—unless they learn it the “hard” way. God will use the hard way if He must. Things learned the easy way can be easily forgotten. Things learned the hard way can be much harder to forget.

### FINITE vs. INFINITE Thinking

Both are important to our daily lives. Your finite thinking helps you face and resolve natural choices every day—should you take 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue or Green Street at the next intersection; should you make a big taco salad or a meatloaf for dinner; should you watch NCIS or AGT on your TV tonight?

You can get bogged down in finite thinking if you do not remember that finite thinking is generally limited to resolving matters such as street corner choices, dinner decisions, and television viewing habits.

Infinite thinking is thinking that realizes that there is no cap to hope or possibilities when you jump into the realm of God's way of thinking. If you have not followed God's infinite directions, depending upon your finite thinking instead, turn to Him in true repentance (the main words being: *true repentance*).

If you genuinely repent, He will deliver you from your mistakes and set you back on your way (*recalculating, recalculating!*) to infinite thinking. The consequences of your finite thinking may snap and chew at you for a while, though; that is part of your learning process about finite and infinite thinking.

- Finite thinking has limits and boundaries with no guarantees of any great insight beyond your human brain's capacity for thinking things through.
- Finite thinking does not soar very often, it rarely continues beyond the obvious, and it is neither permanent nor infallible.
- The enemy can penetrate and escalate the negativities of finite thinking.

- The enemy is unable to penetrate INFINITE THINKING. God's infinite thinking is without beginning and definitely without any end.
- His love, His directions, His promises, and His plans for you have no limit and they have no expiration date—they are forever! That is INFINITE THINKING!

### FINITE VS. INFINITE THINKING EXAMPLES

#### FINITE THINKING:

- "I feel so hopeless and everything looks so bad; I do not have any choice but to give up."

#### INFINITE THINKING:

- I have so many of God's promises to believe in and one of them is that He never gives up on me. Therefore, I am not going to give up, either!

#### FINITE THINKING:

- GOD doesn't care about me very much.

#### INFINITE THINKING:

- Psalm 91 says that God has ordered His angels to guard me wherever I go. If I stumble, they will catch me. He has purposed that their job is to keep me from falling.

**Men and women were created to function in two realms of thinking—finite and infinite. Which do you use most?**

**QUESTION: Can I just record myself reading the binding and loosing prayers onto a tape recorder and then listen to them as they play back? Would that be okay?**

Would you feel encouraged and loved by listening to a tape recording?

The best way for you to activate the power of your Keys of the Kingdom Prayers and put pressure on your unsundered soul and the enemy is for you to vocalize (OUT LOUD) your full agreement with the prayers.

You can tape them if you want to, but just listening to a tape of the prayers or just reading and thinking about the prayers is a serious waste of the power potential of speaking them out loud Also, including your body, your will, and your soul forms together to create synergy.

When you vocalize the binding and loosing prayers, Satan hears every word you declare. He becomes fully aware that your belief in and your use of those power prayers are focused on ruining his every trick aimed at you.

**YOUR UNSURRENDERED SOUL** will realize how serious you are about overcoming its sneakiness when you use your Kingdom Keys' prayers, as well!

Know that Satan cannot read your mind to know if you are serious or not when you remain silent. Your remaining silent is most effective when you are feeling negative or bad.

Satan can only judge what you are thinking by what he hears you say out loud or what he observes of your reactions to his works.

Synergy is the interaction of two or more agents or forces that result in their combined total efforts being greater than the sum of their individual efforts. That is a mouthful, is it not?

Imagine you are sitting on a curb holding a can of gas, a set of keys, and the title to a gorgeous new car sitting beside you. Until you put them into use all together in a combined effort, you will not be driving off for a wonderful ride! When you do use them all at once, it is time to take off because you will have just experienced synergy of your potential prayer power!

### WHY DO I NEED TO FORGIVE MYSELF?

Learning from your own past mistakes and transgressions is good, but dwelling on them has no redeeming value of any sort! Neither will striving to mentally block out the bad memories of your past mistakes and transgressions work for you.

No blocking out of unpleasant memories is ever permanent when your unsundered soul is still in charge and knows exactly where to find them and bring them back up.

Learning to forgive yourself is not just learning to live with your past! It is learning from the experiences of your past and then taking what you have learned and using it to create a better you in the future!

A constant rerunning (by you) of guilt and shame can poison your soul and misshape who you are to become in your future with God.

**STOP** judging yourself by to your own standards and conscience. Own your sin and repent, accept God's forgiving grace for it—consider it cancelled. **THEN STOP DEFINING YOURSELF by your worst moments. You are a child of God who is clothed with God's forgiveness and covered with the righteousness of Christ.**



Paul fulfilled the role of a murderer; persecutor, blasphemer, and a viciously determined opponent of God's people. He did some terrible things; but God forgave him.

**It is important to understand that Paul did not define himself for the rest of his life by those terrible things he had done once he knew God had forgiven him.**

Was Paul still sorry for the things he had done? I am sure he was. Forgiveness from God is not a guarantee that you will never remember your transgressions; but God's forgiveness guarantees that you are changed—you are not carved-in-stone by those acts!

If you have trouble with the concept of forgiving yourself, you may try to offset your sins by doing good, even great, things. You might think or say to others, "I know I did some really wrong things, but look at all these good things I have done since and the good things I am doing now."

The problem with that "whitewash" is that when you finally face how terrible sin really is, you realize you cannot do enough "good" works to ever cover it. Confessing and renouncing your sins before God and then receiving His forgiveness and mercy is the only way you will ever be free from past sins.

### **How Do I Forgive Myself?**

If you do not forgive yourself, you will often try to atone over and over for whatever you have done, trying to cleanse your guilty conscience. When you do this, you can sabotage much of the rest of your life. You will always feel unworthy until you receive forgiveness from God.

**STOP TRYING TO PAY FOR YOUR SINS!**

### **JESUS ALREADY PAID FOR THEM!**

**Set yourself free TO BEHAVE DIFFERENTLY!**

Confess your need to God for His forgiveness. Being forgiven by God means you are set free to NEVER HAVE TO commit the same mistakes again. It means realizing you are defined by Jesus' love with a fresh start so you can live differently. Forgiving yourself means breaking the chains that still bind you to your sins. It means a chance to start again.

**ACCEPT freedom and forgiveness from God.**

**If others still want to judge your past, let them take it up with God.**

If you seek another's forgiveness, know that they may not be willing to forgive you. However, that is between them and God—not them and you if you have genuinely sought their forgiveness, Pray for them and forgive them because of God's grace. Then let God settle the matter.

What if you just do not feel like forgiving someone? **Forgiveness is an act of obedience to and love for God;** it is not based on how you feel about someone or something they did.

Pray this:

*Lord, I really do not want to forgive this person. I am sorry because I know that this is not what You want, but I am being honest—I do not even know what to ask of You regarding how I feel. Please just help me somehow—I want to obey You even if I don't agree with or understand Your commands sometimes. Help me! In Jesus' Name, Amen.*

True forgiveness by you extends unmerited favor to someone while giving favor and freedom to yourself at the same time. **Make sure you get that last sentence!**

We need to forgive others of their mistakes whether they forgive us or not! If they do not, it is no longer our problem. If our forgiveness is true—it is then between them and God. God can help us do this if we genuinely want His help to attain this freedom.

Unforgiveness is classified in many of today's medical books as a disease that makes people sick and keeps them that way. Some medical specialists believe that over 50 percent of all cancer patients have unforgiveness issues. More than half of those have cancers that are extremely severe.

Anger and hatred create an internal state of chronic bitterness, anxiety, and distress that produces *adrenaline* and *cortisol*. Excessive cortisol released into your body can partially shut down or severely impair your immune system.

Excessive cortisol releases **interference with your T-cell production and function**, weakening and reducing your natural physical “fighter” cells. This puts you in a dangerous state of weakness if you are attacked by dangerous diseases.

So not only does unforgiveness mess with your mental and emotional states, it can also impair your body's ability to fight off deadly diseases.

**DISCLAIMER: I am not suggesting that you stop taking any medication or stop any treatment that your doctor has prescribed for you. I am encouraging you to pray the binding and loosing prayers to bring God into your healing process.**

To let go of deep-rooted old memories, you must first demolish any stronghold thinking your soul is using to rationalize and justify holding onto them. God will always help you do this—if you are serious and in agreement with what Jesus said (see Matthew 16:19 again)!

**REMEMBER THIS: God will not forcibly change you; you must want His help.**

Praying the binding and loosing prayers can give God access to the darkest hidden places of your unsundered soul where He can begin to meet your deepest needs, heal your oldest hurts, resolve your hardest questions, and calm your worst fears.

*SAMPLE PRAYER: I bind myself to Your will, Lord. I bind my mind and my thoughts to the mind of Christ. I bind my emotions to the healing balance and comfort of the Holy Spirit. I loose all stronghold thinking from my unsundered soul and I loose all souldish layers over my angry and negative thoughts. I want them exposed to You; I want to be free of them, so I loose them!*

*I want Your healing, Lord, from all old memories connected to them! I know I cannot loose anything that is a fact and some of these old memories are about facts. I realize, though, that my unsundered soul has probably tweaked some of the facts to make me feel less responsible for the memories O have kept connected to them.*

*You understand them completely and can help me release them. You can resolve them, neutralize their pain, forgive me, and show me how to completely defuse them. I thank You for helping me and for sorting this out for me. I thank You for Your love, Amen.*

Unless you deliberately invite Him to do this, God will not smash and defuse your

unsundered soul's defense systems to help you. You must voluntarily surrender all your unsundered soul's defenses and offer Him full access to your innermost parts. You start by loosing your stronghold thinking.

The Keys of the Kingdom prayers will enable you to trust Him to help you. If you are sincere, He wants to help you—He does not want to punish you! Repeat to yourself out loud:

**God wants to help me—He does not want to punish me!**

As you start changing your thinking, you also begin changing the chemistry of your mind and your body and its processes. You will find it easier to stop resisting His thoughts and His guidance and start agreeing more with Him.

**What holds your attention the most usually determines your mental, physical, and even spiritual state of your mind and what direction you need to take—whether it is forward, backward, or stuck in the middle.**

**We can influence our bodies—al the way down to the cellular level—by thinking positive, godly thoughts and focusing on positive emotions. I know I keep repeating this, one way or another, but it is so important that you receive it and believe it,**

**The “power of positive thinking” is not just an oft-quoted old saying—it is a scientific fact, as well as a spiritual fact from the Word! Proverbs 23:7 (AMP) tell us: “*For as he thinks in his heart, so is he.*” (Author's Note: In the Bible, the scriptural use of the word “heart” often denotes “the soul—the mind.”)**

*THE END*



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