

Lame at the Gate?

Have you ever felt as if you were lame emotionally or spiritually? Lame means that your freedom of movement is impaired. For example, there may have been a time in your life that you were experiencing great joy and happiness, but then because of some hardship in life you feel empty, discouraged and perhaps even depressed. I would call this emotional lameness because at one time you moved and lived in joy and fulfillment, and now that freedom of movement is impaired and you find yourself being held captive by emptiness and depression. Or maybe you find yourself lame spiritually. In this case; there was a time you really flowed and moved in the Holy Spirit. You had a revelation of 2 Corinthians 3:17 which reads, "Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty." But now through life's trials you find yourself spiritually immobilized and even desensitized to God's Spirit. Your personal journey with Jesus Christ has become impaired and you are not growing in your walk with Him. If this is you; I want you to know that your breakthrough is coming. Jesus said, "And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free" (John 8:32). Let us read in Acts 3:1-3, "Now Peter and John went up together to the temple at the hour of prayer, the ninth hour. And a certain man lame from his mother's womb

was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms from those who entered the temple; who, seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple, asked for alms." It is obvious from the scriptures that this man was physically lame and had been since birth. I also know that Jesus Christ ministers to our whole person which includes body (physical), soul (mind, will & emotions) and spirit (spiritual). This is clearly seen throughout the gospels and is all for God's glory. I have the witness of the Holy Spirit today that He wants to zero in on emotional and spiritual lameness. There are a few things to point out in these verses. First, being that this man was carried. Second, he was laid at the gate. Third, he asked for alms. My words to you who are in this place of lameness are stern yet motivated by the love of Christ. You have been allowing other people to carry you long enough. They may have carried you by praying, encouraging, sharing the word, or giving financially. Please don't misunderstand me. I thank God for my brothers and sisters in Christ who faithfully pray, encourage, and share God's word with me. However, there comes a time in our walks with the Lord

that our prayer life and bible study is able to strengthen us to walk through our times of hardship. 2 Timothy 2:3 reads, "You therefore must endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ." Some of you have also been laying by the gate for too long. It is time to enter into the Temple. It's not enough to be close to your breakthrough, but it is time to press into Christ and experience it. Stop laying and wallowing around in your hardship. No more pity parties. Respond to the word of the Lord and rise up in Jesus' Name! The last point is that this man was asking for alms (money). Some of you are asking for the wrong thing. I suppose this man thought his greatest need was finances. But obviously God was "able to do exceeding abundantly above" (Eph. 3:20) all that this lame man could ask or think. You are in a "ask" relationship with your Heavenly Father so why don't you ask Him what it is you really need. You just might be surprised. The Lord says, "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts" (Isa. 55:9). I love the fact that this lame man was "expecting to receive something from them" (Acts 3:5). Are you expecting something from the Lord?

Your joy restored? Your flowing in the Holy Spirit restored? Your breakthrough in the battle you're in? Psalm 62:5 reads, "My soul, wait silently for God alone, for My expectation is from Him." I thank God for Peter's obedience to the obvious prompting of the Holy Spirit. "Then Peter said, 'Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk.' And he took him by the right hand and

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To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. We proclaim Him, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone perfect in Christ. To this end I labor, struggling with all His energy, which so powerfully works in me.

COLOSSIANS 1:27-29

lifted him up, and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength. So he, leaping up, stood and walked and entered the temple with them—walking, leaping, and praising God” (Acts 3:6–8). I want to remind you that Jesus Christ has all authority in heaven and on earth (Mt. 28:18). There is power in Jesus’ Name! Will you appropriate it by faith? It is now your time to enter the temple—walking, leaping, and praising God. It’s time for you to rise up! Let’s close with Acts 3:16, “And His name, through faith in His name, has made this man strong, whom you see and know. Yes, the

faith which comes through Him has given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all.” Jesus wants to make you strong in Him and give you perfect soundness! God loves you so much that He’s not going to leave you like you are. He delights in transforming us for His glory. May the gate you have been laying at now be called Beautiful!

Love in Christ,
Clark Stallings



Donations are received **Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.** We collect clothes, furniture, kitchen resources (dishes, utensils, small appliances), washers/ dryers, refrigerators, & non-perishable food items. If you have an item you wish to donate that does not fall in one of these categories, please call beforehand. Thank you very much for your willingness to help others!

2004 Summary

“Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful” (Heb. 10:23). Though I am always excited when I see the Lord’s word come to pass, I am never surprised. “He who promised is faithful!” The Lord gave us many goals and visions for 2004, and glory be to God, not one was left unaccomplished. Last year the Lord tripled the number of people we helped in 2003, giving us a total of 2,744 people served through food, clothing, and/or household resources, most of which were donated by you, our partners. After the urgent cry for help in our last newsletter, we had 5 local churches and/or ministries do a community-wide food drive, in which the proceeds led us to more than doubling the size of our pantry space. And we still couldn’t seem to find enough shelving for all the food! Praise the

Moyewood Mission

Lord!
Though the growth of the ministry is exciting and important, the growth of the Kingdom of God is top priority at God’s Gracious Gift. Over the past 2 1/2 years we have poured the gospel into Moyewood Subdivision and we have seen, and are seeing, the fruits of our labor. In our first outreach in 2004, we reached out specifically to the children by bringing in rides and games. In the second outreach, we reached out to the teenagers by bringing in Prince Elite, a Christian rapper. He was raised in the Bronx, and through common ground he was able to minister life to them. And in the third outreach, we reached out to the adults and provided every family in Moyewood a Thanksgiving dinner. We saw more than

Covenant Relationships

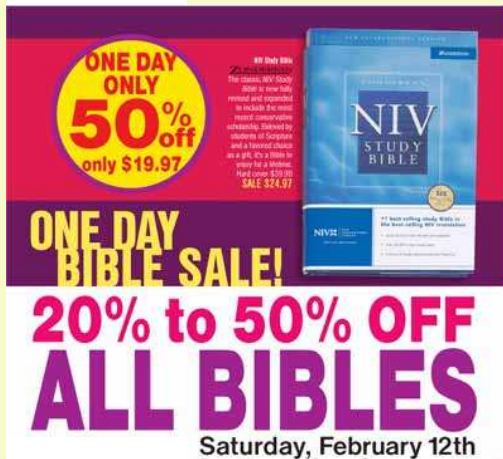
40 people make commitments to Jesus Christ through these outreaches. To God be the glory!
Due to a surplus in clothing last year, we partnered with *First Born Community Development Center*, a ministry based in Grimesland. We share similar visions that God has given each of us. The clothing they receive from us is given away to those who come to them for assistance with food. Through the clothing donated to *First Born* in 2004, we were able

New Vision 2005

to reach over 900 people through their ministry. Thank you for your partnership with us!
2005 will be a year of new and stronger covenant relationships. This will be the focal point of our ministry this year. One new relationship we are extremely excited about is with a ministry based in Israel, called *Christian Friends of Israel*. Starting this year, we will begin to ship clothing to Israel. The word of God tells us to bless the Jews, and in turn, we will be blessed. “I will bless those who bless you, and I will curse those who curse you” (Gen. 12:3). And Paul wrote in Romans 15:27, “For if the Gentiles (you and I) have been partakers of their (the Jewish people) spiritual things, their (Gentiles) duty is also to minister to them in material things.” So we rejoice at the opportunity to bless the Jewish people! This is the nation who gave us our Messiah, our Scriptures, and the twelve apostles, who are the founders of the church. Just the thought of it gets me excited about spreading the news of the Kingdom of God! As you read this letter there are many Jews coming back to their homeland, just as it was prophesied. And through these donations, we will be able to welcome them in Christian love and help clothe them. We will send the clothing to their shipper in Colorado, and in turn, they will fill up a large container and send them to Israel. We estimate that to ship these boxes it will cost us about \$1.10/pound. It is our plan to ship these boxes on a regular basis, but we need your help! Volunteers will be needed to help pack boxes and funds will be needed for shipping.

“For you are my rock and my fortress; Therefore, for Your name's sake, lead me and guide me.” Psalm 31:3

February 12th



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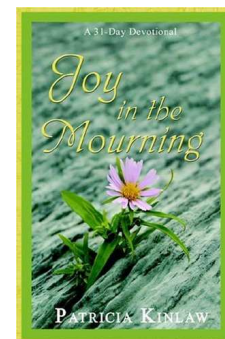
PAT'S NEW BOOK HAS ARRIVED!

Pat Kinlaw's first book, entitled *Joy in the Mourning*, has been published and is now on the shelves. When going through trials and tribulations, many ask, "where is God in all this?" But God has shown that He is very near to the broken-hearted and He gives the oil of joy in the place of mourning. This 31-day devotional will encourage you to see light in dark situations. We do not serve a far-away God. He hears our every cry, He can identify with our pain, and He always answers!

Thank you to those of you who responded generously and helped get this book published!

We invite you to come to the Book Signing on February 14, from 2-6 p.m. This would make a great gift for that special someone in your life!

- Clark Stallings



BOOK SIGNING
FEBRUARY 14
2-6 PM
@ THE ROCK

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Over the past year in our women's bible studies, we have gathered together to study and hear God's word as He ministered to us personally. Faith and hope have been the focus, but in early November the Lord's voice rang deep in my spirit and the words were from 1 Cor. 13:13, "And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love." His word says God is love, which leads us to our current bible study on the *Book of Ruth, The Bridegroom's Love for the Church Revealed*. It's not too late to join us on Thursday mornings. Come in and let Jesus love on you through rest, refuge, and ministry. We are also planning a Spring Community Outreach on **May 21, 2005**. Please be in prayer for us. Details will be coming soon.

To all of you who have been called to be a pastor's wife, we are still gathering in the name of the Lord on the last Tuesday of every month. We have fun in devotion and fellowship. Hope to see you there! Remember Psalm 91:14-16.

In His Love and Praise,
Gina Robinson

For more information on Women's Outreach, or how you can serve in this area, call Gina Robinson at (252) 321-6857.



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MISSION STATEMENT

To stand in the gap between our community of believers and the church, and between the church and the lost. We will come alongside these three groups to proclaim the glorious gospel of Jesus Christ and minister through Christian resources, evangelism, discipleship and community outreach.

Needs:

- Delivery truck for God's Gracious Gift to pick up & deliver food, clothing, furniture, & household items. Also used for outreaches.
- Your prayers & financial support.
- More of Jesus and less of us.
- Volunteers for clothes to Israel project.

Praises

- Men's conference w/Bishop Larry Jackson. Over 25 churches represented. A deep plowing!
- A significant increase in business at The Rock in 2004!
- Our many ministry partners who give thru prayer, finances, & volunteering. You enable us to fulfill our mission. Thanks!

Prayer Requests:

- Powerful move of God's Spirit in Thursday Night Bible Study & Women's Bible Study.
- Clear vision and volunteers for Spring Women's Outreach.
- Women's Fall 2005 Lunchtime Bible Study.
- For churches in our area to send laborers into the fields that are white for harvest. Pray Matthew 9:38.

We Need Your Support!
We ask you to prayerfully consider supporting Hope of Glory Ministries financially. Your prayers and gifts

NEW COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY

-STUDYING THE BOOK OF ACTS

Are you hungry for Jesus Christ—the Anointed One? Are you walking in the divine anointing of God? Do you desire to experience the unleashing power of the Holy Spirit in your life like never before? Are you tired of the status quo Christian life?

If you answered yes to any of the above questions, please join us each **Thursday night from 7:00 p.m.—8:30 p.m.** as we seek God's face.

Holy Spirit will be our Teacher and Clark Stallings will be our facilitator. Each study is taped weekly. For more information, call 321-6857.

Upcoming Ministry Events:

- Monthly Pastor's Appreciation Luncheon (2nd Tuesday of month @ 12 PM)
- Monthly Pastors' Wives Gathering (last Tuesday of month)
- Feb. 5 (7pm): *Freedom Court Ordered* (drama by The Recovery Room Players) Admission - can of food
- Feb. 10 (7pm): Dr. Rajkumar
- Feb. 12: Kid's Day @ The Rock
- Feb. 14: Book Signing @ The Rock
- March 12: VeggieTales Premiere (The Duke and the Pie Wars)