

# THE FAITH BUILDER

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## THE LORD OUR HEALER

*by Bill Vanderbush*

Psalm 103 begins with this command, "Bless the Lord O my soul..." This is a timely message and scripture especially with our family and with what Dad is dealing with in having had a stroke back in February, and walking through the process of recovery and healing. Dad has been going to speech and physical therapy and has made significant progress. We are so thankful for physicians who are anointed to do what they do. Today we celebrate all that God is doing through His Word, His Presence, and His power in our lives. We stay continually encouraged by focusing on what God is doing, and not on what He is not doing. In that place we discover that we can become the answer to what He has yet to do. We are encouraged to pursue a greater anointing, faith, and a greater place of breakthrough in the realm of healing, miracles, signs, and wonders. It's all part of what Jesus paid for on the cross.

You and I are given access to a realm in God where disease cannot stay. We are called to pursue the Jesus lifestyle, where His life becomes represented in everything we declare and everything we are. A true disciple takes up the mandate of Jesus Christ who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed. Does your life release life to others? Today, let the life of Christ in you be released in your declaration. Jesus had within Him a wellspring of living water that was released in His words and presence. He just carried life everywhere He went. We are called and empowered to do the same.

The hungry will put a demand on the anointing you carry, and stir within you divine compassion. It's in that place that you can most effectively release that well within you. Jesus didn't just go about looking for the hungry. Their appetite for what He carried drew them to Him simply as His presence came near. The blind man on the side of the road had to cry out while everyone around kept silent. The woman with the issue of blood had to press through the crowd to touch Him differently than anyone

else. What happened there? She put a demand on the anointing that He carried. As you live and move today, be aware of what you carry. With Jesus living in you, you are a wellspring of living water created to release the life of God to heal the sick, cast out devils, cleanse the lepers, and raise the dead. You are equipped to do all of the works that Jesus

This scripture, Psalm 103, is so important because it makes some powerful declarations. David begins by saying, "Bless the Lord..."

Have you ever noticed that he's talking to himself? There are times we don't feel like blessing the Lord. It's common that our flesh goes in a different direction than what your spirit is drawing you to.

Your flesh is rarely drawn to pray, fast, meditate on the Scriptures, or intercede for someone. David is giving us an important lesson here in taking control of our priorities. The Spirit is supposed to be in charge. When the flesh is in charge it's called carnal Christianity. The flesh is a great student, but a horrible leader.

Read this Psalm out loud to yourself. "Bless the Lord". Now think about this and ask yourself this question. How can you bless the Lord? After all He has everything. When we think of blessing someone we might think of granting someone something that they don't have. Since God has everything, what could we possibly give to Him that He doesn't have? The answer is YOU. We can withhold ourselves from Him. The wonder of the relationship that we have between us and God is, it's voluntary. It's not something entered into because we have to; it's entered into because we desire to. It's that voluntary relationship that makes the love so pure. David declares, "Bless the Lord" and in that, he says I'm making a conscious decision, God, to give you all of me.

Certain parts of our lives, we would think, might not be a blessing to God. What He says is, "Let everything that is within me, all of the essence of who I am, let it be a blessing to You, O God". He is taking inventory of everything that is in his heart. He goes on to say, "...forget not all His benefits." What are the benefits listed here? "Who forgives all your iniquities and Who heals all of your diseases." The issue of sin is mentioned as forgiven. All sin. He also

mentions the healing of disease in the same breath. Jesus goes on to

deal with this in Mark chapter two when the paralytic is let down by his friends through the roof.

The Bible literally says that when Jesus saw the faith of his friends, He forgave the sins of the sick man and then went on in that moment to heal him. In the same breath Jesus forgives sin and heals disease. Many people come to Jesus with repentance in their heart and faith enough to be forgiven. That repentance takes them to that place of forgiveness, but we have to come to a revelation of what he provided for in the atonement. The same blood that was shed that gave us the access into a relationship with Him through salvation, also gives us access into a realm of power in God where the Curse of sickness and disease is reversed.

You might think, "Bill, I know I'm saved and I've prayed for healing for my body and I haven't seen it yet." To that I want to tell you two words that should be engraved into the forefront of our affection. There's more! If you're not healed it doesn't mean that you have little faith or that your salvation is in question. Jesus encountered a couple of examples of small faith and responded to both with a miracle. One man said, "...if You're able..." He was questioning whether or not Jesus even had the power to accomplish the miracle. Another man said, "...if You're willing..." It's as if he was saying, I know you're able, but I don't know if you want to. So it's not little faith that's the

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issue. Ephesians makes it clear that we are joined to Christ even though we may not feel that way all the time. We don't have to fully understand the reality of His presence and power for it to be real. You simply need to realize that the healing that you're looking for is also provided for in the atonement. In eternity you and I will be completely without disease. The challenge now for you and me is to press into and bring

the reality of that eternal state of being without disease into this moment. Just as we have been bought with the blood of Jesus and just as we are stepping into that place of salvation where we have a witness in our spirit, you discover a confidence in the faith that God has saved you wholly. From that place of confidence and surrender to His presence and power we can press into that place where we can release, not just the gift of salvation, but the life of God within - that gift that produces not just the forgiveness of all

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iniquity but the healing of all diseases in the same breath.

This is seen in the nature of the original Greek word for Salvation. It's the word *Sozo*, a rich word that speaks of complete wholeness, spirit, soul, and body. So salvation is deliverance from sin, disease, and torment on the mind. It is the Shalom or the peace of God that comes into a persons life so completely that it brings life to every part of you. And where is the foundation of that?

It's in the Old Testament where He forgives all our iniquities and heals all our diseases. (Psalm 103:3) Even right now, if you are suffering from a disease or affliction in your body, begin to thank God for what He provided for you in the atonement. Just ask God to begin to manifest that healing in your body today. Allow His presence to so saturate you that your strength is renewed and that the same Spirit that raised Christ from the dead would make you alive as well. Begin to withdraw from the

well of the fullness of what Jesus did for you. Then give that life away everywhere you go.

I pray today that God would reveal to you the overwhelming reality of His goodness and healing power and that His life would flow through you now as you read this article, that the world see life in you and may it provoke in them a hunger to put a demand upon the anointing that you carry, and that you would release declarations of life in your words, for you carry life on your lips and release the Word of God to flow through you to bring an invasion of heaven into the torment and darkness that plagues those around you. We pray that everywhere you go that darkness and disease would flee, and that through the presence of the Holy Spirit in you, the works of darkness would be destroyed.

Let Psalm 103 be life to you this week. Amen.



Bill Vanderbush

## A WARNING TO AMERICA

by Henry Vanderbush

I have preached and studied the Bible for years, and when a nation backslides, four judgments fall on it. The first is usually on the weather. You have to be blind not to see there is something wrong with our weather in America. We have storms today in places they have never been before. We have tornadoes and hurricanes and we don't know what is coming next. God masters the weather, and when a nation backslides, the weather seems to go along with it. How we need to pray for our country today.

The second one is the economy. The economy starts to crash and things begin to happen. They are talking about it now. There is something wrong in the economy in America today. We need help and we need it from God. I don't know what is going to happen if we keep on going as a nation and we don't repent. We are going to see some strange things take place in America.

If we don't repent over the economy, the

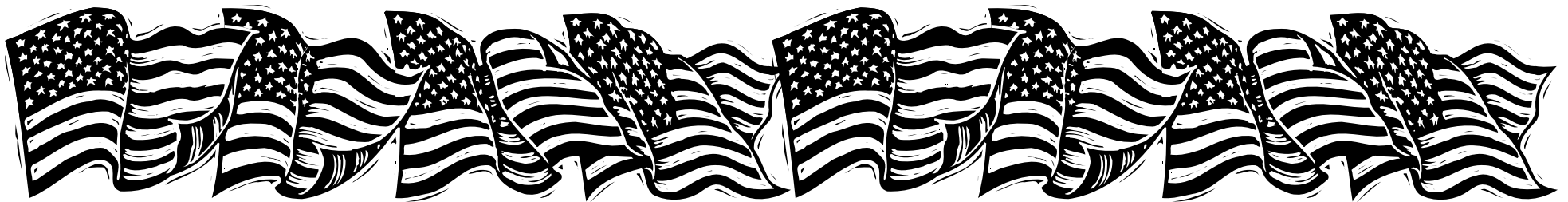
third one is sickness and disease. And today there is sickness and disease happening across America that you can't believe. What a time it is to know the Lord. Vaccinate yourself with Psalm 91, "No plague shall come nigh my dwelling". Lord, I'm standing on that and you stand back of your Word to perform it.

If we don't repent on that one, the last one is, enemy nations come and take us over. If ever America needed a revival, it is now. Each one of you need to put that request as number one or we will not have a nation. Don't let a day go by without praying for America and asking God to have mercy on America. I believe God loves our country, and I believe He wants to send it a revival, but He must know that we are concerned.

I'm not a doom and gloom preacher, but the Bible is true, and over and over the Bible says, "Give them warning from Me." God is saying that to America right now. Give them warning

from me. I'm telling you what is going to happen to them if they don't repent." Don't let a day go by without spending time praying for our nation.

God's mercy follows real repentance, and I've found that in my own life. If you are in a spot today and it doesn't look like you are going to get out of it, have you repented? Have you gotten down before the Lord? Have you said, "I'm sorry, Lord. I repent." Do you love our country? Let's remember America in prayer, especially with the elections coming up. If ever she needed a President that knows the Lord, she needs one now. We need to get the Bible back into this country where it used to be and where it should be. Christianity needs to be the main religion of our country right now and God needs to be put back where He used to be. PRAY! PRAY! PRAY! (Taken from a message Henry preached Feb. 17, 2008)



## NEW BEGINNINGS IN 2008

by Ronda Vanderbush

What a day to be alive!!! God is doing so many wonderful things and we want to be right in the middle of it. There are actually people in America who are desperately hungry for God and seeking Him with all of their heart and this is good news for America! There is a revival going on right now in Lakeland, Florida which started a couple months ago where people are flying in from all over the world. Many are getting healed, filled with the Holy Ghost, and set on fire for God, and then taking it back to their churches and countries. This could very well be the beginning of the end-time revival we have all been waiting for. So praise God! We must keep our focus on Him and not on the circumstances around us. Henry and I have been challenged along that line this winter when Henry had a couple strokes and ended up in the hospital in Austin, Texas. His speech was affected and also his left side was left weakened, but he is recovering and God is bringing us through! Praise God for His supernatural miracle power that transcends all human efforts.

We praise the Lord for our son, Bill, who has been preaching the sermons each Sunday on the radio. For twenty-six years, Henry preached and Bill read the scripture. Now Bill is preaching and Henry is reading the scripture! So that is quite a turn around, but we are still on

the air and we give God all the praise and glory! We thank all of you who have prayed and supported the ministry faithfully through this trying time. There are no words to express our love and appreciation to each of you. Even though we are still in Texas, Doris sends all the mail to us each week, so we do read everything, keep in touch with everyone, and so much enjoy hearing from you.

We are so happy that Bill and Traci moved back to Texas just two weeks before Henry had the stroke, and have been right by our side all these weeks! What a blessing! Bill had taken a position as Director of the School of Supernatural Ministries at the Church of the Hills in Austin, Texas. This school will be connected to the school of ministries in Maui that Bill was instrumental in starting. It's interesting to see how God is networking ministries together so that the same anointing in Maui will be transferred to the school here. The number 'eight' is the number of new beginnings, and it has been said that 2008 is a year of new beginnings in many ways. There is a new wave of God's glory occurring across this country, and a new breed of Christians that challenges us to go for all that God has for us with no reservations. That's where I want to be, and my prayer is, "Oh, father, give us a greater anointing, a greater power, a greater love, a



Henry and Ronda May 18, 2008, Austin, Texas

greater sense of your Presence than ever before. Do a new thing in us and through us," May that be your prayer as well this year.

This is the first Faith Builder we have been able to put out since Christmas, so in case you think you were dropped from the mailing list – you weren't and you won't be. May you draw closer to Father God as you begin to worship and praise the King of kings and the Lord of lords with more intensity and passion than ever before. "Enter into his gates with thanksgiving and into his courts with praise!" Blessings!  
Ronda Vanderbush

## DOWN ON THE FARM: RESCUED CHICKS

by Doris Zeug

Along with the spring, warm weather, grass turning green, trees budding and tulips blooming come soft, fuzzy yellow chicks - how exciting!

On one particular Monday I received a call that our chicks had arrived - two days early - panic. We were not ready. My husband, Doug said, "Don't worry, they will be fine."

I brought the chicks home, however, and in my impatience of waiting for Doug to get home, decided that those chicks needed a drink of water. So, I found a large box and put two water containers in with the chicks.

When Doug got home that evening we went out to get the home ready for the new chicks. What we found, to our shock and disbelief were cold, drenched, almost dead chickens. They looked like drowned rats!

Well, we got the brooder ready - fresh sawdust, warm heat lamps, feed and water - and put the chicks that looked salvageable in the

brooder - the rest, well, looked dead.

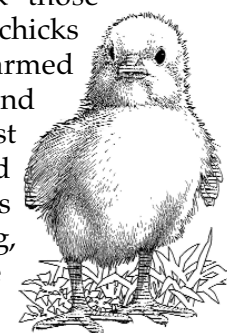
I went in the house and went down on my knees pleading with our Lord to work in a situation that seemed absolutely impossible. We went to check on the chicks an hour later, a bit hesitant I might add, and I could not believe my eyes. Here were the fuzzy chicks walking around. They had dried off and looked as if they would survive!

Some time passed and Doug checked on them, and then got to thinking about the twenty-three chicks that were considered 'drowned'. He decided to go on a rescue mission. He got out the hair dryer and started warming them up. He kept working with them, drying them off, coaxing them to get the circulation going, encouraging them. They dried off, started standing on their unstable little feet and began sipping water. Finally, he said, "Well, let's put them back with the others." The next morning you couldn't tell them from the others - they

were rescued!

As Doug said, "There has to be a lesson here." First of all, I should have trusted my husband when he said the chicks would be fine until we got things ready for them. We must trust our heavenly Father through each moment of each day, trusting that as we continue in our adventure each day, He is with us, watching, helping, guarding, until He takes us to where He has made all things ready for us - our eternal home.

Also, just as Doug took those disgusting looking, drenched chicks and worked with them, warmed them, encouraged them to stand up and take a drink, we must encourage our brothers and sisters, friends and co-workers to hang in there, keep going, and stand up when the



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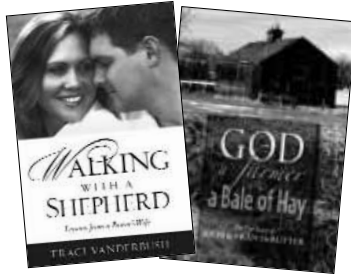
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punches are being thrown, and know for sure we have a Savior, a Rescuer, one who loves beyond anything we could ever imagine.

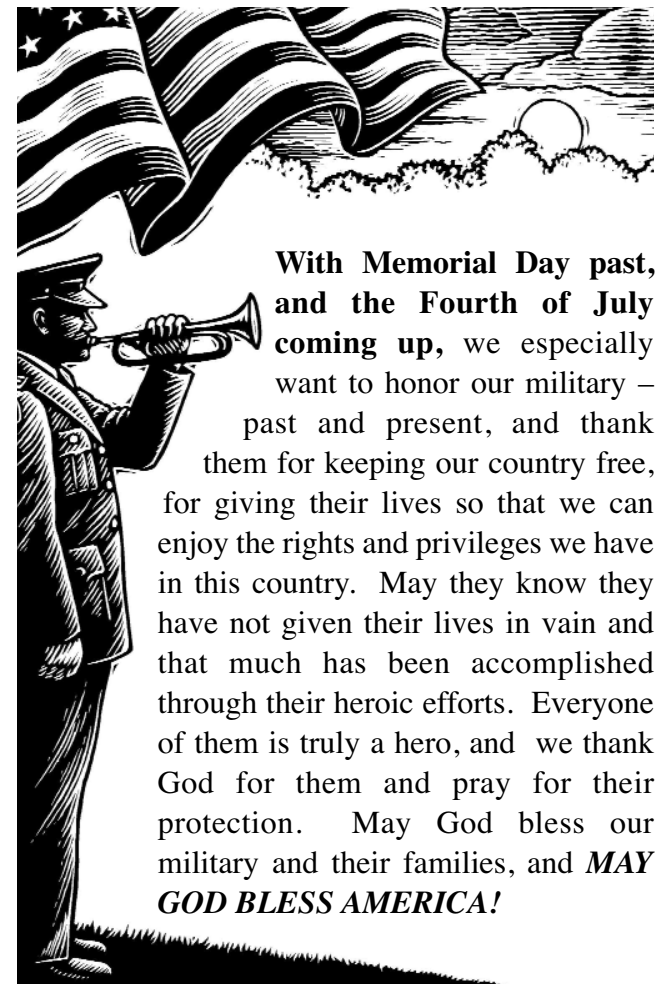
Daniel was asked, “Is your God, whom you serve continually, able to rescue you from the lions?” (Daniel 6:20) Or, can God rescue cold, drenched baby chicks from inevitable death? The answer is yes - He is more than able! (*Doris is secretary for Faith Mountain Ministries*)

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