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# CONCEPTS OF FAITH

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# Intercession Through Your Spirit

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**B**ut if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it.

Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.

And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose. Romans 8:25-28

What is Paul referring to here when he says "all things work together for good?" We know he is *not* saying that everything that happens to us in life works together for good. He

is referring to all things that Jesus, our Intercessor, prayed through our spirits by the Holy Spirit. Look again at verse 27. He that searches the heart and He that makes intercession is Christ. This is made plain in the latter part of verse 34:

**...It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us.**

Jesus Christ today is able to join together with our spirits and pray the way God would pray. And God's way of praying will turn bad circumstances into good. This is the result of what is called *praying in the Spirit*.

In 1 Corinthians 14:14-15 Paul said:

**For if I pray in an unknown tongue, my spirit prayeth, but my understanding is unfruitful.**

**What is it then? I will pray with**

**the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also....**

There have been times in my life when in the natural I didn't know *how* to pray or what to pray for. But as I prayed in the Spirit, out of my spirit would come revelation. The Spirit of Truth gave me insight into things I needed to know.

## Word of knowledge by the Spirit

Several years ago I was involved in putting together a business deal. While I was sitting in the banker's office, he said to me, "We can't loan that amount of money on that farm because the second mortgage is too large."

As I was sitting there praying in the Spirit under my breath, I heard these words coming up in my spirit: *Go across the street to the other bank.*

I thought, "*That's ridiculous! I've never done any business with that bank!*"

As I kept praying in the Spirit, it came to me again: *Go across the street to the other bank.* So I did what I heard in my spirit.

When I told the other bank president what I needed, he said, "I heard about the farm you bought. Bring the papers; we'll loan you the whole amount if you want it."

That revelation came by the Spirit of God. This is part of the present-

day ministry of Jesus: showing us things to come. Sometimes He does it through a word of knowledge or word of wisdom.

**"This is the ministry of Jesus, our intercessor."**

Have you ever been in a situation where you didn't know what to do? Maybe things around you were happening so fast that you didn't know how to pray and didn't have time to pray. But somehow everything turned out all right. Then a few days later you got a letter from someone saying, "I was impressed by the Spirit of God to pray for you a few days ago." The time of day that person was led to pray for you was the exact time you were in great need of supernatural help. That has happened to me several times.

## Revealed by the Spirit

Several years ago I was flying a Cessna 310 on my way home from a meeting in St. Louis, Missouri. It was winter time, and I was on an instrument flight in the clouds. I flew into some freezing rain, and that can be bad news quick! Ice can build up on an airplane as fast as an inch a minute, and in just a few minutes you can get more ice than you can carry. The windshield froze over, and I could hear ice coming off the props and hitting the fuselage of the plane.

**“That man didn’t know what my problem was or how to pray about my situation in the natural. Yet Jesus, through the Spirit of Truth in that man, made intercession for me.”**

I had asked the air traffic controller for permission to change altitudes. But he was too busy to talk to me. Right at that moment I thought I was the only one on earth that knew I was in trouble.

I found out later that a man who lived 800 miles away had been impressed to pray for me in the Spirit. He didn’t know what I needed, but Jesus, our Intercessor, did. By being sensitive to the Holy Spirit, that man allowed Jesus to make intercession for me through him that day.

A few days later his wife wrote me a letter and asked what had happened to me on that day, about 2:00 in the afternoon. She said her husband was led by the Spirit of God to pray in tongues; he knew it was for me but really didn’t know what he was praying about. That man didn’t know how to pray about my situation in the natural. Yet Jesus, through the Spirit of Truth in that man, made intercession for me. What he prayed about in the Spirit worked for my good.

Once I was able to get through to the air traffic controller, he gave me a different altitude, and I was out of that freezing rain within minutes.

Then a few months later another lady wrote and said, “I was impressed to pray for you in tongues on a certain day, and I had no idea why, but I prayed until I got a release in the Spirit.”

When I looked at my calendar, I saw on that day we were in an airport in Little Rock, waiting for our flight. The airport had just closed down because of fog and freezing rain. At first they had said there would be no airplanes coming in that day, but later they said, “An American Airlines flight (which was our flight) is going to make an approach to see if he can see the runway. But if he can’t, that is the last flight for the day.”

They made the approach, broke through the fog, and landed. We were able to make it to our destination on time. Later we found out, that was the *only* airplane able to land there all day!

Jesus interceded by the Holy Spirit through someone who didn’t even know what the circumstance was, much less how to pray. The Holy Spirit prayed through her spirit the way God would pray, and it was legal, for she was a legal resident of this earth. If she had not responded, things could have been very different.

*This is the ministry of Jesus, our Intercessor.* But if He cannot get some believers to yield to the Holy Spirit, He is somewhat limited in what He

can do. For the Body of Christ is the body Jesus has on earth today that He can work through.

The physical body of Jesus gave Him the authority to destroy the works of the devil when He was on earth. Now Jesus is glorified, seated at the Father’s right hand. He is the Head and we are the Body. But now He makes intercession through us, for our physical body gives Him authority to do so.

If Jesus is to pray for us today, He must do it through some *body* on earth. You notice in the Scriptures that Jesus didn’t heal any sick or cast out any demons from the time that He arose from the dead until He ascended into heaven. He is still in the healing business, but He does it through believers anointed by the Holy Spirit or by the prayer of faith. (Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 16:15-20; James 5:14,15)

Ask yourself this question: Is it legal for Jesus to pray for us in heaven after being restored to His divine power and glory? He is as much God, as God is God, or the Holy Spirit is God. If God were to pray for you, who would He pray to? From what I see in the Scriptures, I believe it is scripturally illegal for God to pray in heaven for us on earth. He gave the earth lease to mankind and told them to subdue it and have dominion over it. (Psalm 115:16; Genesis 1:26-28; Psalm 8:3-6)

This is why the present day ministry of Jesus as our Intercessor

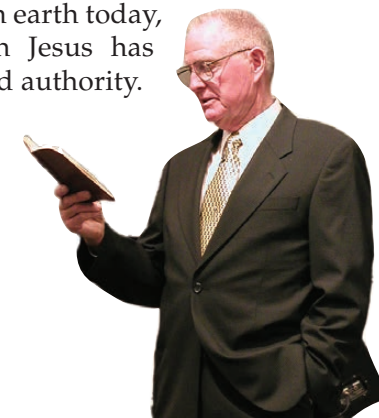
is linked to the Body of Christ here on earth. If the Body of Christ will not respond to the unction of the Holy Spirit to pray in the Spirit for those who are in desperate need of supernatural help, then He is severely limited in His intercessory ministry.

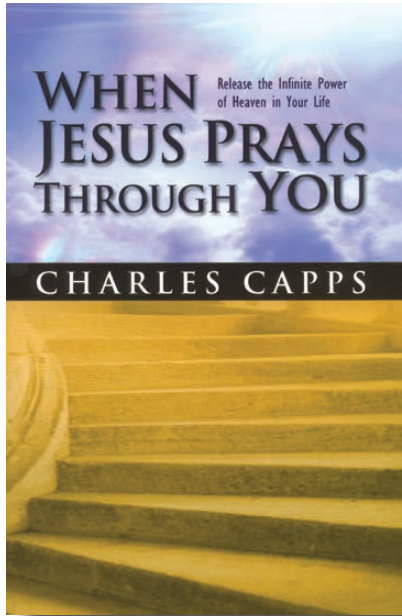
But Jesus has a scriptural right to pray supernaturally, through the Holy Spirit in you here on earth. For you have a body and you are a member of the Body of Christ. That gives you authority here on earth today.

Paul said when we don’t know how to pray as we ought, the Holy Spirit helps our infirmities or our inability to comprehend how and what to pray for.

I believe there have been many tragedies which would never have happened *if* the Body of Christ had been more sensitive to the intercessory ministry of Jesus, allowing Him to make intercession through their spirits here on earth.

Since He is seated at the right hand of the Father, He has to do it through someone on earth. We as believers are the Body of Christ on earth today, to which Jesus has delegated authority.





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# THE CHOICE TO LISTEN

by BreAnne Brue

**WE** live in a time where we are receiving a constant stream of information. We are presented with questions, problems, feedback, facts and opinions, corrective criticism, and many times it is simultaneously happening while we are doing other things and processing other information. I find it difficult to not only keep my concentration on one thing at a time, but also keep my emotions from flooding out towards others.

## LEAVE IT IN THE MAILBOX

I told a friend, who is a children's therapist, how upset it made me to become angry, cry, or be defensive in the middle of conversations. She gave me this analogy that helped adjust my sentiment.

If you look out the window and see the mail carrier delivering a letter to your mailbox, do you run outside and open the letter at the mailbox

and read it? Not usually. The letter and message inside are yours now to retrieve from the mailbox when you are ready. Once you bring the mail inside your house you can choose to leave it on the counter as long as you want before processing it.

When someone speaks to you verbally or through digital means, you have received the communication in your mailbox, but the choice of when and if to open that mail and process it in your mind and emotions is still up to you. Sometimes you need to leave it in the mailbox a little longer.

## LISTENING TO OTHERS

This comparison gave me a little more insight into James 1:19 **“Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger;”** I had previously thought it to be as holding back what I wanted to express, but now see it as God given permission to wait and let

my spirit sieve through my thoughts and emotions before responding. In Annette's book, *Reverse the Curse*, she wrote, "You have the right and ability to reject any thought that comes to your mind." Taking a moment to allow and reject thoughts helps turn hearing to understanding.

When we see and hear others who are venting out anger; we can take time to listen and begin to understand the hurt they are really trying to express. Creating this space in turn opens an opportunity to humbly share the love of Christ instead of building a wall.

"He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?" Micah 6:8

## LISTENING FOR GROWTH

In that same humble attitude we can choose to listen to corrective criticism, training, and mentorship from those in authority over us. This puts us in a position to encounter wisdom in our life and others. Proverbs gives several scriptures on this.

"The way of a fool is right in his own eyes, but a wise man listens to advice." Proverbs 12:15

"Whoever heeds instruction is on the path to life, but he who rejects reproof leads others astray." Proverbs 10:17

I think back to high school when I cried and dropped from an honors class because I thought I was "incapable" after I received my papers back covered in red marks and corrections that I had never received before. I did drop the class, but the teacher sat down with me on my last day and told me I was smart enough, had a better grade than anyone in the class, and she wished I would stay. It wasn't until later that I actually understood the corrections were to make me improve to a next level, not to tear me down. I hadn't learned to listen yet.

## LISTENING TO GOD

Most importantly is learning to listen to God. In Charles' book, *The Light of Life in the Spirit of Man*, he says this, "The human spirit is always in search of true happiness and fulfillment that comes only by being in fellowship with our Father God."

It is through time and fellowship with the Lord that we gain our true fulfillment. How do we listen to God? The Bible tells us that asking, and purposely taking the time to do so, is the answer. Turning down the radio in the car, and taking time to thank and praise God is one way to choose to listen. Plan a time in the day to read the Word of God and let His Word speak to us. Be in constant prayer, so each decision is effortlessly asked and guided by the Holy Spirit.

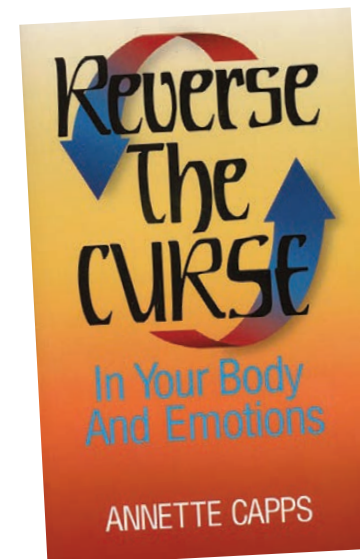
"Call to me and I will answer you, and will tell you great and hidden things that you have not known." Jeremiah 33:3

"O LORD, in the morning you hear my voice; in the morning I prepare a sacrifice for you and watch." Psalm 5:3

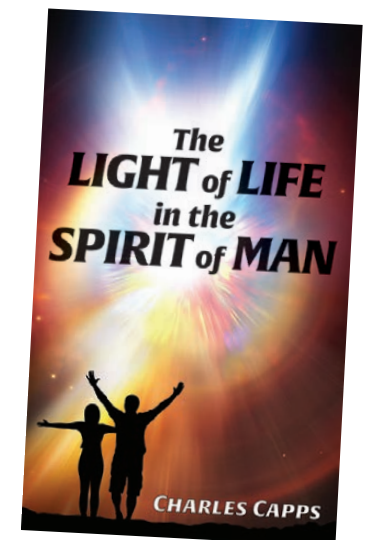
God has blessed us with the ability of choice and free will. What a blessing that He gave us the choice to listen! Making that choice opens our hearts to grow and step into God's calling on our lives. When we choose to listen, we show obedience in the greatest commandments to love the Lord God with all our heart, soul and mind, and to love our neighbors as ourselves. (Matthew 22:36-40)



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# Help for Troubled Times

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## Psalm 94:12-13

Amplified *“Blessed—happy, fortunate (to be envied) —is the man whom you discipline and instruct, O Lord, and teach out of your law; that you may give him power to hold himself calm in the days of adversity...”*

I was thrilled when I discovered this scripture in the Amplified Bible because it tells us 2 things that we need to be aware of today. Regardless of how long we have been Christians or how “spiritual” we become we will experience “days of adversity” or trouble. Now that may not sound very thrilling but it is truth and the *knowledge* of that truth will set you free!

There are many people in the body of Christ who are under the illusion that as long as they have faith they will not experience problems, however, the opposite is true. Satan knows what a powerful force you can be, so he does all he can to cause you adversity. It will not do any of us any good to deny the

existence of trouble and bury our heads in the sand. The Word of God does not promise us *freedom* from adversity but *victory* in the midst of it.

### Keep Calm

When trouble arises the best thing to do is keep calm! Easier said than done! The most useless person in an emergency is the one who panics and goes into hysteria. We cannot enter into victory when we panic. How can we remain calm in adversity? Where does that ability come from? Look at Psalm 94:12 & 13 again. It says that you are blessed when you are disciplined, instructed and taught out of God’s law and then you have power to hold *yourself calm*.

The instruction, teaching and experiencing the reality of the Word of God *before* adversity strikes will give you power over your mind and emotions in the midst of trouble. You should be preparing yourself continually by study of the Word of God. Don’t wait until panic hits and then try to grasp hold of the

scriptures and get your faith in operation. It’s very difficult to build a house in the midst of a storm. Build your foundation now. Do your building now! Then you will be calm even though everything around you is being destroyed.

### Be Quiet

This next step will be easier to do if you have remained calm. But if you haven’t, “Be Quiet Anyway!” Isaiah 30:15 says, *“...in quietness and in confidence shall be your strength...”* When trouble comes, the last thing anyone wants to do is be quiet, either in spirit or word. It is precisely at this point that you can lose the ability to hold yourself calm. You may initially have the peace of God ruling your heart, but if you surround yourself with those who act like Job’s comforters, your peace and confidence will depart!

### Don’t Give In To Emotion

The Apostle Paul was continually persecuted and troubled but he never gave in to his emotions. 2 Corinthians 4:8-9, *“ We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed...”*

Paul didn’t give in to distress, despair or depression. He certainly had opportunities to do so. How many of us would have fallen into self-pity or even anger at God if we experienced what Paul did? How many of us have done that very thing for much less of a reason?

It is much easier to keep your attitude right if you keep your eyes on Jesus and your confidence, and trust in God that He will perfect that which concerneth you. Giving in to your emotions and developing a bad attitude will only prolong the problem and make it worse.

### Don’t Let Go of the Promise

One of the biggest hindrances that I have seen to answered prayer is that people just give up and let go of what they were believing for. I wonder just how many of us have been within hours or minutes of receiving the answer to our prayers when we surrendered to our emotions, threw up our hands and said, “I give up! I thought God would come through but He didn’t!” The angels were probably at your door with the package in hand but you refused delivery!

Don’t let go! Just simply stand and wait. How long do you wait? Until the answer comes. There usually is a time factor between prayer and the answer. What do you do until then? Wait! Have patience. Patience is endurance, and standing strong under stress. Patience is the chain that connects the anchor to the ship. Hope is your anchor. Faith is the action that throws it overboard. But patience is the chain that links the ship to the anchor and holds it steady. If you have hope and you have faith then let your patience go to work! Wait with a calm spirit and the days of adversity will pass!

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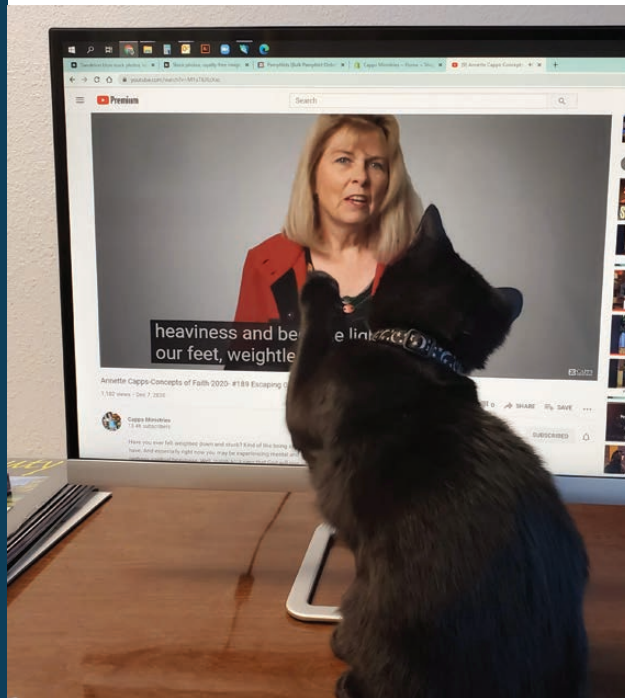
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*BreAnne's kitty loves watching "Aunt Annette" on Concepts of Faith.*



## Jesus, Manifestation of God's Compassion

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**"But thou O Lord, art a God full of compassion and gracious, long-suffering, and plenteous in mercy and truth."** Psalm 86:15

I want to focus on the word "compassion." The word *compassion* is used in the scriptures in the Old Testament as "merciful." Lamentations 3:22 says, **"It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed because His *compassions* fail not."**

Psalm 78:38 says, **"But he, being full of *compassion* forgave their iniquity..."**

During difficult times, let's think about Jesus who was the manifestation of God's compassion (mercy) for us. Sometimes we look at the meaning of the word compassion and just pass over it. The dictionary explanation of the word means: to show pity or mercy...sympathy...suffering with another, sorrow for the distress or misfortune of another with the desire to help.

Thank God for looking down to earth and being compassionate on us and sending Jesus to the earth to redeem us and give us a new life. When Jesus came, He began to show us God's mercy (compassion).



Mark 6:34 says, **"And Jesus, when he came out, saw much people, and was moved with compassion toward them, because they were as sheep not having a shepherd..."**

There are many scriptures that say, "Jesus was moved with compassion."

- Matthew 15:32 ---- compassion because they had nothing to eat
- Matthew 20:34 ---- compassion and healed their sight
- Luke 7:13-14 ---- compassion and raised the woman's dead son
- Mark 1:41-42 ---- compassion and healed a leper

Jesus ministered to people because of compassion. Should not we have the same compassion (sorrow for the distress or misfortune of others with the desire to help...kindness and tenderness...) toward our fellow man, showing God's love toward the whole world?

**"For God so loved the world that he gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." (John 3:16)**







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