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Miracles That Cannot be Denied!

A testimony of God's miracles;
By Leroy Surface

Acts 4:16 "What shall we do to these men? for that indeed a notable miracle hath been done by them is manifest to all them that dwell in Jerusalem; and we cannot deny it."

When God pours out His Spirit upon man, there are two things that will always happen; first, those who receive the wonderful baptism with the Holy Ghost will immediately begin speaking in other tongues "as the Spirit gives them utterance." This is called the "initial" or "first evidence" that the Spirit of almighty God has filled a human vessel. The second thing that will always follow is that the believer, being filled with the Holy Ghost, will immediately enter into a life of miracles. This does not mean that they will be doing miracles, but they will literally be "clothed with miracles," which is the promise Jesus gave to His disciples in Luke 24:49.

Fifty two years have passed since God called me to preach in 1962. He called me in a vision from the Lord, in which I was one of the twelve disciples Jesus used to feed the multitude of five thousand. Without giving the details of the vision, I saw exactly how Jesus broke and blessed the five little loaves and two small fishes (a child's lunch) to feed the multitude. It is worthy of note that the disciples had asked Jesus to send the multitude away because they had nothing to eat, and Jesus told them, "You give them to eat" (Mark 6:37). It is when they protested that He told them to bring the five loaves and two fishes to Him, which He broke and blessed. In the vision, I was one of the disciples who took a small portion in a basket to give to the people. Over five thousand ate and were filled, and there were enough "leftovers" to fill the twelve baskets. We had more at the end than we had at the beginning. It was then the Jesus turned to me, in the vision, and said, "You give them to eat." I protested! I had nothing to give. I had only a high school education, I was "backwards and bashful," I could not speak in public; there was every reason why I could not be His minister. He said to me in the vision, "Bring what you have to me. I will break it, and I will bless it. Whatsoever I have broken and blessed is sufficient to meet every need." That was the end of the vision. I had been "saved" and "baptized with the Holy ghost" four years before, but I had always struggled when I attempted to teach a class or lead a youth group. From the time the Lord told me in the vision to "give them to eat," the anointing of the Holy Ghost began coming on me to speak. I did not accept this as a call to preach at the time, but He anointed me as the youth leader for the next two years in the Assembly of God church I attended. The Spirit of God began to move in our Friday night youth services. We began seeing young people saved and filled with the



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Holy Ghost. Some even received gifts of the Holy Ghost as the Spirit of God freely moved among the people. It was two years later, in the spring of 1964 that I fully surrendered to preach the gospel, to evangelize, and to pastor a church. It was then that God spoke something to me that many have not understood. He said, *"Do not study the doctrines of the church, but study the scriptures and seek me for understanding. Do not preach a theory or a doctrine about healing the sick or casting out devils, but preach the gospel, heal the sick, and cast out devils."* This is almost exactly what He sent His disciples to do in Matthew 10:7-8.

It has been fifty years ago this spring that I entered into full time ministry, and most of those years have been filled with miracles from God. I have never written about these things in the past because of the frequent saying of Jesus to those who received a miracle at His hand, *"See that you tell no one."* Recently I had lunch with the man of God who founded a great church in Spring Texas. We were talking about some of the recent miracles God has done, and he asked me if I would write a book about the miracles I have seen. At first I didn't believe I could write such a book because it would seem to be a *"boast,"* as in *"I prayed...I touched...I spoke...and such and such happened."* Then I remembered that we would not know anything about the incredible miracles that God did through His apostles if the book of Acts had not been written. I will seek to tell the things I have seen God do with the attitude the apostle expressed to the Corinthians church.

II Corinthians 12:6: *"For though I would desire to glory, I shall not be a fool; for I will say the truth: but now I forbear, lest any man should think of me above that which he seeth me to be, or that he heareth of me."*

II Corinthians 10:12-15: *"For we dare not make ourselves of the number, or compare ourselves with some that commend themselves: but they measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise. But we will not boast of things without our measure, but according to the measure of the rule which God hath distributed to us, a measure to reach even unto you. For we stretch not ourselves beyond our measure, as though we reached not unto you: for we are come as far as to you also in preaching the gospel of Christ: Not boasting of things without our measure, that is, of other men's labours;"*

Miracles I Have Seen

I will begin with one of the greatest visible miracles I have seen with my own eyes, which took place less than a year ago in March, 2013. A few days earlier, God spoke to me as I came into the sanctuary to pray. I had been preaching about *"The Christ"* and what He came into the world to do for several months. I had just written the message *"The New Covenant,"* and upon seeing a copy of it on the sound booth, I heard the Spirit speak to me, saying, *"When the covenant is right, the man will be right, the church will be right, and I will confirm the covenant with miracles."* I told the congregation what God had spoken in the next service. It was a few days later that God did a great miracle to *"confirm the covenant."*

James Cooper is a man who has been faithful to church for over a dozen years. Just over two years ago, however, something happened that gave him an insatiable hunger for the presence of God. He was a man of many interests; hobbies, hunting, fishing, raising exotic birds, etc. He stopped all of these to *"seek the Lord."* Soon he started a men's bible study in his home every Thursday night. Everyone could see the miraculous change that took place in James life when he began seek the Lord in almost continuous prayer. James works in the grounds maintenance industry, main-

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I THOUGHT!!

By Kirbbie Cowart

I take my text from **2 Kings 5:11** We find here in this chapter that Naaman was a leper; we find him at the man of Gods house wanting help. But he was in for the surprise of his life. Things were not going like he thought they should.

How many times do we feel like things could be better for us? Just like Naaman, we let our thoughts get in the way of God being able to bless us, or to heal us.

Naaman's thought liked to have caused him to miss his healing. Let us read it in



Kings 5:9- 11 *So Naaman came with his horses and with his chariot, and stood at the door of the house of Elisha.*

2 Kings 5:10 *And Elisha sent a messenger unto him, saying, Go and wash in Jordan seven times, and thy flesh shall come again to thee, and thou shalt be clean.*

2 Kings 5:11 *But Naaman was wroth, and went away, and said, Behold, I thought, He will surely come out to me, and stand, and call on the name of the LORD his God, and strike his hand over the place, and recover the leper.*

Did you notice the words **"I THOUGHT"** ? Sometimes we let our thoughts get in the way.

Right now you may be letting your thoughts hinder you from being in the will of God, or from God being able to heal you. Like so many people today, we think God just moves in some people, or in just some church. This may be the reason you have not got your prayers answered, or your healing. Some people will not do what he has said for them to do. God is wanting to do so much in this day, but it is so hard for Him to find somebody that will listen to him. People are filling with their own thoughts and ways, God can't tell them anything and neither can anybody else. The Bible says in Proverb 14:14 The backslider in heart shall be filled with his own ways... Is not this what we are seeing and talking about? He is filled with his own ways because, he thinks in his own way Is right.

Naaman said I Thought. He thought his way was better than Gods and so do we so many times. We are backing up from what God has said when we think our own thought. So let us repent of our thought today, and do the will of God. Say to the Devil, I will obey God no matter how foolish it may seem. Do like Naaman and say **I WILL.** May God Bless You.

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taining the electric generating plants in the Houston area. He had injured his right arm several months before, and was trying to do everything with his left arm. On the day in question, James was cleaning up his shop area. He tried to load a heavy barrel of trash on his truck with his left arm doing the heavy lifting. Suddenly he heard three pops in his arm and it fell limp. The pain was greater than anything he had experienced in his life. He felt that he would pass out, but he prayed and got a little relief from the pain. The ligaments connecting his bicep muscles to his forearm had snapped, and his biceps had literally jumped up to his shoulder. When he went into his house with his arm hanging limp his wife offered to drive him to the emergency room. He said *"No! I want to go where Brother Surface is."* I was actually next door, hanging sheetrock in a rent house. James came in and showed me his arm, still hanging limp. The pain was still almost more than he could bear. I wish I could say that I had positive faith, like the *"faith teachers"* claim to have, but I did not. I thought to myself, *"James will not work again for at least six months even if the doctors can do anything for him."* James said, *"Brother Surface, I want you to pray for me."* I was so impacted by what I saw that I remember the exact words that I began to pray; *"Father, there are things that happen in this life that we do not understand, and we can't do anything about them, but we are your children and the sheep of your pasture, and at such a time as this that we look to you."* Immediately, the Holy Ghost fell upon me, and I received faith to call upon God for a miracle in the name of Jesus. The pain began receding, and James returned to his house. I did not know all that God did until that night when I went to pray. I was surprised to see James in the church entry. I asked him *"How is your arm?"* He answered with a big smile, *"Both of my arms are great"* as he waved them over his head. God had not only healed the left arm, which had the broken ligaments, but he also healed the right arm that he had suffered with for over three months. James told me that within five minutes after praying, all the pain had left his arm and he had full use of it.

Many people will read this, and think that it was never as bad as we say that it was. The fact is, this *"miracle"* is a continuing miracle that anyone can see with their own eyes. God did not reconnect the ligaments in James arm. His bicep muscle is still up on his shoulder, and there is nothing but loose skin between his bicep and his elbow. You can hold your hand on the space between his bicep and elbow while he flexes his arm, and there is absolutely no movement. We still do not know how he uses his left arm, but he went to work the very next day and handled a gasoline weed trimmer for four hours with no problem. He has full strength in his left arm without any connection to his muscle. No doctor has seen this, but the miracle that God has done is undeniable. Everyone who looks at his arm, believer or not, is stunned by what they see. That is the way true miracles are; they cannot be denied. When Peter and John raised up the lame man at the gate of the temple, the enemies of Christ and His church said *"What shall we do to these men? for that indeed a notable miracle hath been done by them is manifest to all them that dwell in Jerusalem; and we cannot deny it"* (Acts 4:16). There is no reason for a man or woman of God to ever indulge themselves in pretence except for their own *"vain glory."* Be *"filled with the Holy Ghost"* and *"walk with God,"* and He will do miracles.

Retina Attachment

A similar miracle happened in 1970. Justin *"June"* Cassard was a young man from Louisiana that moved to Houston with his young wife and children to attend our church. Justin actually worked for me, also maintaining right-of-ways and substations for the electric company. I was working at the Humble Substation when Justin showed up from another project. He said, *"Brother Surface, my screwdriver slipped, and I stuck it into my eye."* It was obvious that the fluid in his eye was coming out of the

cut. I said, *"Why didn't you go to the emergency room?"* Again, you can see that miracles of God do not depend upon my *"positive faith."* He answered me, *"Brother Surface, you are my pastor. You tell us that God is a miracle worker, and that we should trust in Him. I want you to pray for me."* I laid my hands on him according to the scriptures (Mark 16:17-18), and prayed for him asking God in the name of Jesus to heal his eye. Then I did something *"incredible"* when I think about it; I took him to the *"Mann Eye Clinic."* After the doctor examined his eye for a very short time, he laid his instruments aside and said, *"Who did your eye surgery?"* Justin told him he had never had surgery. The doctor responded, *"I don't know why you are doing this to me. You come into this office with an incredible story of how you injured your eye with a screwdriver, but you can't deceive me. You have had a retina attachment, and I have never seen better surgery in my life."* In the past, Justin's sight in that eye had been very poor, but now it was perfect. I later joked, *"If God wants to do eye surgery with a screwdriver, that's alright with me."* Justin received this great miracle from God forty four years ago, and is still alive to tell about it.

Amnesia

The first miracle I received personally was when I was sixteen years old. I was playing football in gym class at high school when I received a severe blow to my temple. I did not pass out, but when I got up my memory was gone. In the next play, the quarterback gave me the ball and I just stood looking at it while the other team swarmed me, and it became obvious that something was seriously wrong. They called the coach to examine me, and he asked me if I knew who he was. I didn't know him or anyone else on the field. I had lost my memory to the extent that I did not know my parents when they came or even who I was. The school officials told my parents to check me out of school and take me to the hospital, but instead they took me home, put me to bed, and called our Pastor. We attended the Pearland Assembly of God church where Sister Maxine Wiggins was the founder and pastor. This happened on a Wednesday, so Sister Wiggins, her husband, B.L. Wiggins and several others from the church came by to pray for me before service. They gathered around my bed and started praying. I can actually remember seeing all these people crowded around me and wondering who they were and what they were doing. After they had prayed, I heard Sister Wiggins say *"Amen,"* and at that instant my memory came flooding back to me, and I recognized everyone, when just a few minutes before I had not known even my mom and dad. I had *"total amnesia"* for only about eight hours, but believe me, it was very real amnesia. When I returned to school the next day, my teachers were all amazed. They had been notified that I would not be returning to class. They all wanted to know what the doctors had done to restore my memory, and I was able to tell them about how God had healed me through prayer. They were all amazed. Thank God that I had parents who trusted in God and not in the doctors.

I have believed in miracles most of my life. My mother and dad went to the Oral Roberts and William Branham crusades that came to Houston in the 1940's and saw wonderful, and almost unbelievable miracles that God did through these men. I personally saw a huge goiter disappear off of a woman's neck when Brother Roberts touched it and said, *"Jesus, take this away."* When I was nine years old, mom and dad took us to hear a child preacher named *"David Walker"* who was only fourteen or fifteen years old at the time. *"Little David,"* as he was called, had been preaching since he was nine years old, and great healings and miracles followed his ministry. The Houston City Music Hall was filled with thousands of people with overflow crowds almost filling the old *"Evangelistic Temple"* which was in downtown Houston. Night after night we saw God do great miracles through this young child. It was exactly as Jesus had said when John the Baptist sent messengers from his prison cell to ask Jesus if He was *"the Christ."* Jesus said, *"Go your way, and tell John what things ye have seen and heard; how that the blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, to the poor the gospel is preached"* (Luke 7:22). We should notice the nature of the miracles which Jesus did. No one could deny that these things happened. The critics had no case to make. The testimony of the man that was born blind is given in the ninth chapter of John. Jesus healed the man's eyes, and there

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was no question that a miracle had happened because his parents confirmed that he had been born blind and could easily prove that he could not see until Jesus touched him. The critics could no longer deny the miracle, so they told the young man, "Give God the praise: we know that this man (Jesus) is a sinner" (John 9:24). The young man answered them in the next verse; "Whether he be a sinner or no, I know not: one thing I know, that, whereas I was blind, now I see." It is amazing that even this miracle, which could not be denied, did not satisfy the scribes and Pharisees concerning who Jesus is. The young man was cast out of the synagogue for no other reason than the fact that he would not deny that it was Jesus who had touched him and given him sight.

We do not deny that God heals headaches, takes pain away, and cures all manner of internal disorders that cannot be proven to the skeptic. When God does a miracle, however, it is evident to all who see that something beyond the ordinary has happened. No man has the power of himself to either heal the sick or do a miracle. When the people saw that Peter and John raised the lame man up in the third chapter of Acts, they gathered around them in wonder. Peter questioned them, "Ye men of Israel, why marvel ye at this? or why look ye so earnestly on us, as though by our own power or holiness we had made this man to walk" (Acts 3:12)? He clearly told them that it was through faith in the name of Jesus of Nazareth; the same Jesus whom the people had denied and delivered up to be crucified, that this man had received this great miracle. When Peter took the lame man by the hand and raised him up "in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth," the miracle that followed not only proved that Jesus of Nazareth is "the Christ," but that God raised Him from the dead, and that He sits on the throne of heaven as "both Lord and Christ." It is based upon this great miracle, done "in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth" that Peter could also tell them, "Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord; And he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you" (Act 3:19-20).

The Blind See

I had my revival tent set up in Batson Texas in May of 1968 on the grounds of the old abandoned high school. We had a good revival with several people saved, several healed of various different conditions. One miraculous healing was in a woman who was injured in her back and had not been able to straighten her body in thirty five years. After we prayed, she stood up straight for the first time in thirty five years, according to her testimony. The great "miracle" of that revival, however, happened on Friday night of the second week, and the closing night of the revival. The tent was pretty full that night as we had advertized that the Doyle brothers, Gene, Buddy, and Ted, would be playing and singing that night. It was the same night that God straightened the ladies back that the other great miracle happened. A mother brought her eight year old son for prayer, who had been born blind in one eye. I had never prayed for a blind person at that time, and to be honest, I was a little nervous about it. I remembered exactly how I had seen another evangelist pray for the blind, so I decided to do it the same way. After I prayed, I told the child

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Are you Wishing or Praying?

By: Kirbbie Cowat

I remember one time I was push mowing my 3 lots with a push mower. It was a very Hot August back in the 90's just about very step I took I said I wish I had a riding lawn mower, I wish I had a riding lawn mower. Then the Lord spoke to me and said quit wishing and start asking, so I started asking for a riding lawn mower, Lord I am asking for a riding lawn mower, Lord I am asking for a riding lawn mower. About an hour later my wife came in from work I took an ice tea brake and set down with my wife. The first words out of her mouth were, "how would you like a riding lawn mower"?? I said I had been asking the Lord for one most of the day. She said a friend of hers at work just gave her a snapper riding lawn mower that was a year old and that she and her friend could not get it running and that we could have it, I "SAID WHEN CAN WE GO GET IT?"

She said, "this evening if you want to" I said lest GO! We went and got it came back just before dark, with it still in the back of my truck I took the gas tank off poured the old gas out put in new gas, pull on it twice and it fired up. We call her back and told her we got it running did she want it back she said no



with on more grass she had, she could mow it with her new push mower. **STOP WISHING AND START ASKING!! Here are some of my Favorite verses**

John14:13 And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

John14:14 If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it.

John15:7 If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

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First of all I would like to say, if you think that all I can preach about or harp on is the way people and ministers live. It is because I see people begin deceived and discharged by this modern day religion. That preaches you can live like the world, act like, dress like, think like, be like the world and God will expect you just like you are with out any change at all.

1 Corinthians 10:21 Ye cannot drink the cup of the Lord, and the cup of devils: ye cannot be partakers of the Lord's table, and of the table of devils.

1 Corinthians 10:22 Do we provoke the Lord to jealousy? are we stronger than he? The error of some at Corinth was failing to distinguish between that which is holy and that which is defiled, between that which is of Christ and that which is of devils.

They did not understand the holy jealousy of God. This is what we see in the church of today. People cannot distinguish between that which is holy and that which is defiled. I had one preacher tell me that God may use unholy method to reach the people but the message is holy.

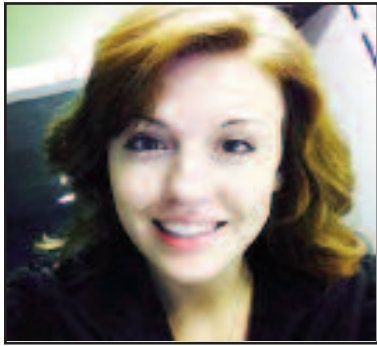
"God had never mixed with the devil," If He had he would have used unholy men to write the Bible. Unholy men to heal people and work miracles. He could have used just any old sinner to die for us, and He would not have sent His Son to die. If God used unholy methods.

Jesus said "NO!" Man can serve two masters Matthew 6:24 No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot

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"Our happiest server."



Abigail Sailors

That's how the Lincoln, Nebraska, Cracker Barrel hostess described Abigail Sailors to the pair of gentlemen a little after 1 p.m. on Thursday, January 2, 2014. The men, who had originally requested to be served by the restaurant's grumpiest server, were informed the restaurant didn't have any "grumpy" servers. So, the hostess offered the men the opposite instead and seated them in Sailors' area.

Smiling, chatty, bubbling with good nature,

Sailors was working at the restaurant over Christmas break, having just finished her first semester of college. Her cheerfulness and genuinely warm personality stood out to her coworkers and restaurant patrons.

It would be easy to understand Sailors' disposition — her contagious smile, her laughter, her caring for others — if her life had been idyllic, but who she was and where she came from simply didn't add up.

The two gentlemen, now seated, placed their orders with Sailors, and then began a series of conversations with her as she moved about, caring for the handful of remaining customers from the noontime rush.

They slowly learned that Sailors had just started Trinity Bible College, but had run out of money after her first semester and was now working to save up enough money to return to college in the fall. As time passed, the gentlemen continued to inquire about her joyful attitude — surely she must have grown up in a wonderful family . . . ?

"At first, I wouldn't tell them anything about my past," Sailors says. "I just told them that I was happy to be alive, I was thankful, and felt blessed." As the conversation continued, Sailors learned the gentlemen — one an obvious senior to the other — were visiting the area. She also came to know the men were people of faith, talking about God and other things with them as she served. However, they continued to good-naturedly guess as to why she was so happy.

Finally Sailors gave in. "You really want to know?" she inquired. And then she gave them a brief, but telling overview of her life.

When Sailors, who had her last name changed to that of her foster family's, was seven months old, her mother suffered a severe brain injury in a car crash near St. Joseph, Missouri, and was no longer able to care for her five children. Sailors' father survived the crash without significant injury, but was deemed unfit to care for the children at the time.

The children were split apart and sent to three different foster homes, reunited for a short period of time, then split again and moved. Sailors and her siblings were abused frequently, with one foster father still in prison for his crimes against the children. When Sailors and two siblings were placed back with their father by the state, it wasn't any better — after years of abusing the children, he was arrested as well.

But about nine years ago, the nightmare childhood ended. John and Susi Sailors of Falls City, Nebraska, were leading the youth group at Good News Assembly of God at the time (they now attend Grace Church in nearby Rock Port, Missouri, where Susi is associate pastor), and had been neighbors to the children in Falls City prior to the accident. Their five children were now grown, so they decided to take a step of faith and became foster parents to all five of the children — Shelby, Madison, Joshua, Sydnie and Abigail, the youngest, who was then 10 years old.

John admits that it took a while for girls to warm up to him due to their past abuse by their father and father figures, but over time, trust was earned and a loving relationship established.

"When they first came to live with us, the kids were like empty shells, but now they're completely different — happy and outgoing," John says, frequently crediting God for the transformation. "We love them just like they are our own children. Even our biological kids consider them brothers and sisters."

Several years ago, John says Abigail decided she wanted to change her last name to "Sailors." He and Susi did all the paperwork and the judge — the very same judge who had sentenced Abigail's father to prison for abusing her and her siblings — granted her request.

"The way they treated us, you would never be able to tell that we weren't

their children," Abigail says. "These were Christians who talked the talk and walked the walk. It's not the same in other foster homes . . . , I've been blessed by God to be there."

"Dad [John Sailors] gave us a real example of how any man should treat



Abigail, with John and Susi

you, a father figure, a real good example of what a man of God is supposed to do for his family and his wife . . . and Mom [Susi Sailors] was full of joy, kind-hearted, very open and loving."

Like every family, there were still parent-child disagreements, but Abigail is thankful for the couple providing the mother and father figures she and her siblings desperately needed.

Abigail adds an unexpected insight into her faith and joy. No matter what foster home she and her siblings were in, even

when they were being abused, they always went to church - even if they had to walk to church on their own.

"We went to Sunday School, got hugs from the teachers who told me they loved me, and they loved on me," Abigail says. "They also told me Jesus loved me, and I didn't get that [love] at home . . . that made me never want to separate from the faith as I knew Someone higher than me has faith in me and loves me unconditionally"

Abigail, with John and Susi, says that the Sailors treated her and her siblings like their own children, and modeled true Christianity for them.

As she grew to become a young woman, Sailors felt that God was leading her to attend a Christian college to better her relationship with Him, finally settling on Trinity Bible College (AG) in Ellendale, North Dakota, choosing to major in youth ministry with a minor in psychology. But she had run out of money after her first semester and was working at Cracker Barrel in order to save up enough funds to attend again in fall.

Although Abigail didn't share all these details with the two gentlemen, she shared enough to leave them marveling.

But then the tables were suddenly turned and it was now Sailors' left marveling — to say the least. One of the men told her that he was a Trinity alum and began filling out a check. He asked a confused Sailors how to spell her name, then handed her a check made out to Trinity Bible College for \$5,000 to pay for her next semester of school and another check made out to her for \$1,000 for whatever expenses she might have.

"When they started to explain what they were going to do for me, I just started crying. I couldn't believe it," Sailors says. "Some people at another table asked if I was okay, and I just told them they were 'happy' tears." Finally Sailors excused herself so she could pull herself together. Shocked, happy, stunned — the emotions and excitement of the moment were overwhelming.

Then to top it all off, when the gentlemen paid for their meal, they left Sailors a \$100 tip, which she split with another server. And although Sailors learned their names, she has chosen to respect their privacy by not sharing them.

Now back attending Trinity for her second semester, where she is a red-shirt freshman on the women's basketball team — another blessing from God, she says — Sailors adds that the miracle of money has not only helped her financially, but spiritually as well.

"I figured out about midway through my first semester that I wouldn't have enough money to come back [for the second semester]," Sailors says. "I knew God wanted me here, so this whole experience has helped me feel really relieved that what I've been listening to all this time was the right voice, not just me. Having this happen was like, 'I hear You!'"

Trinity's Women's Basketball Coach Rachael Nowell, a Trinity graduate and currently in her fifth year leading the team, says Sailors is a joy to have on the team.

"She has a servant heart and that influences everything she does," Nowell says. "We were extremely excited to find out she was able to return for the second semester."

Nowell, who attends Freedom Church (AG) in Aberdeen, South Dakota, with her husband Jordan, adds that even before the "miracle," Abigail was encouraging the team spiritually, sharing during a devotional time a story that illustrated whether we touch one or 1,000 lives for Christ, each one is important.

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to cover his eye, which he did. I told Eddie LeGrande, who was our worship leader at that time, to stand back about twenty feet and hold up some fingers. I asked the child, "How many fingers do you see?" He answered, "Three." I asked, "How many do you see now?" He correctly answered "Two." I shouted, "Praise God, he is healed!" The congregation stood to their feet, rejoicing. A young man got excited and ran around the tent. About that time, I heard the mother say, "Oh my, he covered the wrong eye." I said, "That's alright. When God does something, He does it good." I told the child, "Son, cover your good eye, and tell me how many fingers the man is holding up." The child said, "I can't see a man."

I have never seen a service die so fast. All the excitement was gone. I felt like the devil had made a fool of me. If I could have crawled under the platform and hid, I believe I would have. I wished I was anywhere in the world except under that tent that night. I stood there, not knowing what to say, when suddenly I felt something rise up inside of me, and to be honest it almost felt like anger, and it was angry at the devil. Hardly knowing what I was doing, I took the child's head in my hands and began speaking to the devil; "Devil, you will not bring reproach against the gospel and make of fool of a man of God. I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to release this child." With that, I asked God to heal his eye, and He did. We tested that child, who had been born blind in one eye, in every way we could, and found that God had certainly done a great miracle, and the child could see.

The Deaf Hear

The year 1965 was a year that many great miracles of God took place in our ministry. I was only twenty five years of age at that time, but we were seeing a wonderful outpouring of the Spirit of God in the little Full Gospel church I had been called to pastor in Almeda, Texas. I had also committed myself to minister two nights a week at a rescue mission on Franklin Ave. in Houston that was sponsored at that time by the old "Radio Revival Church." After preaching one night at the mission I began praying for the sick. I felt led by the Spirit to pray for the left ear of a man I had never seen before. They were very poor people who lived in one of the government projects nearby. I asked the man if I could pray for his ear, and he said yes. I did not know what was wrong with his ear, but that does not matter. I have found that the more I know through natural means, the less God can use me through His means. I prayed for his ear and went on to pray for others. I did not find out that night what God had

done. The next service, the man and his wife came back rejoicing. He gave his testimony, that he had been beaten and robbed by a youth gang. In the beating he had lost his hearing in his left ear, and the doctors told him that his left eardrum had burst, and there was very little likelihood that he would ever hear again. I do not know exactly when his hearing returned, but he awoke the next morning hearing. He had a doctor's appointment that day, and the doctor could not understand what had happened. He told the man, "You have a perfect eardrum. All I see is some dried blood," which he cleaned from the man's ear. The story should have ended there, with the people going about their way rejoicing in Jesus, but it did not. That couple began to follow me to every meeting where would preach. The lady would stand up and say, "I want everyone to know that this is the man that healed my husband." I actually saw her stop people on the sidewalk outside the mission, saying, "I want you to come inside and see the man that healed my husband." I told her repeatedly to give God the glory, that I was not the healer, and that she should not be saying the things she was saying, but she would not listen to me.

The greatest enemy a man or woman of God has outside of the devil himself is those who tell them how great they are. We are human, and those words of praise, which everyone likes to hear, war against our soul. Within a couple of weeks, my "soul" began to be "lifted up" (Habakkuk 2:4), and the presence of God was not with me in my Sunday morning service. I knew what I had to do. I confessed to the congregation that the words of this woman who continually praised me had made war against my soul, making me to believe that I was someone really special. I told the people, "I have prayed with many of you in this altar when you first came to Jesus; now I want you to pray for me, your pastor, until I am restored to the presence of God." I knelt in that altar and started asking God to forgive me, and that congregation of people gathered around, laid their hands on me, rebuked the devil, shook me, held my hands up, and did everything they sometimes did to repentant sinners. I tell you to this day, that if you can survive all that, you are surely "saved." When I got up from that altar, the presence of God was with me once more and He would do yet greater things.

It was in 1980 or 1981 that a man and his wife, Buddy and Alice Fournet, came to the altar together for prayer. They had been attending for about a month or six weeks at that time. He was a Catholic and she had been raised Baptist. Buddy had an open cancer about the size of a quarter on his face and Alice could not hear in one ear. Buddy told me that he had cancers in the past that the doctors had removed. He said "I want Jesus to take this one away." We prayed for Buddy, and nothing spectacular happened. When I asked Alice if she wanted prayer for her hearing, she told me that the doctors had her on a ninety day drug program which they were confident would restore her hearing, and she refused prayer. I want to say at this time that I consider Buddy and Alice to be among my dearest friends unto this day, and I tell these things only to the glory of God. The next day when Buddy went to work, his superior told him that he would have to have to "do something about that cancer" because it had become an open sore. Buddy told him, "Jesus is going to take this one away." I do not know the response he received from his superior, but imagine the testimony to Jesus that was given when exactly one week later the cancer fell off, leaving perfect new skin where it had been. Surely God had done a miracle that no one could deny.

Ninety days passed and Alice had not received her hearing. She came forward for prayer that God would heal her. I remembered that she had refused prayer before, choosing to trust the doctors. I asked her if the drug program had worked. She said "No." I asked, "Would you say that the doctors have failed to help you?" She said "Yes." Then I did something I question the wisdom of to this day. I told her to kneel at the altar and repent for trusting the doctors instead of God. Alice knelt and began simply asking God to forgive her for not trusting in Him from the beginning. When I saw the tears of that repentance begin flowing down her cheeks, I laid my hands over her ears and prayed, "And now Jesus, open her ears." I could say nothing more for what seemed to be a long half minute, and said "that's it," and removed my hands to pray for the next person. After service that day, Alice came to me and asked, "Brother Surface, how did you know?" I said, "How did I know what?" She said, "How did you know my ear opened?" I said, "Did your ear open? I didn't know that it opened." She insisted, "You did know that it opened,

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because when you said 'that's it, 'it opened.' She was perfectly healed by God, and I had not even known when it happened.

About ten years ago (2004) Brother Kirbbie Cowart, publisher of "*Hear the Shepherd's Voice*," and I bought a revival tent to hold services in. We held several joint revivals in 2004 with good results, and in April 2005, Brother Cowart set the tent up on the grounds of the Assembly of God church in Newton Texas. I was scheduled to preach on Friday night, so I went to the service on Thursday night as well. After Brother Cowart preached that night, he called me forward to help pray for the sick. Brother Cowart was praying at one end of the altar, and I at the other, when a man stepped forward to me and pointed to his ears. I did not know what was wrong with his ears, but I felt led to have Brother Cowart pray with me. He said, "*No, you go ahead,*" but I told him "*I believe God wants both of us to pray.*" When we prayed, I heard the voice of the Spirit say "*rebuke a spirit of deafness.*" I did not know that the man was deaf, but I obeyed what I heard. I placed my fingers in both of his ears and commanded a spirit of deafness to release him in the name of Jesus Christ. After we prayed, both Brother Cowart and I went on to pray with others. About a minute later I felt someone pulling my coattail, and saying, "*He's hearing! He's hearing!*" I said "*Are you sure?*" She said, "*I ought to be sure; I'm the one that has been screaming at him for all these years.*" One thing was certain; the man now had perfect hearing in both ears. After the service, they gave this testimony. When he had been nine years old, he was playing in a railroad yard with some older teenagers. One of them put something in his hand and said, "*Hold this*" and ran away. It was a live blasting cap, which blew up, crippling both hands for life and destroying his eardrums. At sixty nine years of age, the man had been deaf for sixty years, and instantly received perfect hearing in both ears. Only Jesus can do such things.

\$6,100 Tip Confirms God's Calling and Answers Prayer

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"It's a blessing to see how God has given Abigail an opportunity to impact so many more people than she imagined!" Nowell says. "As her coaches and teammates, it's been awesome to share with Abigail in her miracle that has been an encouragement to such a larger population."

As for Abigail, she says, "I'm never going to forget that day, the two strangers, God or that they believed in me. No words would ever cover how thankful I am."

Yet there's even more to the story — beyond the money, beyond the education. Sailors believes this experience is at least a partial answer to her childhood prayers.

"I knew God never left my side, never loved me any less, never wanted anything bad for me, but there are certain sicknesses in this world and people have choices to make . . . , but I thought, Why me? I didn't understand," Sailors admits. "But I kept hoping, believing, praying that some day God would be able to turn all the negatives I've experienced into something that can help other people."

And now, the tip, which has led to multiple articles and radio and television interviews, has given Sailors a voice.

"Over the last few weeks, this has become a testimony where I can help other people," she says. "It also confirms the fact that this is where God wants me to be, to keep doing what I am doing — seek Him, put Him first, glorify Him, and He's going to continue to open doors for me, be there for me, and definitely has a plan for me!"

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serve God and mammon.

Mammon— riches regarded as an object of worship and greedy pursuit.

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Schemes of all kinds is taking place in the name of God. "They say," this is what God told me to do that you could get a blessing .Give this much and your bills will be paid off in two or three months. Buy my plan that God told me about and you will be blessed. People have lost the desire to see the glory, and holiness of God. We are trying to drink from two cups.

James 1:8 *A double minded man is unstable in all his ways.* You and I have seen them men that are double minded. God tells them one thing one month and something else the next. They can't distinguish between the voice of God and the voice of the devils. I know people that think that God put them the beer joints to sing worldly songs and drink beer and witness. "Drinking from two cups." Failing to distinguish between that which is holy and that which is defiled

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