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Created in God's Image, Destined to be Like Him

He Saved Me from My Self

Michael Ferri's Testimony.

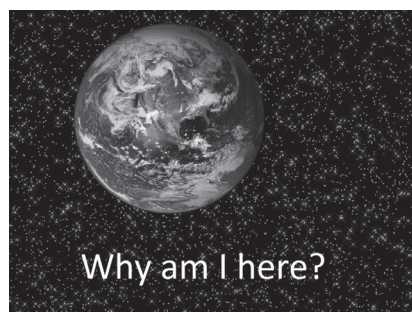
As a child and a teenager I always sought for more than I had, never being satisfied with the good, but only wanting the best. The words of the song *Desperado* described me perfectly, *"It seems to me some fine things have been laid upon your table, but you only want the ones that you can't get."* I didn't value the blessings of life and family; worse, I consciously ignored what I knew of God's plan, and embraced the deception that I could obtain the abundant life by myself. What could possibly go wrong?

I had been a regular church-goer with my mother and younger sister until my early teens, but the time came when I realised that to accept Jesus' claims about himself would require me to yield the lordship of my life to him. It was to my great loss that I found it too daunting a decision, and instead I chose to let my 'self' rule. I was determined to maintain my own kingdom, despite the growing evidence of its state of poverty, and despite the increasing misery in my own life and the pain being caused to others.

Needing to know the reason for my existence, I earnestly set course on a self-directed plan of salvation. Knowledge would be my guide. By understanding all I could about the world, particularly the intricacies of the atom and the mysteries of the universe, I would surely find the meaning of life. I was never one to accept advice, but Solomon's wisdom so clearly foretold why my quest was destined to fail: "He also has planted eternity in men's hearts and minds [a divinely implanted sense of a purpose working through the ages which nothing under the sun but God alone can satisfy], yet ... men cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end." (Ecc 3:11 AMP)

Ignorant of this truth, my search led me to Waikato University in my home town of Hamilton, NZ, where I studied quantum physics and cosmology. But long before I approached graduation I knew I had failed to find the answers to my questions through science; so I sought them in philosophies, witchcraft and drugs. I read all I could on these three tools of the devil, as I now know them to be, and while they offered a mirage of hope, they instead led me, as they have so many others, to a most hopeless place. The moments of light were a fleeting illusion, while the times of darkness were totally real. I was like an alcoholic who knows that his addiction is killing him, but whose only relief is found in having another drink. Although I had no knowledge of him at the time, I experienced the literal meaning of Paul's words, "O wretched man that I am! Who shall deliver me from the body of this death?" (Romans 7:24) Who indeed?

Over the years I had kept contact with a good school friend, and from time to time Lewis would again tell me of his faith in Jesus Christ. While I didn't want to accept the truth as he shared it, I did agree to read his gospel tracts. I was challenged, as I had been in earlier years, by the message of a Saviour who bridged the gap between God and a lost mankind. But still I stubbornly wanted to find my own god on my



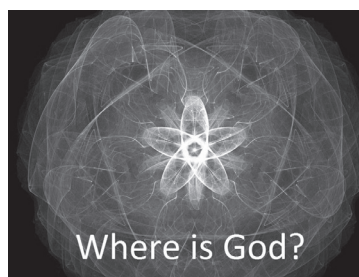
own terms. When my studies were completed in 1975, and it was time to begin a career, I chose instead to seek my identity by investigating life in a commune. I drove through the small coastal town of Coromandel, and followed the winding road for many kilometres. I passed the beaches at which I had

spent numerous holidays fishing and collecting gemstones. They had been good times; but 'good' has never been a substitute for 'fulfilling'. I parked my car, and for some hours tramped along the coast, over hills and through the bush. For all my effort I spent less than an hour at the commune; it wasn't for me. What next?

I decided to spend the night sleeping under some bushes. In the morning I would, for one last time, seek a revelation of my god by taking some LSD. If I failed to find him I could see no future for my life; I had run out of options. It was cold at dawn as I took the powerful drug and waited for its effect. There was none; I just had an overwhelming sense of emptiness and failure. My life was at a dead end - at "the" dead end. Then I heard a voice that said twelve words with the most audible clarity possible, twelve words that still ring in my being, **"Michael, you can only come to me through my Son Jesus Christ."** I didn't have to look around; I knew who was speaking, it was the Creator of the universe. My initial response was one of total inadequacy; how could I be accepted by the One whom I had rejected for so long?

God couldn't want me; I wasn't worthy.

Well of course I wasn't worthy, no one is. Jesus didn't die for us because we are good, he died for us because we are selfish, helpless and lost; whether we know it or not. He calls each of us to repentance, offering a totally fresh start, "... if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new." (2 Corinthians 5:17) And from the instant I accepted Jesus into my heart, my life did indeed become brand new. I found in Christ all that I had ever wanted, a relationship with the Father; which led to all the other issues of life falling into their right place. Jesus proved to me, just as he will prove to anyone, the absolute truth of John 14:6, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."



All created beings have a role to fulfil. Animals live out their brief but vital existence through their temporal knowledge, both innate and learned. Meanwhile, the angels conduct their business, as "spirits who serve God and are sent to help those who will receive salvation." (Hebrews 1:14) Even the demonic powers can only do what God allows them to do, as shown in Job 1:12 and Revelation 13:7. What God allows, and why he allows it, is solely his prerogative. Our place is not to understand our Creator's mind, it is simply to "Honour God and praise his greatness!" (Revelation 14:7) And we, human beings, have the ultimate reason to praise God's greatness, for he has granted us an eternal inheritance through his plan of salvation.

Our destiny was only hinted at when history began, for while we were indeed created in the image of God, "we can't even imagine what it is going to be like later on. But we do know this, that when he comes we will be like him, as a result of seeing him as he really is." (1 John 3:2) The scale of this plan, and of God's love towards us, is evidenced by its immeasurable cost, God's only Son.

Here in our earthly life, as we wait for mortality to be swallowed up in immortality, we face the minute by minute challenge to say "Yes" to God's Spirit within us. We continually have moral choices to make - to follow God's way, or to follow the ways of our carnal nature. Animals have no such dilemma. Neither do the spiritual beings; the fallen ones continue in their rebellion, while the loyal angels continue in their roles of ministry to God and to man. We are unique in being confronted with the choice of saddening or of pleasing our Heavenly Father's heart. God must rejoice each time we choose the right over the wrong, for he already knows the blessings awaiting us if we make right choices. "Oh, that their hearts would be inclined to fear me and keep all my commands always, so that it might go well with them and their children forever!" (Deuteronomy 5:29)

Our choices decide the state of our heart, and therefore determine our confidence before God. How wonderful it is when our obedience gives us the experience Mary had, "my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour!" (Luke 1:47) Sadly, there will also be times when each of us can identify with David's lament, "For I recognize my rebellion; it haunts me day and night." (Psalm 51:3) We don't deserve God's grace, but how miraculous that "if anyone sins, we have Jesus Christ to help us. He always did what was right, so he is able to defend us before God the Father." (1 John 2:1). And again, "when our hearts make us feel guilty, we can still have peace before God, because God is greater than our hearts. He knows everything." (1 John 3:20) Praise God!

As humans, we are unique in being offered God's unmerited favour, in being able to reject or to accept that unmerited favour, and in being able to use our will to deny or to affirm God's rights over our being. Let us ponder afresh who God is, and then let us choose again, this very day, to make Jesus Lord. Amen.

It's God's Choice How He Uses Us

Dawn Bakker, The Encourager November 2014

While I was waiting for treatment for cancer God told me I was healed, and I rejoiced in that message. But when I later started to have trouble walking, I said, "Lord, You told me I was healed!" He replied, "And so you are; you have the ultimate healing, that is the inner healing of the spirit and the heart." Oh the power of those words that gave me, and continue to give me, so much peace. "We know that all things work together for the good of those who love God - those whom he has called according to his plan." (Romans 8:28) As I meditate on this scripture it still brings me the greatest comfort, even in the midst of my physical disabilities.

God uses me in different ways now that I need crutches for walking short distances, and a mobility scooter or wheelchair for travelling further afield. Sometimes God might encourage me to send emails; with the reply often being how inspiring they were, or how they arrived at just the right time, or how 'I just needed that'. When I make phone calls it's often the same kind of response. Other times it might be just a friendly smile as I pass someone, or a gentle touch, or a cheerful hello that turns into a conversation. When I have a lot of pain, and have to rest, I have a quiet time where I talk to God and hear him in the stillness. And then I pray for others. There are many ways of doing God's work, as given in 1 Corinthians 12:6, but it is the same God who chooses to use each of us in the ways that he sees as best.

As I was coming home from town one day I felt prompted to go a different route. On passing some flax bushes I saw a man lying half hidden underneath them. I said, "Hello. What a beautiful day!" and he replied, "What's good about it?" I said, "God loves us - you and me!" As I drove



Dawn Bakker

on he called out, "Hey lady!" As I stopped my mobility scooter he ran up behind me and said, "Why did you speak to me? You're the first person to speak to me for over a week." As we talked I realised that he was a lonely, homeless young man, to whom God wanted to reach out. Genesis 21:17 says, "For God has heard the voice of the lad where he is," and Deuteronomy 4:36 says, "Out of heaven he let you hear his voice, that he might instruct you." I believe this is what happened that day. The boy was lost and lonely, which God knew; so the Holy Spirit prompted me, I obeyed, and God acted. The young man and I were both very blessed.

John 14:15-17 says, "If you love me, obey my commandments. I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Advocate, who will never leave you. He is the Holy Spirit." We all need to be so aware of God's promptings, which may be a small, still voice speaking, a feeling to do or to say something, or maybe just a sense that we need to listen and be obedient. When we obey, we please our Heavenly Father, and only then is our life truly useful.

Listening at the Gates

Rev. Dr. Jack Sheffield, Sharing Jan. 2015

"Blessed is the person who listens to me, watching daily at my gates, waiting at my doorposts." These words from Proverbs 8:34 readily relate to the first and most vital step in practising true sensitivity towards a person who is hurting – the first step of listening. Ephesians 1:17 has Paul praying for the church to receive the Spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Jesus, and today we are still learning how important revelation knowledge is to the healing of spirit, soul, and body. What is revelation knowledge? It isn't natural counsel, it's supernatural information, imparted as the Word of God becomes sharp and active. Revelation knowledge is God speaking creatively, with authority and power, to transform lives in the present. Unlike human wisdom, it's usually very simple to grasp, and it normally opens doors of resolution very quickly.

Here is an example. In a prayer line at a healing conference a woman came up to us with a twisted spine. I 'heard' the Lord say, "Ask her when her back started to twist." She said, "When I was seven. I was attacked under a tree." I immediately asked Jesus to come to the little seven year-old back on that day. She suddenly smiled and said, "Oh my, he's dancing with me all around the tree!" Then, amazingly, we heard a pop in her back. A nurse praying with us checked her spine, and it was as straight as an ironing board. Wow! Glory to God!

Here is the lesson: we could have tried to heal her for an hour without anything happening, but through a direct revelatory encounter with the Lord himself she was set free spiritually,



Rev. Dr. Jack Sheffield

emotionally, and physically from the issues in her life. It was so easy and so fast, because she heard from the Lord herself. We did not tell her anything, we just listened. As we love someone by being attentive and by waiting on the Lord, blessings will surely flow. Listening to the Spirit is the ultimate way to open gates and doors, not only for healing, but also for God's blessing and favour.

As we practise listening to Jesus he will take us, and those for whom we pray, to places we have never seen before. We just need to forsake trying to get God to bring healing, and instead enter the revelatory flow of what he is saying and what he is wanting to do. For only he understands, and only he has answers to the real issues of life and godliness. "For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And there is no creature hidden from his sight, but all things are open and laid bare to the eyes of him with whom we have to do." (Hebrews 4:12-13)

We shouldn't be asking, 'What would God have me do?' We should be asking, 'What is God doing, and how can I join him?'

Rev. Bob Barnes

Discerning God's Call

Exodus Ministries July 2014

(Reprinted from Radio Rhema 'Word for Today')



"Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." (Matthew 14:28)

Before Peter walked on the waves he said, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." Jesus said, "Come!" There's a lesson here for us. We're not in charge of water-walking, Jesus is. Before we get out of the boat we better make sure that this is what we've been called to do, and that Jesus is the one doing the calling. God's looking for something more than impulsiveness. With the best of intentions, it's all too easy to make reckless decisions about work, finances or relationships, and then rationalise them with a veneer of spiritual language. Proverbs 14:12 is very blunt: "There can be a way which seems right to a person, but at its end are the ways of death." Ouch!

Risk-taking is highly praised in many self-help books. But in God's kingdom risk-taking must be in obedience to God. Any of us can be tempted to solve our problems by making rash decisions that aren't in accord with God's will. The line between "thou shalt not be afraid" and "thou shalt not be foolhardy" is one that's so easily blurred. Knowing when to get out of the boat and take a risk doesn't just call for courage, it calls for wisdom to ask the right questions, discernment to recognise the Master's voice, and patience to wait till he says, "Come!"

The Spirit of Truth

Based on the writings of John Borman, Faith for Daily Living

"The Spirit ... reveals the truth about God."

(John 15:26)

There is a vast amount of information available about the world, the people in it, events that have happened, and events that are happening right now. Thanks to the internet, there is limitless information available to anyone who wants to know anything. But masses of facts, even if we understand them and can use them effectively, won't bring the enlightenment that humans yearn for. Whether we realise it or not, the essential truths of life can't be found electronically.

There is one fundamental truth that no human mind, computer or technology could possibly fathom out: who God is and what he is like. So, for our benefit, our Creator has revealed himself to us. All praise to God! He has done this through creation itself, through the insights of the prophets, through scripture, and ultimately through his Son. "He who has seen me has seen the Father." (John 14:9) But even then, the only way in which we could really know and relate to God was by him giving us "... the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things ..." (John 14:26)

If you would increase your understanding of God - or, more importantly, if you would advance your relationship with God - ask the Spirit to open the eyes of your understanding. This he will do, not by giving you knowledge, but by revealing and forming Jesus Christ within you. We come to the truth about God by living in Christ and by walking with him every day. "I am the way, the truth, and the life. The only way to the Father is through me." (John 14:6 ERV)

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Dear Wholeness-reader friends,

Do you feel a sense of anticipation as the year unfolds, or one of despair at the doom and gloom generated by daily reports of disasters and atrocities? If we read in John's Gospel chapter 16 from verse 5, we can just imagine the sense of anticipation that Jesus must have had as he looked forward to returning to his Father, and yet at the same time he would have been in dread of what he knew lay in front of him. It wasn't so much the torture at the hands of the authorities, or even the betrayal by his disciples, but the unparalleled tragedy of his Father turning his back on him, when he would utter what are surely the most forlorn words in human history: "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" (Mark 15:34.)

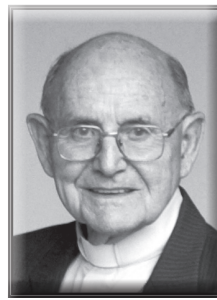
As Christians, we endure stresses and hardships in our daily lives, even as we look forward to the day when we will depart and pass into the glorious presence of God. In the meantime, we are called to serve according to the opportunities given to us. Earlier this year, at the age of 88, my older brother underwent major surgery. Only three months previously he had lost his wife to a debilitating illness, following which he had obviously been in deep grief. Coming around after the operation, he was most distressed that the surgeon hadn't allowed him to die during the procedure. But he soon decided that, as he had been spared, he should once again live his life for God's glory. He had a strong faith, and he had lived a fulfilling life of service to the community and to his church. Before long he did die, peacefully in his sleep, and his funeral was a great tribute to, and a celebration of, a life well lived.

Jesus promised his followers that after he returned to the Father, he would send the

Holy Spirit, the Counsellor, who would guide them into all truth. He still guides us today, whenever we are prepared to be sensitive and responsive. We can only be truly effective in our service for God if we first receive the Holy Spirit into our lives, and avail ourselves of whatever gifts he chooses to bless us with. These are listed in 1 Corinthians chapter 6, and are given to all those who consciously ask Jesus to come into their lives, and who want to live for him. The Holy Spirit, the Comforter, ministers healing and wholeness, because in all things he glorifies Jesus. It is so faith-building to witness the exercising of the gifts of the Spirit, whether in healing, a message of wisdom, or prophecy. The Holy Spirit moving in an assembly of worshippers, small or large, is the most uplifting experience imaginable.

We are currently approaching the festival of Pentecost, when we celebrate the first coming of the Holy Spirit, whom Jesus had promised to his followers. Since the crucifixion the disciples had been demoralised and scared (John 20:19), but on that wondrous day they were empowered to confront the chief priests and scribes with supreme boldness. What a transformation! And a similar transformation can take place in our own lives, if we are prepared to surrender our wills and desires to allow the Holy Spirit to reign. I encourage you to take the steps of recommitting your life to Jesus, or, of committing your life to him now if you have never done so before; and of then asking the Holy Spirit to fill you with his presence. May God bless you mightily!

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Your Mission Field

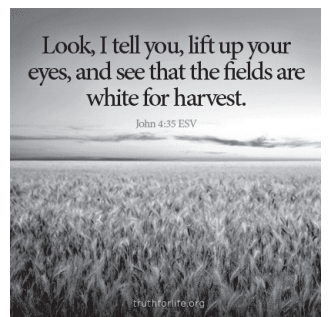
Intercessors for New Zealand

Pray for your mission field, the one right there on your doorstep. Some of us live in a land of freedom, where we can share our faith without fear of being arrested; even though of course any of us can be opposed and ridiculed. Others live in societies where Christians are routinely persecuted, sometimes to the point of death. But wherever you live, the huge majority of people around you do not know the Lord Jesus Christ as their Saviour. Many are ignorant of even the basics of the Gospel, or else they see God as irrelevant in a world that claims their full allegiance. They would all seek their salvation if only they knew their predicament. "But before people can pray to the Lord for help, they must believe in him. And before they can believe in the Lord, they must hear about him. And for anyone to hear about the Lord, someone must tell them." (Romans 10:14)

So, pray fervently for a spiritual awakening in your land, for a move of God's Spirit to convict people of sin, righteousness and judgement. Pray for God's people to rise up. Pray for the Church to fulfil the reason for its existence, and for it to reach out to the lost with the saving Gospel – the GOOD NEWS – of true life, of eternal life, through Jesus Christ, God's only Son. Pray that this year, 2015, will be a year of reaping. It's time right now, for "look, and you will see that the fields are ripe and ready to harvest." (John 4:35)

You don't have to have all of the answers to win souls, you just need to focus on the life that we have in Jesus Christ.

(Dave Whitehead)



Rhema - the Living Word

The following is based on an extract from Dr. Virkler's most enlightening and inspiring book "Dialogue with God," the theme of which certainly needs to be the key theme of our life: cultivating a relationship with God. There is a wealth of invaluable ministry offered through Dr. Virkler's "Communion with God Ministries", all of which can be read about at www.CWGMministries.org

One morning Simon was washing his nets on the shore of Lake Gennesaret. He was tired and discouraged after having fished all night without catching anything. Caught up in his own thoughts of failure and depression, he hardly noticed the man preaching nearby, or the crowd almost pressing him into the lake in their eagerness to hear his every word. But Simon's attention couldn't help being captured when the Teacher walked right over and climbed into his boat. The man spoke to him directly, and requested that he put out a little way from the land so that he could better speak to the people. Simon did as requested, there was no thought of doing otherwise.

The time seemed to fly by as he sat in the boat, listening to the Teacher. Such words he spoke! Could they really be true? Could there really be a place in the kingdom of God for one such as him? Could Yahweh really love someone as rough and loud and impulsive as he was? All too soon the Teacher finished speaking. He turned to Simon once again, and



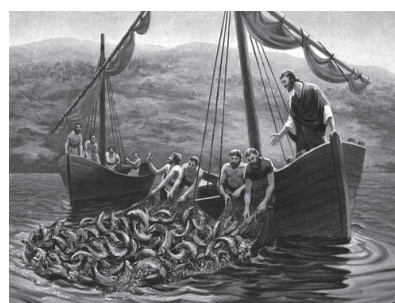
said, "Go out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." Brought sharply back to the reality of his lot, he replied, "We worked hard all night and didn't catch anything." Then, thinking again of the power of the words he had just heard, he added, "But at your bidding, I will let down the nets."

Simon signaled his crew, and they followed the Teacher's instruction. Then suddenly, as if at some unseen signal, countless fish swarmed into their nets, and in no time at all they were full to their breaking point. The fishermen frantically called their partners in another boat to come and help; but it did no good, for soon both boats were sinking under the immense weight of fish. Peter marvelled as he realised what had made the difference between laboring fruitlessly for long hours and then catching more than they could handle. The difference

was the Rhema, the living Word, spoken by Jesus.

Just like Peter, I can do what I think needs to be done. I can do it when I choose, where I choose, and in the way I choose. I can work as hard as possible, exhausting all my energy and resources, and still accomplish very little. When I begin a day I can look at all the needs clamoring for my attention, and wear myself out just thinking, let alone trying to fulfil them. Or, I can start my day in prayer, and receive God's direction as Rhema. If I do that - if I receive God's guidance for where and how to devote my time and energy - then I will walk through my day in peace. I will be free from concern, hassle and guilt, and I will accomplish far more than I ever could have under my own initiative.

Rhema gives us direction and it gives us timing, and above all it gives us the assurance that God goes with us. Rhema doesn't just give us productivity, it gives us life!



The Way to Heaven

The Vine Today

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father, except through me." (John 14:6)

A way always leads somewhere, and Jesus is the way from earth to heaven, and also the way from heaven to earth. Through him we get to God, and through him God comes to us. He is the true and only ladder, whose foot rests on the earth and whose top reaches up to the very glory of God. In his humanity Jesus came down, and still comes down, to the lowest depths of human despair and misery. Had he been God only, and not man, he could not have done this. The incarnation was the lowering of the ladder until it rested in the deepest valleys. There is now no degradation or guilt in this world from which there is not a ladder of light with its steps leading upward to God and to heaven. Glory to God!

While Christ's humanity brings the ladder



down to earth's places of sorest need, his divinity carries the ladder up past the shining stars into the presence of God himself. On one page of the New Testament we find Jesus on a cross, dying in darkness and shame between criminals. We open another page, and we see that same Jesus at the centre of the heavenly brightness, still bearing the wound marks, but now crowned in glory. Behold the ladder from earth to heaven!

Every ladder exists for people to climb. Christ then, is the way by which sinners can leave their sins behind and attain the purity and blessing of heaven. One thing that is critical to understand is that there is only one way. Christ is the only Mediator. We can enter the Father's family only through him. Grace can come to us only through Jesus. There is no choice; if we do not go by this one way we can never reach home.

"When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats." (1 Peter 2:23)

The Daily Bible Verse, Dave Whitehead, Senior Pastor, GraceNYC.org

If anyone could have fought the injustice that was thrust upon him, it was Jesus. The Son of God had all power at his disposal; yet when they hurled their insults he didn't retaliate, and when he suffered he exacted no revenge. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly.

Jesus came to reveal how a holy and perfect God could apply justice but still love his rebellious creation. The Son of Man did this by willingly giving his life in our place

in order to restore us to God. Jesus didn't resist taking on all the pain of a sinful world, he endured just that so that you and I can resist the temptations that assail us every day as we come to the Shepherd of our soul for shelter. We are the unworthy beneficiaries of his suffering in silence. "He carried in his own body on the cross the sins we committed. He did this so that we might live in righteousness, having nothing to do with sin. By his wounds you were healed." (1 Peter 2:24)

Calling Christian Writers

Justin St. Vincent

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NZ Christian Writers (previously known as The New Zealand Christian Writers' Guild) has recently rebranded for 2015 with a new website, and with the aim of engaging

many new members. If you are a Christian writer living in NZ, then you are invited to join this fast-growing network. Learn more at www.nzchristianwriters.org.

... for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.

(Philippians 2.13)

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Healing Testimony

Allan Goodwin, OSL Queensland Newsletter Oct. 2014

I received my healing at last September's OSL service when my wife prayed for me along with everyone else. The following Wednesday I was to see my specialist doctor for the surgical removal of two cancers, which he had diagnosed on my previous visit. After the service I went home to shave my beard, as required for the operation. I looked in the mirror and said to Jill, "They're gone!"

At the clinic I told the doctor that I had been to a healing service, and that the cancers were gone. His reply was, "We'll see about that." He ran his detection device over my face, and replied, "You're right, they're gone!" As I was about to leave he remembered, "What about the one on your leg?" He looked at it and sent a sample off to the pathology lab. The results came back a few days later as negative, just dermatitis. Praise God! Thank you Lord!

Your Own Pace

Maggie Ingall

Take pleasure in your journey,
and take it at your pace

Don't look and then compare

If others travel faster
don't worry or despair

If some folk travel slower,
then that's just fine as well

Each pathway sets its own pace
in ways we can't foretell

Wherever life may lead us,
don't treat it as a race

Take pleasure in your journey,
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